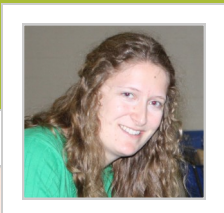
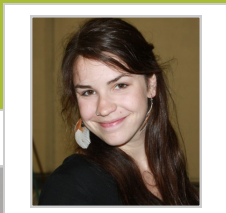




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City of Billings— Food Security Initiatives



Two full year VISTA members served from 2010 to 2011 focusing on the following initiatives:

- Community Gardens
- Fund Development
- Volunteer Recruitment & Training
- Food Access Map

QUICK FACTS:

- Nearly \$367,000 generated
- 50 volunteers recruited & trained
- 6 new or expanded services developed



“The capacity built through this initiative continues to blossom in other community garden projects!

The VISTAs worked in partnerships with individuals, community groups, and agencies to develop several community gardens, address food access gaps and create a Food Policy Council. The Food Policy Council examined how the local food system addresses the needs of low-income residents through the development of a Food Access Map which illustrated the barriers many low-income residents face in accessing nutritious foods. In an effort to increase access by low-income residents to healthy food resources, a Food Access Resources brochure was also developed highlighting local food sources.”

Lynda Woods, Community Development Program Coordinator & VISTA Supervisor



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