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UH PARTNERS WITH URBAN HARVEST

Houston, March 18, 2010 – The University of Houston is excited to announce their partnership with Urban Harvest, a nonprofit organization that will aid the University in their gardening efforts, as well as offer classes to educate the campus community about their passion.

Urban Harvest is self described as “a local charitable organization which supports a network of urban gardens, farms and orchards that inspire and empower people of diverse backgrounds to grow food in urban areas.”

Thus, one of the primary services that Urban Harvest will provide to UH is designing a vegetable garden that is functional and usable by students, as well as members of the University Oaks community. As Urban Harvest is experienced in growing food in urban areas, their expertise is greatly valued at the University of Houston.

Employees from Urban Harvest will make weekly visits to the vegetable garden in order to provide consultation and aid in the construction and maintenance of the garden.

Articles covering green or sustainable topics will also be provided by Urban Harvest each month, and panel discussions will be held to involve the University community in addressing these issues.

Urban Harvest will also participate in the various sustainability events held at the University.

“Urban [Harvest] looks forward to our collaboration with the University of Houston and the opportunities it presents for educating students and community on the best gardening and sustainability practices for the Houston area,” said Gary Edmondson, Director of Education for Urban Harvest.
In return for their services, the University of Houston will provide classroom space for Urban Harvest’s classes and events related to their mission. Students and faculty who register for these classes at UH will even receive a membership rate upon demonstration of a valid University identification.

The University of Houston looks forward to working with Urban Harvest to increase awareness and participation in sustainability efforts on campus.

About the University of Houston

The University of Houston, Texas’ premier metropolitan research and teaching institution, is home to more than 40 research centers and institutes and sponsors more than 300 partnerships with corporate, civic and governmental entities. UH, the most diverse research university in the country, stands at the forefront of education, research and service with more than 35,000 students.