THE TOOLS TO LEARN AND GROW

2016 ANNUAL REPORT
ColumbiaUrbanAg.org ~ 573-514-4174 ~ Food is Good!
Hi, my name is Pepper. I am the farm cat.

There is always something happening here at the Urban Farm. Most days, I just curl up on one of my favorite spots and watch everybody working in the gardens.

Come with me and I will introduce you to some of my friends.
In 2016, our staff and volunteers harvested **14,651 pounds of produce** from the Urban Farm. This fed families who shop at food pantries, visitors to the Urban Farm, and shoppers at the Columbia Farmers Market.

This is the produce scale. It gets to see all of the fruits and vegetables grown at the Urban Farm.
This is the water bath canner. It is used to teach gardeners how to preserve vegetables from their backyard gardens. A few times every month, there are fun activities like cooking demonstrations at the food pantries, a community meal, and activities for kids at the Columbia Farmers Market.

2,939 people got involved with CCUA’s hands-on experiences across the city. In total, CCUA’s staff and volunteers hosted 29 community activities like cooking classes and gardening demonstrations.
This is the tiller. On sunny days, it comes out of the shed to do hard work. The tiller is loud and messy, but I like it because the tiller makes new gardens for people all around Columbia.

In 2016, CCUA helped make 5,497 feet of new garden space at the homes of families living with low-income.
This is the drill and level. Like the tiller, they tell me stories of their long days making raised-bed gardens. This year, they helped build gardens for homeless veterans, refugee families, housing developments, and beginning gardeners all around town.

In 2016, 137 families, businesses and agencies got help from CCUA’s staff and volunteers in their backyard gardens. 94 of those families live below the poverty line, and received the services free of charge.
This is the watering can and hand trowel. They love to play with children in the dirt! When schools come to visit the Urban Farm, kids get to use the watering can and hand trowel to learn how food grows.

96 groups got their hands in the dirt with CCUA’s staff and volunteers in 2016. In total, 2,246 students were led through gardening and cooking activities.
This is the wheel barrow. It helps move soil and plants so that the gardens grow big and strong. The wheelbarrow has many siblings at gardens and outdoor classrooms across Columbia.

In 2016, 4,730 students got to connect with their food in outdoor classrooms at their schools.
These are the boots. I get to see them when volunteers forget to wear sturdy shoes.

It is really amazing how many volunteers help out around here!

In 2016, there were 681 volunteers who worked a total of 4,442 hours!
While these tools made a lot of great things happen in 2016, it is also important to acknowledge those who donated money in 2016. Donors help CCUA’s staff and volunteers reach more people in our community with gardening and good food.

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Total: $393,549

GRANTS
$172,831

DONATIONS
$128,288

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$92,430
EXPENSES
Total - $370,955

Administration & Fundraising
$79,074

Program Expenses
$291,881