

While volunteers and workers at Victory Inner-city Ministries will do the majority of the work, we also need your help. We suggest that members plan to donate at least 15 hours over the course of the year. Please contact our farm coordinator, Terry Himelick, to set up a time to come.

Produce will be divided between the members. What you do with your portion is up to you. Victory Acres may grow other crops separate from our planting list, but all the produce designated for the CSA will be divided as equally as possible among the members.

Your produce can be delivered to a pre-approved drop site (such as your church), or you may personally pick up your produce at the farm. If you choose to have your produce delivered instead of picking it up, there will be a one time \$60 surcharge to cover the cost of fuel.

Even if you don't join us as members, we invite you to visit the farm. If you have any questions or you would like to plan a visit, feel free to contact us. We hope to hear from you soon!



### How can you help?

Before us are incredible opportunities and challenges. While the CSA in the long term will fund Victory Acres, we welcome donations. While we are trying to do everything in a sustainable way, there are costs involved. Give as God directs you. Many of the people in our congregation cannot afford a membership in the CSA. Because we have to pay for the land, we cannot give away memberships. Would you consider donating to our “adopt a share” program to provide a CSA membership for a needy family? They will benefit from working on the farm and from the healthy food they will receive. Thanks in advance for your support.

Write checks to VICM and designate “Victory Acres.”

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# Victory Acres CSA

Upland, IN

Doing good work. . .

Providing healthy food. . .

Raised the way God intended.



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There are plans to expand our scope in the future to include livestock, but at first, we are going to keep it simple. We are starting with just herbs and vegetables. All foods will be naturally grown. While not certified organic, our produce is raised following organic standards and



While the family farm has been in existence for many years, the land has not been cultivated for almost the past fifteen years. This is our first season as a CSA, and there are sure to be adjustments as we learn. For that reason, we are starting small. We will only accept 40 members for this first year. After that, we will start a waiting list for next year. Members this year will be guaranteed a spot next year. Spots are reserved by payment first come, first served -- SO RESPOND TODAY!



## Victory Acres Mission Statement:

To provide healthy work while providing healthy food raised the way God intended.

### The reason for the farm?

Having been in relationship with many who have tried to get off of drugs and alcohol, I have seen the pressures and the temptations that they face, and I have watched them fail. While sin is everywhere, the rebellion against God is more blatant and evident in the city. In order to rebuild, many will need to get away from the liquor stores, crack houses, and brokenness so evident in our neighborhood. They need space to grow strong and to conquer their addictions. For a long time, we have recognized a need for a place outside the city where people could go to heal and rebuild - a place with good work in a peaceful environment without the distractions of alcohol or drugs readily available.



### Why a CSA?

With Community Supported Agriculture, members participate and share in the risk of the farmer. Each member will receive a "share" of the produce. If there is a good crop, the members will share the wealth. If there is a drought, they might get their share of "less." Limited delivery of our produce will be available. Each member pays a yearly fee to join the CSA. This money will be used for the purchase and upkeep of the farm, and to expand production.



### Who will do the work on the farm?

Each member of the CSA will participate by donating at least 15 hours of work per year. We will take a van or a carload of people one day each week to work on the farm. The "heavy lifting" will be done by people from VICM who need to "work off" help that they have received from Victory and our more responsible young people who are on break for the summer.

Our long-term goal is to have people living on the farm who would do the work in exchange for room and board. This would provide them with a place to recover while doing good work.

### Who will head it up and where will we get the expertise necessary to do this type of work?

Terry Himelick lives on the property and will provide supervision for the groups when they come. He will keep up with the work on a day-to-day basis. He has had gardening and farming experience, and this has been a dream of his all of his life. He is excited about helping, and at first, he will be donating his time.

Dan Perkins, a graduate student at Taylor University, has been a volunteer and is currently serving as our CSA manager. He has extensive experience working with CSAs, and it is a privilege to have him on the team.