



Goshen Friends students grow produce for food bank

Students at the Goshen Friends School, West Chester, recently planted radish seeds as part of its ongoing, raised-bed program that benefits the Chester County Food Bank. Since 2009, the food bank has partnered with schools, corporations, senior centers and churches whose gardens contribute 33 percent of the fresh produce that the food bank distributes to its network of food cupboards, meal sites and social service organizations. 'We're proud to be part of an incredible network of organizations that grow fresh produce for the food bank and help raise awareness of hunger right here in Chester County,' said Michele Kornegay, Goshen Friends School's director of advancement. 'Since August, we've been able to donate more than 20 pounds of carrots, cabbage, spinach, turnips, basil and other healthy veggies and herbs. Our tomato

harvest was simply incredible this year.' Under the guidance of teacher Chris Knowles, the raised-bed gardens are part of the outdoor education program at Goshen Friends, an independent Quaker school for students in preschool, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. 'The raised-bed program is the perfect way to combine our students' love of the outdoors with the school's commitment to community service,' said Kornegay. Other aspects of the outdoor education program encourages students to explore the school's 10-acre campus. Throughout the year the Goshen Friends community will be undertaking numerous service projects to benefit organizations such as the Chester County Food Bank, Goshen Fire Co., Devereux, Bellingham Retirement Community, Senior Community Services and other local nonprofit organizations.