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UWEX AmeriCorps*VISTA Success Story

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My success story from July-September would be my work with the Kid's Club in Durand, WI. Working with Marie Ritscher, we developed a gardening curriculum to utilize a grant Marie obtained. I found this experience highly rewarding as the youth took pride in growing their plants, through watering, fertilizing and daily care. At the end of the summer, we harvested these vegetables and instructed the youth on how to make salsa. It ended up being more salsa mush than anything else, as we used child safe knives and the kids we worked with were all ages 5-8. It tasted great, along with the youth saying it was the best day they have had at Kid's Qwest.