Thank you! Your support this past year helped create eight new learning gardens, trained and inspired more than 180 teachers to use and maintain school gardens, and provided over 16,500 K-12 students access to edible education.

Your funding made it possible for children to learn to grow, cook, try new foods, and eat fresh produce while celebrating the unique cultures and experiences of our city. Your generosity also connected educators to resources such as lesson plans, garden recipes, best practices, and to a network of fellow teachers.

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS:

• 8 new learning gardens established, growing our network to 36 total school gardens

• 94% of participating teachers believe that garden programming enhances student engagement with classroom work

• 100% of teachers participating in a workshop leave feeling more confident in their gardening skills

• 90% of teachers leave feeling more inspired and connected to other teachers and the greater school garden network

“WORK IN THE GARDEN SEEMS TO BOOST STUDENTS’ CONFIDENCE. MANY STUDENTS WHO ARE OTHERWISE WITHDRAWN OR HESITANT TO ENGAGE IN THE CLASSROOM ARE MORE COMFORTABLE PARTICIPATING IN GARDEN ACTIVITIES.”

-Teacher in Learning Garden Program
"I saw students who rarely participate in my classroom open up and jump in when working in the garden, and after that they were more engaged in class."
- Teacher in Learning Garden

"Once you try that dressing, you’re going to want the recipe. I’ve got my recipe."
- 5th grade student, Woodland Hills Intermediate School

"The garden provides a space where students can truly relax and be calm. They can be in there for hours at a time. In the spring, when they all have spring fever, it provides a meaningful transition to summer. We have one student, a thirteen year old, who has become a leader in the garden, helping other teachers set up supplies to start seeds or teaching them how to water or weed. It is a great boost to his confidence."
- Teacher in Learning Garden Program