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**Redford Jaycees and the Partnership for Building a Better Redford
Present the First Annual Harvest Fair**

(Redford, Michigan – September 28, 2012) – The Redford Jaycees and the Partnership for Building a Better Redford are co-hosting the first annual Harvest Fair to launch Redford Township’s community garden initiative. The Harvest Fair will be held on October 13th, from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Ashcroft School site (On the North side of West Chicago, just East of Inkster). The Harvest Fair is a free, family friendly event, and offers fun activities for the kids including a bounce house and pumpkin carving, along with gardening information and demonstrations for adult attendees.

This past year, a portion of the former Ashcroft School grounds was generously provided by Brian Galdes and the South Redford School District for the purposes of creating a community garden in Redford Township. The Harvest Fair recognizes the combined efforts of community leaders and local government in completing this project. The afternoon’s events include a ceremonial groundbreaking, the planting of apple trees, and presentation of plans for future development.

Attendees can take advantage of free sustainable gardening demonstrations from community partners including the Alliance of Rouge Communities, Sustainable Water Works, Redford Market at the Marquee, Redford Interfaith Relief, and others. Items such as rainwater barrels will be available for purchase and the Jaycees will be selling cider, donuts, pumpkins, and seedlings.

Jay Johnson, Chairman of the Redford Jaycees and project coordinator commented, “The Harvest Fair is an excellent opportunity for Redford Township to come together and celebrate our community gardens. Not only did our residents work together to build a new source of civic pride, we’ve also created an educational opportunity to learn about more sustainable, cost-effective ways of improving our Township. The community garden is a great first step.”

For more information on the Harvest Fair, please contact Jay Johnson, project coordinator at: jjohnson@mijaycees.org or 313-802-1602

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