SPOT THE DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES
PICTURE PUZZLES FOR URBAN FARMERS

2017 ANNUAL REPORT
Our Garden Pro and Opportunity Gardens Programs empower people with skills and materials to be successful gardeners. These efforts help families eat more vegetables.
In 2017, 142 families, businesses and agencies got help with their backyard garden through Opportunity Gardens and Garden Pro.
New gardens change the landscape of our town. A new garden is an opportunity to promote fruits and vegetables. A new garden brings neighbors together and improves our neighborhoods.
Our programs helped build
71 new vegetable gardens
totaling 9,057 square feet in 2017.

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\text{GardenPro} = 5,586 \text{ sq ft (22 gardens)} \\
\text{Opportunity Gardens} = 3,471 \text{ sq ft (49 gardens)}
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Every month, over 10,000 families visit the Central Pantry to meet their basic food needs. Through our Planting for the Pantry Program, we help families access fresh, healthy foods. Improved nutrition raises quality of life.
17,355 pounds of fresh produce was grown at the Urban Farm and donated to local food pantries in 2017. Thanks to our donors, all of the food we grew at the Urban Farm went to families in need.
Our Volunteer Program is a two-way street. In exchange for the time they give, our volunteers learn valuable skills and build community with program participants and their fellow volunteers.
589 volunteers worked 2,948 hours to help us accomplish our goals in 2017. Those generous hard-working folks worked the Urban Farm, built backyard gardens, educated children, and staffed our events.
You can find our staff in every corner of Columbia. We love partnering with other organizations to promote gardening and good food.
Throughout 2017 we hosted and participated in 37 community activities such as cooking classes and gardening demonstrations. In total 3,833 people got involved with our hands-on experiences across the city.
Children with improved access to fresh food and nutritious diets achieve more academically, have fewer absences, and generally live with better physical and mental health.
In 2017, Our PLANTS Program got 8,549 students representing 202 groups involved in food-focused learning experiences. These hands-on activities encourage nutritious diets with fun cooking and gardening lessons.
Urban agriculture revitalizes neighborhoods. It changes underutilized land and transforms grass into gardens. In 2017, alongside our partners, we made tremendous progress towards bringing the new Agriculture Park to Columbia.
In 2017, the City approved the Agriculture Park master plan and we secured a 35-year lease! This new community gem will strengthen all of our existing programs and allow us to expand our reach. Phase 1 construction begins Spring 2018.
TOTAL INCOME
$540,142

Grants: $269,010
Donations: $158,637
Fees for Service: $112,495

TOTAL EXPENSES
$489,129

Programming: $366,847
Administration & Fundraising: $122,282
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