January 2012: Renee's Garden Seed Donations Make a Difference

New This Season: Onion Plants

The very best way to get a head start on bulb onions' long growing season is to begin with pre-started plants. Onions grown this way can get ahead of the weeds and bulb up and keep much better than store-bought "sets".

This spring, we're pleased to offer top quality onion plants painstakingly grown, harvested and shipped to you directly from Dixondale onion ranch in Texas. These fine family farmers have been producing onion transplants since 1913 and are widely recognized experts in onion culture.

Choose from our Rainbow Onion Samplers and from a selection of Specialty, Heirloom, Sweet, Mild and Long Keeping varieties. Click Here to view and order.

Renee's Garden Seed Donations Make a Difference

Every year, Renee’s Garden donates seeds to a wide variety of organizations and educational programs worldwide that strive to improve social, economic and health conditions, and promote sustainable organic gardening. We also encourage retailers to donate unsold Renee’s Garden seeds to local non-profit organizations at the end of the season. We are pleased to share just a few of their successful outcomes. See More...

Uganda Garden Program

An education project that teaches families devastated by the effects of the AIDS epidemic to be more self-sufficient by growing a wide variety of nutritious vegetables.

"On behalf of CETRUD Uganda, thank you for the donation of seeds to our program to help our rural families - these seeds make a huge difference in what we can accomplish."

-Godfrey D. Kasozi, Director
Center for Environment, Technology and Rural Development

Edible Schoolyard, New York City

"The seeds you donated enriched the programs we teach to over 1000 children every month here at P.S. 216 in Brooklyn. We are dedicated to teaching children about growing food sustainably, cooking, and nutritional eating. We transformed a cement parking lot into a half-acre organic garden where students are taught how to harvest over 60 types of fruits, grains and vegetables. It is these donations that allow us to continue doing the work that we do."

-Bruni Torras, Edible Schoolyard NYC

Mahima Orphanage, Nepal

"Monsoons were very early this year in Nepal, but we were able to plant. We now have quite a few children who love to garden. The children planted a garden this year of mostly corn and green beans and flowers. They look forward to the distribution of seeds and the employees' wives who have a little garden of their own wait patiently for seeds that are left over. Thank you again so much...what a blessing for these people to know that someone cares for them on a continual basis."

-Pam Smith, teacher and volunteer

Little Red Hen, Chico, CA

Non-profit therapeutic plant nursery serving children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Boulder County Jail Garden, Boulder, CO

Their one acre garden grows food for the kitchen.

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Our **Fundraising Program for Schools and Non-Profits** got off to a great start this past year, with 62 organizations participating, including the Great Sunflower Project, Master Gardener programs and school garden projects.

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Best Wishes,

*Renee Shepherd*

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