Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we continue to navigate life in the pandemic, Grow Pittsburgh’s mission to teach people how to grow food and to promote the many benefits of gardening is more essential than ever before. As I reflect upon 2020, I’m amazed by the compassion and resilience our community has shown in the face of this challenge. Growing food has been a welcome source of connection and peace for so many of us in this uncertain time. Residents found solace and solidarity in growing and eating fresh local food. Though we’ve all experienced loss in the past year, I am once again reminded of all of the benefits gardens can and do bring to our neighborhoods and families.

In these times where we are all looking for good news, I want to reflect on the outstanding work our staff and community were able to do in 2020 thanks to your generous support. At our urban farm sites, we adopted new safety protocols and grew a record amount of produce (28,000 lbs), which was distributed through our farm stands and local farmers’ markets. We were also able to support our high-risk populations through contactless pickup and by making more than 450 home deliveries of seedlings, fresh produce, and gardening materials. Through our partnership with Pittsburgh Public Schools, we were able to distribute more than 3,600 Grab & Grow garden kits to all first-graders so they could learn to grow from home. And during our annual seedling sale we sold 20,056 plants to backyard growers, community gardens, and local partners. It was clear that more people than ever before wanted to garden and grow their own food.

Interest in gardening continues to surge as many people are drawn to the sense of stability and purpose found in growing their own food in these uncertain times. As spring arrives and seedlings are sprouting again, I feel a sense of renewal and possibility. I’m especially grateful for all you’ve done to further urban agriculture in the Pittsburgh region and connect folks to healthy local food. Thank you for helping to increase residents’ access to fresh produce and for empowering neighbors to establish and improve gardens. I’m hopeful for the future thanks to supporters like you and am eager to see the wonderful things we’ll be able to grow together for years to come.

Most warmly,

Denele Hughson, Executive Director

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**INCOME**

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* Figures based on un-audited financial statements
GROWING RESILIENCY

In response to COVID-19, our staff learned to adapt quickly. Your support helped ensure not only that food-growing continued safely but that it happened at a greater capacity than ever before to meet the urgent need. All of these measures improved how we serve our community and will continue to do so beyond the pandemic.

Your support last year:

**LAUNCHED** delivery service to share fresh produce, seedlings, and garden materials with hundreds of vulnerable residents

**EXPANDED** farm stand hours and locations across the region and established a new roadside stand in Braddock with no-touch curbside pickup service and refrigeration

**EXTENDED** our reach in the community and beyond through online workshops, video tutorials, and other virtual lessons to help more people learn how to grow their own food.

**WELCOMED** 465 new members, nearly doubling our number of individual donors and volunteers

**LOOKING AHEAD**

CONTINUING DELIVERIES AND EXPANDED FARM STAND OPERATIONS
to better serve our communities
“MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, HE’S JUST BEEN RAVING ABOUT IT. SO HERE I AM. IT’S EASIER FOR ME TO SHOP IN THE AFTERNOON AND IT FEELS SAFE LIKE THIS BEING OUTSIDE.”

—Braddock farm stand customer

WE GROW FOOD

Through our food production sites and weekly farm stands, we provide residents access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables. Our urban farm sites in Braddock, Point Breeze North, and Wilkinsburg demonstrate what is possible for urban agriculture in our region.

28,225 lbs of food grown across two farm sites

4,082 lbs of produce donated to local community organizations and food pantries

2,050+ pounds of vegetables grown in school gardens and donated to local food pantries and neighbors in need

298 seedling and produce household deliveries to high-risk populations during COVID-19

20,056 seedlings sold in our annual seedling sale, including 3,145 seedlings donated to area school, community, and backyard growers

80% increase in farm stand hours of operation across 3 days per week

CONTINUING TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FRESH FOOD AND SEEDLINGS

through our new greenhouse and urban agriculture hub at Garden Dreams

LOOKING AHEAD
“EVEN DURING THE PANDEMIC, THERE WAS A SORT OF HUB AROUND THE SCHOOL GARDEN. IT BECAME A HAVEN FOR ANYBODY WHO NEEDED THAT BREATH.”

—Caroline, school garden volunteer

WE TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO GROW FOOD

Our educational programs span from on-site learning and workforce development for youth and workshops for community members, to garden and cooking activities that are integrated into classroom curriculum in schools across Allegheny County.

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

13 youth participated in virtual and in-person summer programming

13 workshare participants volunteered 471 hours on farm sites

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

LOOKING AHEAD

EXPANDING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION GARDEN PROGRAMMING

for our region’s youngest children by establishing five new ECE gardens
“BUILDING AND SUSTAINING THE GARDEN HAS TAKEN DILIGENCE AND HARD WORK BUT THE PAYOFF IS WELL WORTH THE EFFORT.”

—Dennis, community gardener in Northside

WE BUILD AND SUPPORT GARDENS

We partner with communities across the Pittsburgh region to establish and support community and school gardens. Our Garden Resource Center is a tool lending library making gardening more accessible and affordable to all our neighbors.

5 new community gardens established

40 additional gardens supported through the Sustainability Fund

6,822 square feet of new garden area added

12 participants from 5 sites completed pilot year of Master Composter certification

17 participants in virtual version of “How to Start a Community Garden” workshop

2 urban garden sites protected through Three Rivers Agricultural Land Initiative

159 households received GRC deliveries of compost, topsoil, and wood chips, with more than 165 yards of materials delivered

LOOKING AHEAD

WORKING TOWARDS LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY FOR EXISTING COMMUNITY GARDENS

by offering customized support for graduated gardens in addition to the Sustainability Fund
THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

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Adagio Health
AgRecycle
Compost Center
Allegheny County
Conservation District
Allegheny
Intermediate Unit
Allegheny Land Trust
American Heart
Association
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Apple Cookie
and Chocolate Factory
A Second Chance, Inc.
Baker Creek
Herloom Seeds
Bible Center Church /
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Bear Left Bear
Big Green
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Co-op (BUGS)
Braddock Borough
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Carnegie Library
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School Program
Churchview Farm
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Common Threads
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DREmedia Solutions
East End
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Economic
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Development Corporation
Hilltop Urban Farm
Homewood
Children’s Village
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Johnny’s Selected Seeds
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M Davis Group
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The Food Trust
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