

Helping 'Our Garden' Grow



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Rev. Jeanne Walker believes lessons of life can be learned in the soil of Our Garden, located next to King Plaza in northeast Portland.

Kids learn important values at Garfield and Failing planting site

With green thumbs and dirty fingernails, children are learning the value of patience, hard work, cooperation, diversity and charitable giving as they till soil and grow crops at Our Garden, a non-profit organization in northeast Portland.

While working to keep its garden alive, Our Garden struggles to hold onto its plot of land, which is currently for sale.

The group will hold its seventh annual Kids'

Party and Plant Sale from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 1 at King Plaza, next to the garden at 3939 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The sale will help Our Garden raise the \$100,000 needed to buy the garden plot.

"The property is located in the heart of the very neighborhood whose children are most in need of its unique service," said 'Our Garden' coordinator Rev. Jeanne Walker.

The garden has the potential to grow into a larger site.

Multnomah County recently deeded the adjacent lot, which includes a 100-year-old cherry tree, to Our Garden.

For more information about the Kids' Party and Plant Sale, call 503-598-8814.

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