Thank you! Your support during a very challenging school year helped create new learning gardens, trained and inspired teachers, and made it possible for K-12 students throughout Allegheny County to learn to grow, cook, and eat fresh food.

Your funding enabled Grow Pittsburgh staff to create new ways to safely send the garden home with students during the COVID-19 pandemic through online lessons, video tutorials, and take-home garden kits. Your generosity also helped transform many school gardens into food production sites to help feed neighbors in need during the pandemic.

_2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS:_

- 3 new learning gardens established, growing our total to 41 school gardens
- 3,664 Grab & Grow kits delivered to students with everything needed to plant and grow while learning at home
- 2,050+ pounds of vegetables grown in school gardens and donated to local food pantries and neighbors in need
- 94% of participating teachers believe that garden programming enhances student engagement with classroom work
- 92% of teachers surveyed said the garden encourages environmental stewardship in their students

_“I LOVED THAT THE STUDENTS HARVESTED KALE, BEANS, AND SEEDS, AND WERE ABLE TO TASTE WHAT THEY GREW THEMSELVES. THEY ALSO WROTE A “NEWSCAST” FOR A PROJECT THAT ENTAILED EVERYTHING THEY’VE LEARNED THROUGH THE GARDEN THIS YEAR.”_  
- Teacher, Bellevue Elementary School
“THIS PROGRAM IS AWESOME AND THE KIDS GET SUCH A GREAT EXPERIENCE. THEY LOOK FORWARD TO GARDENING!”
- Teacher, Carmalt Elementary School

“THE STUDENTS LOVE THE GARDEN. THEY TAKE PRIDE IN IT. THEY SHOW THEIR PARENTS AFTER SCHOOL AND ARE PROUD THEY CAN EXPLAIN WHAT WE’VE DONE AND WHAT GROWS IN THERE.”
- Teacher, Bellevue Elementary School

“ONE OF MY STUDENTS, HIS MOTHER IS AN ACTIVE DUTY MARINE BASED IN PITTSBURGH, AND THEY WERE EXCITED TO RECEIVE A GRAB & GROW KIT. STARTING TO GROW PLANTS ON THE BALCONY OF THEIR APARTMENT HAS BEEN A GREAT BONDING ACTIVITY FOR THEM DURING QUARANTINE.”
- Teacher, Montour Elementary School