

## **Bryant students raise funds for community garden**

WOONSOCKET - A group of students from Bryant University have taken their service learning project to the next level with a fund-raiser to help sustain the life of the GROW UP community garden in Woonsocket.

The event is slated for April 8 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Papa Gino's on Diamond Hill Road. All attendees who present a coupon, which can be printed on the Family Resources Community Action Web site, will be preserving 20 percent of the amount of their purchases for the community garden, which supplies food to local pantries.

Copies of the coupon will also be placed in various local churches and the Woonsocket Harris Public Library.

The Management 200 Service-Learning Project at Bryant University is a course every undergraduate student is expected to complete as a degree requirement. Students form teams who work with a nonprofit organization of their choice.

Bryant sophomore Martin McGeehan, of Woonsocket, is part of one of those teams. His group aims to create public awareness of the community garden project, which started last spring. The group hopes to secure garden supplies and volunteers in addition to monetary donations to keep the garden sustainable.

"The garden is created through donations, labor of volunteers, some rain and a little bit of sunshine," McGeehan said in a press release. "All of the work put into it is helping the less fortunate of Woonsocket who struggle to provide food for themselves and their families."

To donate supplies to the community garden, please contact Elena Marchand at 235-6083 or [emarchand@famresri.org](mailto:emarchand@famresri.org). Checks may be made out to Family Resources Community Action, mailed to 245 Main Street Woonsocket, RI 02895 Attention: Elena Marchand.