



2022 Annual Report

Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture



Executive Director *Note*

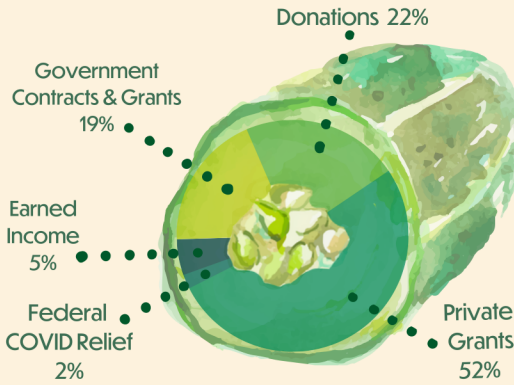
2022 was a year of big changes and progress! Here's the top five list of things that stand out for 2022.

- 1) Veterans Urban Farm helped open a new food pantry inside the Truman VA Hospital and broke ground on a new ADA garden.
- 2) The Harvest Hootenanny had record attendance with one-third of attendees being program participants or neighbors living with low incomes who received free tickets.
- 3) Three program expansions were developed and launched! New apprenticeship program, expansion to double the number of families in the Opportunity Gardens Program and expanding field trips to reach all CPS third graders.
- 4) Columbia's Agriculture Park raised over \$1.5 million and is prepped for a big year of construction in 2023.
- 5) Our staff is 22 people strong with 400+ volunteers, 500+ donors, and 10,000+ participants. I'm grateful for our team of staff, volunteers, donors, and program participants for all of their hard work this year!

We hope to see you at
Columbia's Agriculture Park this season!

- *Billy Polansky*

2022 Financials



2022 Income:
\$1,217,925

A pie chart illustrating the distribution of 2022 expenses. The chart is divided into two segments: Programming (74%) and Administration & Fundraising (26%). The chart is styled with a red and pink color palette and is surrounded by decorative vine and leaf illustrations.

Category	Percentage
Programming	74%
Administration & Fundraising	26%

2022 Expenses:
\$1,229,098



Planting for the Pantry

"The fresher the better!"

- Central Pantry Shopper

47,421 pounds of fresh produce were grown and donated to families in need.

Opportunity Gardens

"My favorite part of having a garden is being able to participate in this cycle of cultivating and then cooking the food we eat."

- Opportunity Gardener

118 low-income families received support and mentorship in their backyard gardens.



Veterans Urban Farm

"There are people who are never going to let you do something different because you've done something wrong. .. but, no, it doesn't have to be that way. ...at the farm I would like to see who I can possibly become."

-Veteran Participant

Veterans participated in over **5,613** hours of job training and recreational therapy.

PLANTS Farm to School Partnership

"We had a blast exploring Columbia's Agriculture Park. We got to learn about different vegetables, how goats and chickens help farms, and got to try some veggies!"

- Columbia Public Schools Teacher

Students had over **17,686** hands-on experiences with food and gardening.





GardenPro Services

"I loved it from start to finish! They helped me pick the best spot in our yard for the most sun and most abundant growth. Watching my garden grow this year has been one of the biggest joys!"

- GardenPro Client

55 clients hired CCUA's Garden Pros for help building and maintaining their gardens.

Therapy Gardens

"The time spent [doing] anything related to the garden helped me to keep my mind occupied and off of my worries helping reduce anxiety."

- Phoenix Patient

Individuals in treatment programs participated in **375** therapeutic hands-on gardening experiences with CCUA staff.



Produce Prescription Program

"With growing prices my money has been spread very thinly and this has helped keep the importance of fruits and veggies in the forefront of food choices."

- Produce Prescription Patient

96 families shopped for free produce at Columbia Farmers Market, as prescribed by their doctors.

Volunteering

"All of the volunteers are delightful, all of the staff is delightful and it's just a good way to get your hands into the Earth, make good connections, and just really feel like you've accomplished something good for the community."

-CCUA Volunteer

439 volunteers donated **6,109** hours of their time to support our programming.

