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**Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) and Redwood Trust Partner  
to bring Fresh Vegetables to the Tenderloin**

*Redwood Trust provides \$10,000 grant and employee volunteer day to  
support the Tenderloin People's Garden.*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA, March 7, 2012** – The Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) announced today that the Redwood Trust Employee Foundation (Redwood Trust) granted \$10,000 to TNDC in support of their Tenderloin People's Garden. Several Redwood Trust employees will join TNDC staff and volunteers at a Harvest Day on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to help weed, shape garden beds, water plants, and harvest food. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

The food harvested from this Harvest Day will be distributed to low-income families and individuals in the Tenderloin. The Tenderloin is one of the only neighborhoods in San Francisco without a full-service grocery store, which makes accessing fresh, healthy and affordable food close to home nearly impossible.

“The Tenderloin People's Garden is one component of TNDC's Food Justice Campaign to address food security and hunger in our community. The generous donation by the Redwood Trust Employee Foundation will allow us to engage more residents in urban agriculture and realize our goal to bring fresh vegetables to low-income residents in the Tenderloin,” said Lorenzo Listana, TNDC Community Organizer.

Located in Mill Valley, CA and established in 2007, the Redwood Trust Employee Foundation's mission is to provide Redwood Trust employees opportunities to support nonprofit organizations in its surrounding communities through charitable donations and employee volunteer service.

“Each year, we consider countless nonprofits in the San Francisco Bay Area. When we became aware of TNDC's significant and positive impact on the condition of low-income families in its neighborhood, the decision to support their efforts was one of the easiest we've ever made. TNDC epitomizes the type of organization with which we're proud to be affiliated,” said Katie Links of Redwood Trust.

TNDC will use the funds to support the garden staff salaries and supplies which currently provide more than 2,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to Tenderloin residents each year. This volunteer-powered program provides residents, including many seniors, a chance to grow their own fresh, healthy food, to socialize, and to give back to their community.

For more information about the garden visit [www.tndc.org/garden](http://www.tndc.org/garden).

**Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation**

Since 1981, TNDC's mission has been to provide safe, affordable housing with support services to low-income people in the Tenderloin community and to be a leader in making the neighborhood a better place to live. With 30 buildings in several San Francisco neighborhoods, TNDC provides homes and support services to over 3,000 low-income seniors, families, people with disabilities, emancipated youth and formerly homeless individuals. Support services include 25 on-site social workers, the free TNDC Tenderloin After-School Program, and a Community Organizing program to encourage residents to get involved in making positive change in their neighborhoods. For more information visit [www.tndc.org](http://www.tndc.org).