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Guadalupe Center plants a pizza garden and more

NAPLES, Fla. (April 28, 2011) – Children in the Early Children Education program at Guadalupe Center in Immokalee, assisted by a dozen volunteers from Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks in Miami and their friends, created a 900-square-foot, raised-bed garden in the center's schoolyard. The edible schoolyard garden includes a bed with oregano, basil and tomatoes for future pizza making during classes. It's all part of teaching life science to young students – a course of study that is lacking in Immokalee, with 71.3 percent of elementary children there testing below state standards in science according to the Florida Department of Education website. The garden project began as a collaboration between Guadalupe Center and the Naples Children & Education Foundation, which founded the Naples Winter Wine Festival. NCEF put the school together with employees from Goldman Sachs' Community TeamWorks in Miami, and Guadalupe Center secured a donor to match Goldman's financial contribution.

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Guadalupe Center student Kiana plants flowers with assistance from a volunteer who helped create the edible schoolyard garden.

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Guadalupe Center's Bryan Lee works alongside a dozen volunteers from Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks in Miami and their friends to create a garden in the schoolyard.

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Guadalupe Center students Alejandro and Ruben do their part to get the garden started.

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Guadalupe Center's Bryan Lee hoists gardening materials as the garden-building project gets under way.







