



Speech by Dianne Carson at check presentation

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“Morning everyone! It’s really great to be at our market on this gorgeous June day.

I remember back about seven years ago when I was in the Harmony Garden with several other volunteers. We really worked hard to get those first crops going, especially when the garden had poor soil and lots of weeds. Then the rains came, and it rained and rained and rained. The weeds quickly outgrew the veggies, but we still showed up to do what we could.

Since then, our community garden has made several improvements, resulting in bumper crops of veggies, all to help feed those less fortunate in our community.

During these past years, the City of Simpsonville has been very helpful to our market, resulting in steady growth over the past 11 years. We started with five vendors, and now look at us: almost 40 vendors this year.

A very important result of the market’s success is that today for the fourth year in a row we are able to donate \$1,000 to a local nonprofit. We are so pleased to help our community garden this year. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers!” -Dianne Carson, Simpsonville Farmers Market committee member

