



Small Steps Community Garden

UBS, Robert Magner,
Small Steps Nurturing Center

The Small Steps Nurturing Center is an accredited early childhood program for Houston's inner city children. Small Steps' mission is to provide an exemplary early childhood program that fosters the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of economically at-risk children and their families.

With the financial and employee volunteer assistance of UBS and the donation of land from Small Steps board member Robert Magner, the Small Steps Community Garden was built and planted in October 2007. UBS brought out 40 volunteers on two separate occasions to build the concrete walls for the garden beds and prepare the beds for planting.

The garden allows program participants to learn about growing and harvesting food and the importance of environmental stewardship. It beautifies the community while allowing the Fifth Ward community and volunteers to become more involved with the program by helping to maintain the garden.

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National Philanthropy Day, the Harbach-Ripley Community Center became the focus of ARAMARK's commitment to build a productive workforce, encourage a healthy lifestyle and provide basic human services, such as access to food, clothing, and safe environments to individuals and families in need.

More than 200 ARAMARK employees devoted their time to 17 physical improvement projects at the 13-acre Harbach-Ripley Community Center campus. By teaming up with City Year, one of the nation's leading organizations dedicated to encouraging volunteerism, ARAMARK employees refurbished a baseball field, landscaped the grounds, create a raised garden, painted murals and the building's exterior, and constructed an outdoor learning classroom for the Charter School.

ARAMARK is expanding Community Service Day this year to include multiple centers and additional improvement projects.