



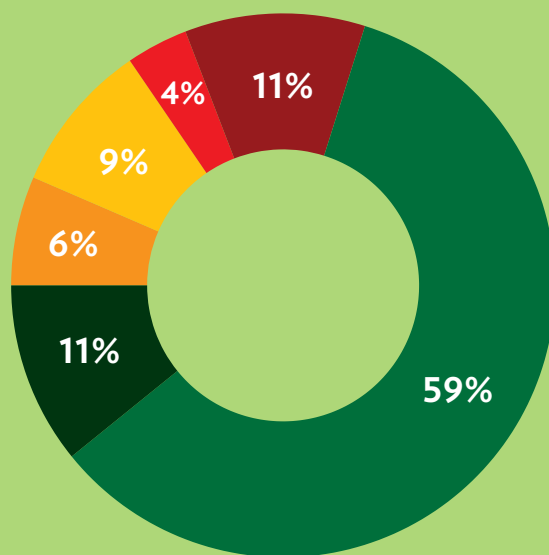
ANNUAL REPORT 2023



INCOME*

TOTAL:\$2,419,765

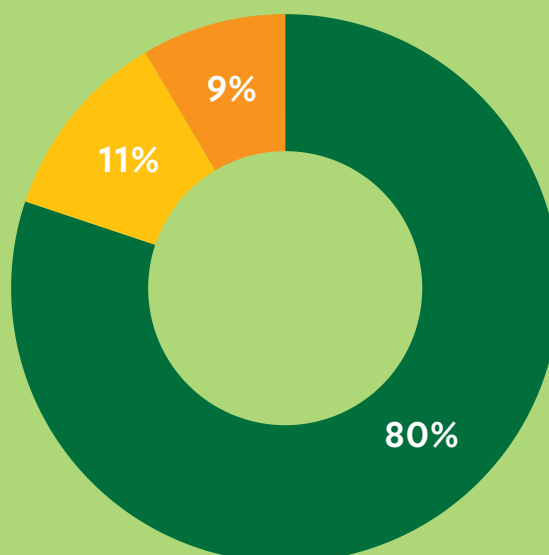
- Individual donations: \$217,373
- Foundation grants: \$1,434,972
- Government grants: \$157,122
- Corporate partnerships: \$89,000
- Earned Revenue: \$259,298
- Operating surplus from prior year: \$262,000



EXPENSES*

TOTAL:\$2,090,975

- People and program supplies directly accomplishing our mission: \$1,675,423
- Core operations that keep us running effectively: \$237,170
- Funds used to raise more funds, multiplying your impact: \$178,382



*Figures based on un-audited financial statements



GROW PITTSBURGH

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Thank you! Your support provided residents across Allegheny County with the tools, resources, and knowledge to grow and share fresh healthy food. Your generosity has helped to bring neighbors together around a shared vision of food sovereignty and sustainability.

Because of your support, community members have been able to access tools and materials, grow fresh local food, create healthy soil, and transform blighted properties throughout our region.

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

- **53** community gardens were supported through our Sustainability Fund
- **44,000** estimated pounds of food grown across all **44** Grow Pittsburgh community gardens
- **450** active Garden Resource Center (GRC) members, including **193** new members
- **10,000** seed packets distributed for free
- **11** residents completed comprehensive Community Composter School training and established **7** community-scale composting sites
- **4** new community gardens completed programming
- **2** graduated gardens received intensive support to continue programming



[Our garden] is a common space, a walk destination, a relaxing place to visit, a constructive use of neglected space, a way to grow healthy food, and a place to learn about gardening from others.

-Community gardener in Observatory Hill



I think the biggest contributions were tangible: funding, know-how, gardening supplies. However, the intangibles in terms of supporting the group and the project....and just knowing there was always someone available that “had your back” was just as important as anything else Grow Pittsburgh provided.

-Community gardener in Verona

This garden provides a place for folks to grow their own healthy, affordable food; includes community share beds that anyone can harvest from; supports pollinators; fosters community and social connections; and transformed a vacant lot into a community asset for all to enjoy.

-Member of the Bellevue Friendship Garden



If it wasn't for Grow Pittsburgh, can you imagine? This garden wouldn't be what it is. I've been a member of the Garden Resource Center (GRC) for many years. It's a great foundation for us all, being able to get the compost and mulch and topsoil. It's wonderful. And if I didn't have that as a resource—and the same is true for so many around the city—I don't think we'd have the urban gardens that we have now. You've been a wonderful resource for all of us—advising, cultivating, and providing all the different resources we need including materials and equipment.

-Gardener and GRC member in the Northside



FARM EDUCATION & PRODUCTION



Thank you! Your contribution helped residents in underserved communities easily access fresh and affordable local produce during another year of rising food prices. Your generosity also provided gardeners of all ages with the knowledge and tools needed for their food-growing to thrive.

