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

During the COVID-19 outbreak, your funding enabled Grow Pittsburgh staff to create new ways to safely send the garden home with students 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.

### 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

- 5 new learning gardens built in the 2020-21 school year
- 6 new early childhood gardens created in 2020-21
- 1,421 Grab & Grow kits distributed
- 94% of teachers believe gardening enhance student engagement in class
- 93% of teachers believe the garden encourages environmental stewardship in students

“The garden has become a space that students can go to when they’re feeling anxious or overwhelmed, or just having a bad day. It provides a place to step away when they need a break.”

- Principal, South Allegheny Education Center
“THE CHILDREN REALLY LOVE THE CHERRY TOMATOES. THEY CAN PICK THEM OFF THE VINE AND TASTE THEM. I LOVE TO SEE THE EXCITEMENT ON THEIR FACES WHEN TRYING VEGETABLES.”

Pre-K Teacher, Angels’ Place


WE THEN GATHERED, AND ENJOYED A WONDERFUL MEAL! SO MANY OF OUR STUDENTS HAD NEVER BEFORE TASTED THESE FOODS ESPECIALLY RADISHES.”

- Teacher, University Park

“OUR FIRST GRADERS LOVED MAKING HERBAL TEA WITH THE HELP OF THE CAFETERIA. THEY WERE ABSOLUTELY AMAZED THAT TEA CAN BE MADE FROM GARDEN HERBS.

THEY LOVED HELPING PICK THE LEAVES FROM THE LEMON VERBENA AND MINT PLANTS.”

- Teacher, Center Elementary School