Several students from the high school program began an internship experience in September 2010 at The Berkshire Food Project. This pre-vocational volunteer experience is part of the school program for all students enrolled at CTP. They went to the kitchen 4-5 hours weekly and became familiar with the people who work there and the people who benefit from the free, healthy lunches offered during the week. Our students did not know there was such a need in their community and they quickly decided they wanted to do more to help.

Students started with researching the level of need in the community and who benefits from the free lunches. They began to research sustainable gardening practices during their earth science classes and they asked if we could start our own gardens to help to provide vegetables to the kitchen. There is a well established community garden service learning program in the schools town so our students joined with several staff and two other school programs to design, build and plant 6 raised garden beds.