

# Second annual Family Container Gardening and barbecue

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The second annual Family Container Gardening and barbecue, sponsored by DSAB, was held Saturday June 1 at the Red McCarthy Ball Fields in Espanola.

Last year, more than 130 participants were attended the event, which was held in the Arthur Court area. It was so well received last year that an event was held in Chapleau this year and there were 71 participants. Despite the rainy weather, there was a good turnout of approximately 60 participants in Espanola.

The goal of this event was to show families that gardening is not complicated and can do much to help stretch their grocery budget. It is also a perfect way for families to spend time together - even the littlest person can do a job.

There were colourful sand pails and black planters from which to choose. Gravel was added to the bottom of the pail for drainage, then layer peat moss and dirt to about 2/3 full and then choose a vegetable. Tomatoes, cucumbers and yellow peppers were available.

Rhonda, from the DSAB office explained, "Winkles, Canadian Tire and Giant Tiger donated supplies for this project. Nearly half of the plants on the table were grown by the kindergarten class at AB Ellis as well as a crop from the K class in Chapleau. Canadian Tire donated some tomato plants as well." Once they made their container they could have a hamburger and veggies with dip and after that they can tour the EMS ambulance. The ambulance was on hand to acclimate children to the sights and sounds in an ambulance, hand balloons were abundant.