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A Message From the Executive Director



KCCG is celebrating a successful and challenging year, as we find ourselves transforming from a relatively small, grass-roots nonprofit organization to one with a greater vision and a broader impact than ever before. As more and more community and backyard gardeners, neighborhood groups, schools, congregations, and others reach out to KCCG for support to grow

their own healthy food, we find that our agency expenses and staffing are also growing to keep pace with the needs of the community.

The Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition reports that thousands of people in the metropolitan area are experiencing food insecurity. Many of the households that KCCG serves are living in urban food deserts, without adequate transportation to purchase healthy food. Gardening is a great way to help families and neighborhoods improve nutrition and increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables, while saving money on food costs. We are hearing from our members, partner agencies, and supporters that even more gardens are on the horizon for Kansas City. Here are a few highlights of the many ways in which the community is answering the challenge to help our neighbors with urban food garden projects city-wide:

- In 2012, KCCG worked with the City of Kansas City, Missouri to open the new Eastwood Hills community garden near the stadium, on the site of the former city jail.
- With support from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, KCCG continues to partner with Cultivate Kansas City and Lincoln University, reaching out to Kansas City's neighborhood groups, congregations, and others to encourage urban gardening and farming through the Get Growing KC initiative, www.getgrowingkc.org.
- By partnering with Latino Health for All Coalition and Wyandotte Health Foundation, KCCG hopes to impact more families, schools and home gardeners in Kansas City, Kansas.
- KCCG has joined in an exciting new partnership with The Giving Grove, Friends of Hale Cook, and The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce as part of the 2012-13 Centurions Legacy Project to create an edible tree garden and community garden on the grounds of Hale Cook Elementary School.
- KCCG will be partnering on additional projects with The Giving Grove in the years to come, since our board of directors has voted to affiliate with this wonderful new organization, sharing office space and working side by side

to nurture more fruit orchards, community gardens, and to benefit those in need in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

We are extremely grateful to all our supporters and collaborators for your contributions this year. Now more than ever, we need your support. From financial contributions to innovative new ideas for transforming Kansas City's food system through urban gardening in the coming years, KCCG depends on your voices, your vision, and your investment in gardening for Kansas City's future. Thank you for making 2012 a landmark year both for KCCG and for increased healthy food access in Kansas City.

Ben Sharda
Executive Director

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Statement of Revenue and Expense

For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

REVENUE

Contributions:	
Donor designation - United Way	\$ 9,229
Government grant & contracts	42,716
Adopt-A-Garden	8,755
United Way	30,215
Supporting individuals	32,451
Contributions	677
Supporting groups	36,254
Supporting business	13,082
Supporting foundations	<u>230,654</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 404,033

Program Service Revenue:	
Participating individual	9,531
Garden plot fees	4,854
Tilling fees	3,428
Seeds	4,885
Plant sales	17,533
Beanstalk fees	<u>5,815</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 46,046

Other Revenue:	
Special events	\$ 19,508
Merchandise sales	24,514
Investment income	7,333
Other income	<u>5,569</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 56,924

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 507,003

EXPENSES

Cost of goods sold	\$ 23,604
Salaries	248,323
Payroll Tax	22,468
Employee benefits	81,929
Advertising	182
Depreciation	25,081
Dues & subscriptions	465
Garden construction	23,740
Gas and oil	11,229
Insurance	17,222
Mileage & parking	7,385
Miscellaneous	752
Newsletter	4,716
Postage	2,277

Printing	1,517
Professional services	4,695
Program service expense	33,551
Repairs & maintenance	5,171
Security service	647
Special events	7,073
Supplies	25,184
Telephone & internet	4,069
Training	5,704
Utilities	<u>17,998</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 574,982

Change in net assets (\$ 67,979)

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

ASSETS

Current	
Cash	\$ 50,323
Accounts receivable	10,130
Grants receivable	11,100
Inventory	2,940
Prepaid insurance	15,047
Investments	<u>30,177</u>
Total Current Assets	\$119,717
Property and Equipment	<u>362,682</u>
Total Assets	\$482,399

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 4,577
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>17,770</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 22,347
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted:	
Board-designated	\$ 140,000
Undesignated	295,053
Temporarily restricted	<u>24,999</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 482,399

Kansas City Foundations Help to Bring Healthy Food to Kansas City's Families

The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City has recently expanded support for KCCG's growing Schoolyard Gardens program. In 2012, the Foundation awarded KCCG a new Healthy Lifestyles grant in support of a joint effort with KC Healthy Kids, www.kchealthykids.org, to create more gardens in area schools, provide curriculum options for educators, and conduct research and advocacy to support the community's vision for the future of school gardening in Kansas City.

