

Baker County Hands On Georgia October 2008



Building upon last year's accomplishments Baker County Master Gardeners again coordinated the 2008 Baker County Hands On Georgia Week project. Master Gardeners partnered with Baker County's third grade teachers and students to work on something of lasting importance, a memory garden honoring two young Baker County students, 9-year-old Kierra Crumbley and 13-year-old Kursty Thomas, who were killed in a tornado in early 2007.

On Friday, Oct. 3rd, volunteers from Mitchell EMC, Baker County 4-H students, and other community volunteers joined SOWEGA Master Gardeners Carla Heard, Suzanna MacIntosh, Kenny and Margaret Kimbrel, Evelyn Rogers and Norman Hannibal. Volunteers helped with the building of a garden walk, planted trees, cleared flower beds, helped students with the planting of roses and fall flowers, and helped water and put out pine straw around newly planted trees and flowers.

Hands On Georgia Week provides an opportunity for the community to come together and without the teamwork and help of everyone this garden project would not be possible. An extra special "thank you" goes to Mitchell EMC volunteers Keith Gilliard, Rick Helms, O. J. Johnson, Robert Sanders, Ron Thomas, and Glenn Timmons. Special thanks also goes to Mrs. Carrie Hall and Baker County 4-H students Darien Anderson, Daryl Anderson, D'Ivory Backey, Brandon Hawkins, Chris Robinson, and Alexandria Thomas.

Launched in 2004 this year's Hands On Georgia Week kicked off Saturday, Sept. 27th, and culminated Saturday, Oct. 4th. During Hands On Georgia Week citizens across the state spent thousands of hours selflessly dedicating themselves in service to their communities. *~Submitted by Master Gardener Suzanna MacIntosh*



Adults L to R: Master Gardener Margaret Kimbrel with Chelsea, Mrs. Brendette Williams, 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Janice Tipper, Principal Dr. Robert Graper, Mrs. Carrie Hall, and 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Bonnie Walton. Master Gardener Kenny Kimbrel seated.



Above: Mitchell EMC Volunteer Don Thomas helping third grade students.



Right: Master Gardener Carla Heard with EMC Volunteers (L to R): Robert Sanders, Rick Helms, O. J. Johnson, and Keith Gilliard

Left:
Baker
County
Third
Grade
Teachers
(L to R):

Mrs. Janice Tipper
And
Mrs. Bonnie Walton



Above: Adults (L to R): Master Gardener Norman Hannibal, Mrs. Carrie Hall, Glenn Timmons, Don Thomas. 4-H Students (L to R): Brandon Hawkins, Alexandria Thomas, D'Ivory Backey, Chris Robinson, Daryl Anderson, Darien Anderson

