

Community Gardens Make a Difference

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A community garden is a group of smaller gardens. Each small garden is a piece of land. The gardens are close together. Community gardens are in big cities. They are also in small towns.



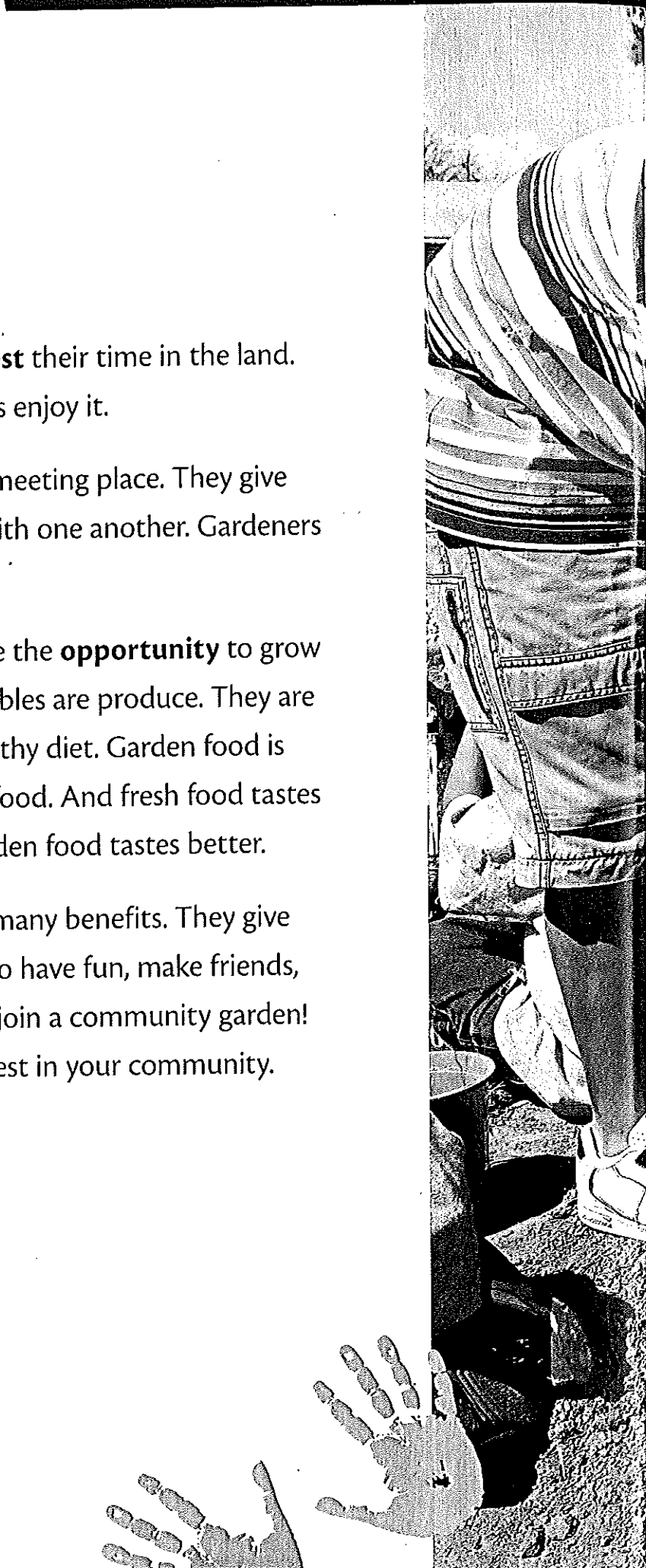
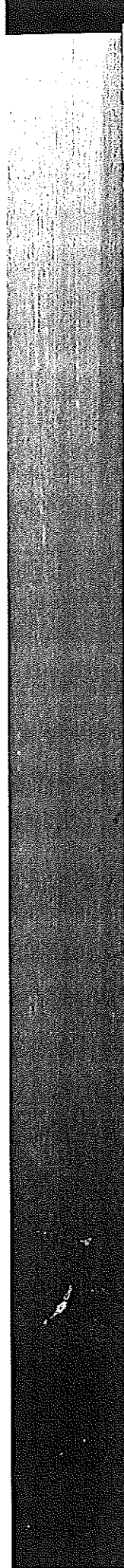
Community members
work together in
a garden.

A community garden can have a positive **impact** on you. For example, you will learn about the food you eat. The garden will give you healthier food. You may also meet more of your neighbors.'



Community gardeners can sell what they grow at a food stand. Gardens can help people earn money!





Community gardeners **invest** their time in the land. Most community gardeners enjoy it.

Community gardens are a meeting place. They give neighbors a place to visit with one another. Gardeners make new friends.

Community gardeners have the **opportunity** to grow **produce**. Fruits and vegetables are produce. They are an important part of a healthy diet. Garden food is fresher than grocery store food. And fresh food tastes better. Therefore, fresh garden food tastes better.

Community gardens have many benefits. They give members an opportunity to have fun, make friends, and grow healthy food. So join a community garden! Invest in a garden. And invest in your community.