Your support provided high school students, emerging urban farmers, and home gardeners of all backgrounds with training in how to grow, harvest, prepare, and enjoy the season's bounty. Thank you for supporting farm education and food security across our region.

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

- **30,920** lbs of food grown on our urban farms, serving **6,200** farm stand visitors
- **37,200** seedlings grown in our Garden Dreams greenhouse in Wilksburg
- **3,145** seedlings donated to area school, community, and backyard growers
- **22** workshare participants volunteered on our farms
- **20** new farmers provided paid hands-on training
- **31** youth participated in our paid workforce development programming
- **627** community members increased their garden knowledge by attending **44** workshops



Wonderful selection of produce from the farm. They have very fair pricing. The people working the stand are pleasant and knowledgeable.

-Braddock farm stand customer



I knew farming wasn't easy, but I had no idea how much work it really is! I've never grown my own food and it has made me really proud of myself.

-Youth program participant in Braddock



Photo courtesy of Nancy Andrews



Thank you for making these classes affordable and worthwhile!

-Workshop participant

Sooooooo love this place. Really wonderful to have a farmers market literally where the food is grown. It doesn't get fresher than that! It's wonderful to know there is an entire generation learning how to feed themselves! Grow Pittsburgh does such wonderful work. They also offer starter plants in the beginning of the season and our tomatoes were killer this season!

-Shiloh farm stand customer

SCHOOL GARDENS



Thank you! Your generous support helped create and sustain school gardens, trained and inspired teachers, and made it possible for children throughout Allegheny County to learn how to grow, cook, and eat fresh food.

Thanks to your contribution, more than 25,000 students across the Pittsburgh region were able to experience the many benefits of gardening last year! Your help also provided extra hands-on support for struggling schools and connected teachers to resources like lesson plans, garden recipes, and a network of fellow educators.

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

- **25** school gardens received hands-on active programming with our team
- **6** new early childhood gardens created in 2022-2023
- **100%** of teachers believe gardening enhanced student engagement in class
- **100%** of teachers believe that work in the school garden increased student capacity for teamwork and cooperation
- **100%** of teachers feel that students experienced physical and emotional benefits from being outdoors
- **100%** of teachers noticed among students an enhanced knowledge of growing food and/or desire to grow food at home.



We love our garden and really enjoy growing things! Thank you so much for always helping us get the supplies we need. We look forward to doing even better in the future.

- Teacher, Pittsburgh Carmalt K-8



This year I took 9 different classes outside to the garden for a spring planting and an end of the year (summer) planting. We split all the classes in two groups and while half of them planted, the other half worked on a lesson. It was great to get almost 200 kids outside using the garden. It also helped us get over 30 families to volunteer to help work in the garden this summer!

- Teacher, O'Block Elementary (Plum)

Our garden blooms beautifully each year and the children love it.

- Early Childhood Educator, Angel's Place North Side

My kids are completely enthralled by the small steps and visible growth they've seen in things they actually planted with their own hands. They have so much pride in their work, and show such care for the plants they're raising - there are few opportunities for them to have that level of agency. Having not only the outdoor garden but the greenhouse in the classroom where they can actively care for and check on their plants throughout the day has made a big difference in their level of independence in a variety of day-to-day opportunities and responsibilities.

- Educator, The Early Learning Center at Yeshiva School



THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS WHO MAKE THIS WORK POSSIBLE

