



Laurel Valley Educational Farm Grows Through United Way Day of Caring!

On September 27, 2006, volunteers from Umpqua Bank and the community joined with NYC staff and AmeriCorps members to contribute more than 60 hours to the NYC Laurel Valley Educational Farm during a United Way Day of Caring. Volunteers built a Hoop House, removed spent plants, and other tasks needed to keep the farm productive.

Volunteers dug holes for the bars, used bicycle inner tubes to attach PVC pipes to a spine running the length of the 60-footlong structure, then covered the frame with greenhouse plastic. The result of the Hoop House will be to increase temperatures inside the house by five to 20 degrees higher than outside during the spring and fall. This in turn means more to grow, more to eat, more to sell and donate in the community and more to learn about at the Farm.

The Day of Caring was celebrated with a delicious lunch for volunteers featuring fruit and produce from the farm. This project was coordinated by Northwest Youth Corps and AmeriCorps staff, Umpqua Bank with support by United Way of Lane County. Thank you to all our volunteers and staff who made this day such a success!