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Event: Children Organic Gardening for Zoos, COGZ

Children Organic Gardening for Zoo's, COGZ - like harmoniously working gears, is a unique and innovative approach to connecting children with their Folsom Community. The Phoenix Elementary School, the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary and the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program have partnered together to give children the opportunity to plant, grow and provide organic produce to the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary Animals.

Children from the Phoenix Elementary School will soon be harvesting vegetables from their gardens and then personally delivering them to the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. This hands-on approach gives children the opportunity to not only learn about organic gardening, biology, horticulture, entomology, and so much more, they also learn they can make a difference in their community by contributing to it. Ask any child at the Phoenix Elementary School who they are growing food for and they will say, "The Zoo Animals." It is a wonderful experience when you see a child watch his/her seedlings grow with wonder and then harvest and feed it to the animals and realize, "I can make a difference." These opportunities are possible through the hard work and dedication of volunteers, educators, master gardeners, zoo keepers committed to making a difference in their community.