

SOMERVILLE · FAYETTE COUNTY · TENNESSEE

Your Neighborhood, Your Power

For Middle School Students

Rooted in healing. Rising in power. Building together.



WHY WE'RE HERE

What if YOU could help your whole neighborhood grow?

Not someday — now. With your hands, your voice, and your friends.



WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

Our vision for the neighborhood

Resource Development Empowerment Associates helps neighbors grow food, learn together, and stand up for what's right. We think kids like you are a big part of making our community stronger.

***Big change starts small
— like a seed.***

And every seed needs someone to plant it.

OUR PLACE, OUR PEOPLE



Somerville · Fayette County, Tennessee

We live in Somerville, in Fayette County, Tennessee — a place with proud families who have always helped each other. We want to make it even stronger, together.

Some families can't easily get fresh fruits and veggies

Everyone deserves a great place to learn

Every neighbor's voice matters — including yours



Gardening for Healing

Food, health, and healing from the ground up.

What we do

- Community gardens on vacant lots grow fresh food for families and pantries
- Hands-on workshops in nutrition, cooking, and sustainable growing
- Calm, green space that restores the body, mind, and spirit
- Elders pass gardening wisdom and culture to the young
- Real job skills in horticulture and the growing “green” trades



Image B — community garden with families

For Middle School Students: You can plant seeds, grow food, and take some home!



Civil Rights Empowerment

Know your rights. Find your voice. Take your seat.

What we do

- Nonpartisan civic and voter education — how change really happens
- Civil-rights history and “know-your-rights” basics
- Leadership development for emerging community leaders
- Mentorship that pairs seasoned leaders with rising ones
- Organizing neighbors around the issues they care about



Image C — neighbors at a civic / leadership workshop

For Middle School Students: You'll learn how to speak up and lead — your voice counts.



Community Building

Neighbors into a network. A neighborhood into a home.

What we do

- Learning hubs with tutoring, literacy, and enrichment (Rosenwald-inspired)
- Welcoming gathering spaces for meetings, events, and support
- Celebration of local culture, history, and story
- A community-ownership model — residents help lead and sustain the work



Image D — a learning hub or community gathering

For Middle School Students: Homework help, fun events, and friends who have your back.

This only works if we build it together

Here's the secret: none of this works without YOU. When everybody helps a little, the whole neighborhood wins.



Lend a hand

Come help at a garden day.



Use your voice

Share ideas and lead.



Bring friends

Teams grow more together.

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

Here's what we're growing toward:



Fresh food within reach

Every family with access to fresh, healthy food.



New local leaders

A rising generation of confident community leaders.



Students thriving

Learning hubs where students grow and succeed.



Owned by the community

Neighbors who lead, sustain, and own the work.

YOUR PART

Where you come in

- Join a garden club and get your hands dirty
- Come to a learning hub for homework help and fun
- Bring a friend — more hands, more harvest
- Be a helper and a leader, right now



Image F — Kids planting in a community garden, smiling

CALL TO ACTION

Ready to grow?

1

Ask a parent or teacher to help you join

2

Show up to a garden day

3

Tell a friend about it

Every big garden starts with one seed. Be the seed.

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Thank you.

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Image G — a hopeful image of the community