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An Interview with Harry Rhodes

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### Harry Rhodes, *Agriculture in Illinois*, Oral History project

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Harry Rhodes was born on October 8th, 1959 in Harvey, Illinois, near Chicago. Although growing up in the city, he helped with the family garden. Harry believes this experience as well as his work on a kibbutz in Israel prepared him for his position as Executive Director at Growing Home Inc. Growing Home is a nonprofit organization that helps homeless and formerly incarcerated individuals get job training and placement through the use of organic sustainable agriculture. Growing home is also involved in providing locally grown vegetables to Chicago's south side Englewood neighborhood, an area that lacks grocery stores.

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