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60 VOLUNTEERS EXPAND COMMUNITY GARDEN TO HELP FEED PEOPLE IN NEED **United Way of the Capital Region and Kellogg's Frosted Flakes join forces** **to provide fruits and vegetables Cumberland County's food desert**

HARRISBURG – (June 15, 2018) – In honor of World Environment Day on June 5, United Way of the Capital Region and *Kellogg's®* are partnering to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to people in need in Cumberland County. On Saturday, June 16, volunteers will expand a community garden at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Mechanicsburg. In late summer, the harvest from the garden will be donated to New Hope Ministries to share with people in our community who live in a food desert and don't often have access to these foods.

"A food desert is a low-income area that is located more than one mile from a grocery store," said Heidi Neuhaus, United Way of the Capital Region's Volunteer Center Director. "Community gardens like those at St. Paul's often provide the only access some people have to fresh produce."

St. Paul's garden in Mechanicsburg is part of Kellogg and United Way's "United Against Food Deserts" initiative being held in nine communities across the country this summer.

"As a global food leader, Kellogg is passionate about fighting hunger and feeding people's potential," said Kris Charles, Kellogg Company senior vice president, Global Corporate Affairs. "That's why we're partnering with United Way to help make sure there is enough food for everyone."

United Against Food Deserts is part of Kellogg Company's global signature cause, *Breakfasts for Better Days™*. Kellogg has committed to creating 3 billion Better Days around the world by the end of 2025 by feeding people in need, expanding feeding and nutrition education programs, helping farmers increase yields, encouraging employee volunteerism and engaging people in the important topic of food security.

All summer long, volunteers will care for the garden before the fall harvest.

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