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### INTRODUCING "THE BRANCH," A COMMUNITY GARDEN

LINDSBORG, Kan.—On Sunday, May 3, Bethany College and Lindsborg community members gathered together to plant the seeds of "The Branch," a community garden.

The garden is located one block north of Anderson Stadium on the Bethany College campus, on the west side of Kansas Street. It was created to tie the college and community together, and through the processes of fellowship and shared work, to educate participants about local food and living sustainably.

Deanna Douglas, master gardener and Bethany assistant professor of psychology, announced that the garden is dedicated to Ken Branch. Branch is a Lindsborg resident and 1959 Bethany graduate who has long been a part-time instructor of anthropology at Bethany.

"Ken had brought up the idea originally last spring when we were talking about green ideas for Bethany...if it hadn't been for Ken, we might never have even thought about it at the first Green Team meeting last fall," said Campus Pastor Noni Strand. "He is a long-time advocate for the environment and all things green."

Following the dedication ceremony, more than 40 attendees picked up shovels and spades and, together, began planting trees, herbs, vegetables and flowers to grow and be nurtured for years to come.

For more information or to get involved in the garden, please contact volunteer coordinator Charlotte Anderson at 785-227-3380, ext. 8161, or [andersonc@bethanylb.edu](mailto:andersonc@bethanylb.edu).

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