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Brian,

A small but important piece for us. Good news, outside COLA area, showing kids we care for working to make a difference in their communities and helping with Hurricane Matthew Storm relief.

The link to the story and text is below.

[http://www.berkeleyind.com/news/at-risk-children-pick-veggies-for-families-in-berkeley-county/article\\_ba296ac6-97a7-11e6-81dd-ebd330b1e764.html](http://www.berkeleyind.com/news/at-risk-children-pick-veggies-for-families-in-berkeley-county/article_ba296ac6-97a7-11e6-81dd-ebd330b1e764.html)

At-risk children pick veggies for families in Berkeley County

-Lindsay Street, The Berkeley Independent.

An after-school program for at-risk children in Berkeley County harvested vegetables for families in need following Hurricane Matthew, according to the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice.

Berkeley DJJ's after-school program began volunteer work with Fields to Families in March. The children built vegetable and flower boxes, and planted a variety of vegetables that benefit Berkeley County residents.

On Oct. 15, the Berkeley team participated in Restoring Carolina and salvaged crops and plants that was not badly bruised by the hurricane. Youth picked banana peppers, green peppers, egg plants, basil and more. After the pickings, turnips and yellow onions were planted.

The mission of Fields to Families is to help increase nutrition and ease hunger by coordinating the distribution of fresh produce obtained from local gardens and farms.

Very Respectfully,

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