Honoring children/youth and their achievements:
host community picnic celebration on August 12th

Objective:
On August 12th, the children will host a community picnic at their garden to celebration International Youth Day.

Overview:
International Youth Day provides an opportunity to recognize the potential of youth, to celebrate their achievements, and to play for ways to better engage young people to successfully take action in their communities. This year’s theme for International Youth Day is “Youth and Climate Change: Time for Action”. This year’s theme could not be better suited toward our pilot project. As part of the international movement of youth taking action on climate change, the children will host a party for their families and community members, to showcase what they have done in the garden and how it’s helping to stop climate change and protect the environment.

At the party, youth could:
- Showcase their photo journals/ photo story board, which documents the various activities they did in the garden over the summer;
- Distribute tree seedlings to be planted throughout the community
- Commit to hosting a “low-carbon” picnic by providing foods from the garden and supplementing those with foods bought from local farmers market.

Time:
August 12th

Materials:
Picnic – food (as local as possible)
Photo-journals/ photo story-board
Tree seedlings (see Activity # for more info)

Preparation:
- Youth can make invitations to invite family, community members, etc to the picnic.
- Youth can theme the picnic as a “local foods picnic” asking people to bring things that were grown in their garden or came from local farms (as much as possible).
• Youth can plan to plant a tree at the community picnic to symbolize their commitment to fighting climate change.
• Youth can plan to sing a song about compost (see attachments to email for music and lyrics).