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**FOOD ACCESS INITIATIVE BUILDS PARTNERSHIPS**

*Grow Local \* Eat Local \* Feed Your Neighbor*

CHICAGO - - Neighborhood Nutrition Centers (NNC) is proud to announce its partnership with Ravenswood Community Services.

NNC is dedicated to Building a Local Food System using community partnerships to provide assistance for its neighbors who need access to fresh, nutritious food. Through its One Square Foot program, community and back yard growers dedicate a portion of their gardens to produce food that is distributed through local service agencies.

In working with community partners, NNC has selected Ravenswood Community Services as its distribution point for neighbor-fresh, locally grown produce. "At Ravenswood Community Services we work hard to offer food to our hungry neighbors consistent with the quality we expect for our own families," said RCS Executive Director, Wendy Vasquez. "The ability to include fresh, locally grown produce in that mix is an amazing gift."

Ravenswood Community Services offers a weekly food pantry and a hot meal every Tuesday evening at All Saints' Episcopal Church at 1757 W. Wilson Avenue. The pantry is open between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, and the meal is served at 6:30.

"We have a committed group of gardeners who, during these economic hardships, understand the value of a nutritious meal," said NNC Executive Director Les Kniskern, "and we're sharing the harvest."

NNC will also continue its monthly series, "Building a Local Food System" on Thursday, September 25 at 6:30pm at Beans & Bagels, 4630 North Rockwell. For information, contact: [Les@NNCenters.org](mailto:Les@NNCenters.org).

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Wendy Vasquez, Executive Director Ravenswood Community Services (left) accepts 85 lbs of neighbor-fresh, locally grown produce from Les Kniskern, Executive Director Neighborhood Nutrition Services (right)

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