2023 COMMUNITY PARTNERS -

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP SHAPE OUR EFFORTS

AgRecycle Compost Center	East End Food Co-op	Pittsburgh Food Policy Council
Allegheny County Conservation District	EIS Solar	Pittsburgh Pirates
Allegheny Health Network, Suburban Campus	evolveEA	Pittsburgh Public Schools
Allegheny Intermediate Unit	Evey True Value Hardware	Pittsburgh Public Schools Food Services
Allegheny Land Trust	Farmer Girl Eb	Pittsburgh Urban Gardening Project
AmeriCorps/KEYS Service Corps	Five Points Merchant Group	Procopia Consulting
Apple Cookie & Chocolate Co.	Frick Art and Historical Center	Propel Schools
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	Gateway School District	Repair the World Pittsburgh
A Second Chance, Inc.	Goodlander Cocktail Brewery	Sankofa Village Community Garden
Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds	Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	Seed Savers Exchange
Bantha Tea Bar	Grist House Craft Brewery	Soil Sisters
Bible Center Church / Oasis Farm & Fishery	Grounded Strategies	Spirit
Bear Left Bear	Herbein and Co.	Student Conservation Association
Best of Blawnox	Heritage Community Initiatives	The Environmental Charter School at Frick Park
Black Urban Gardeners and Farmers of Pittsburgh Co-op (BUGS)	High Mowing Seeds	The Food Trust
Bonafide Bellevue	Hill District Consensus Group	Thomas Blvd Group
Braddock Borough	Hilltop Urban Farm	Tree Pittsburgh
Braddock Carnegie Library	Just Harvest	Triboro Ecodistrict
Braddock Economic Development Corporation	Love Fellowship Church	Triple Moon Alchemy
Braddock Redux	Manchester Bidwell Corporation	Uptown Partners
Braddock Youth Project	Marcus Studio	Verona Borough
Carbon Compost	Mount Oliver Borough	Vibrant Sunshine Kombucha
Chapon's Greenhouse	New Academy Charter School	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Chatham University – Falk School of Sustainability	New Sun Rising	Wilderness Lumber Co.
Churchview Farm	Northgate School District	Wild Rise Bakery
City of Pittsburgh	Operation Better Block / Junior Green Corps	Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation
Crankshaft Service Co.	Patagonia Pittsburgh	Wilkinsburg Community Ministry
Ethos Collaborative	Pashek + MTR	Wilkinsburg School District
Cutting Root Apothecary	Pasa Sustainable Agriculture	Woodland Hills School District
	Penn Fencing	YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh
	Pennsylvania Women's Agricultural Network	YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh
	Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens	
	PittMoss	

2023 FUNDING PARTNERS -

GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE GRANTMAKERS WHO MAKE THE WORK POSSIBLE

Allegheny County Economic Development	The Grable Foundation	Montague Family Foundation
Allegheny County Health Department	The Heinz Endowments	The Opportunity Fund
Allegheny Foundation	Henry L. Hillman Foundation	Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
The Benter Foundation	Juliet Lea Hillman Simonds Foundation	The Pittsburgh Foundation
Carnegie Center for Prosperity	Earl Knudsen Foundation - PNC Charitable Trusts	PNC Foundation
Colcom Foundation	McElhattan Foundation	Posner Foundation of Pittsburgh
Collage Giving Fund	McSwigan Family Foundation	Richard King Mellon Foundation
Estate of Edwin R. Crawford Trust	Howard and Nell E. Miller Foundation - PNC Charitable Trusts	Roy A. Hunt Foundation
Farm Aid		The Sampson Foundation
Nina Baldwin Fisher Foundation		United Way of Allegheny County
Garden Club of Allegheny County		

2023 CORPORATE PARTNERS -

LOCAL AND NATUIONAL BUSINESSES THAT FUND OUR PROGRAMS

Baird Pittsburgh	Evey True Value Hardware	PNC Bank
Carnegie Mellon University - Heinz College	Farm to Table Western PA	Starbucks
Compass RE / Porch Swing Collective	Giant Eagle	Strassburger McKenna Gutnick and Gefsky
Dollar Bank	Kraft Heinz Company Foundation	UPMC Health Plan
Duolingo	Littler Mendelson	Paragon Foods
Eat'n Park Hospitality Group	Norfolk Southern	Patagonia

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Zack Block
Paulina Gatarz, Secretary
Andrea Glickman
Catalina Hoyos
Amy Malen
Asia Mason
Katelyn McCombs
Gretchen Moore, Treasurer
Leland Scales
Alex Stanzione
Mahogany Thaxton
Hana Uman, Vice Chair
Renee Wilson
Joseph Zwicker, Chair

Silvan Goddin
Shiloh Farm and Greenhouse Manager

Robert Grey
Urban Farmers In Training Coordinator

Denele Hughson
Executive Director

Redding Jackson
Director of School Gardens

Nick Lubecki
Senior Braddock Farms Manager

Heather Manning
Garden Educator

Ruth Marshall
Garden Educator

Claire Matway
Community Garden Network Manager

Hanna Mosca
Garden Dreams Greenhouse and Farm Manager

Brandy Patterson
Early Childhood Garden Educator

Felicity Thompson
Communications Coordinator

Victoria Thurmond
School Gardens Program Manager

Dora Walmsley
Director of Community Projects

Ryan Walsh
Director of Development and Communications

Charlee Williams
Garden Resource Center Coordinator

GROW PITTSBURGH TEAM:

Jasen Bernthisel
Community Garden Project Manager

Ian Bonnet
Garden Educator

Vee Cugini
Development Manager

Brian Deighan
Bookkeeper

Ly Evangelista
Office and Administration Manager

Annie Fox
Community Garden Project Manager

THANKS TO OUR STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD, AND MEMBERS!



6587 Hamilton Ave #2W • Pittsburgh, PA 15206
info@growpittsburgh.org • 412.362.4769 • growpittsburgh.org