This year, KCCG was also fortunate to be the recipient of a new Prevention, Intervention, and Education grant from the Wyandotte Health Foundation. The Foundation's support will allow KCCG to respond to growing need for healthy food access in Wyandotte County, Kansas with more outreach to neighborhood groups and residents, free garden skills workshops, satellite services available to members in Kansas City, KS, and other gardening resources in the coming year.

All of KCCG's dedicated foundation supporters are helping KCCG to ensure that Kansas City's children and families have better access to healthy food through school, community, and backyard gardening.

KCCG HAS A NEW TRACTOR!!



Thanks to John W. Speas and Effie E. Speas Memorial Trust-Bank of America, Trustee and all of the generous donors who helped with this effort.

Special Fundraising Event: 2012 Aristocrat Motors Tencap League Tennis Tournament

Many generous donors contributed to KCCG in 2012 as part of their participation in the Mercedes-Benz Dealer Championships. Special thanks to Kathy Gates, the Aristocrat Motors Tencap Tennis League, and everyone involved in the tournament who contributed to KCCG.

Adopt-A-Garden Donors 10/01/11 - 09/30/12

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Fundraising Event: The Gardens at Sunset

On September 15th, 2012, the Heart of America Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier and Kansas City Community Gardens hosted



the inaugural fundraising event, **The Gardens at Sunset**. The backdrop for the evening was the beautiful Beanstalk Children's Garden painted in its fall harvest colors. On any other day, the Beanstalk Garden is a place of discovery for children, so it was

fitting that Danny O'Neill, President and owner of the Roasterie and Honorary Chair of the event, brought his entire family along to experience the celebration of the harvest season.

The evening included music, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. Among the special guests were Kansas City Councilman John Sharp, Brook Salvaggio from Urbavore Farm and Bad Seed Market, Chef Martin Woods of Yia Yia's, and Karen Adler and Judith Fertig, co-authors of the cookbook "The Gardener and the Grill". More than \$12,000 was raised during the evening. These proceeds will help fund the growing number of new community gardens, schoolyard gardens and partner gardens in the Kansas City metropolitan area. KCCG gratefully acknowledges all of the generous sponsors and donors who helped make this wonderful event possible:

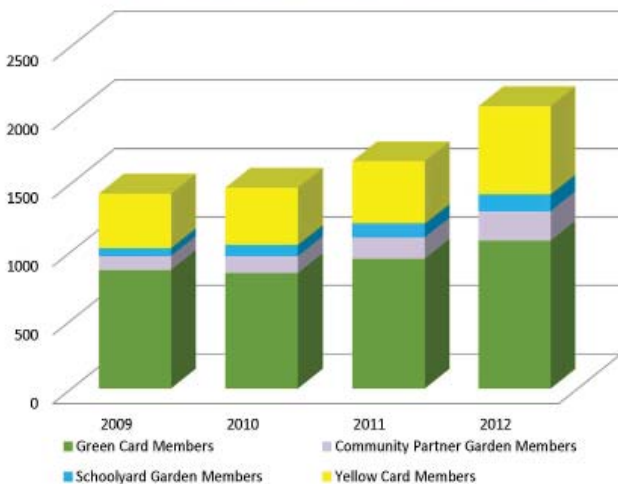
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KCCG MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



Program Statistics 10/01/11 – 09/30/12

Green Card Members (low-income households)	1,078
Yellow Card Members (non-low income households)	644
Community Partner Gardens	210
School Gardens	136
Students participating in Schoolyard Garden Program	6,152
Students participating in other School Gardening Programs	2,060
Children Visiting the Beanstalk Children's Garden	2,429
Garden Plots tilled Metro-Wide	878
Number of seeds packaged for 2012 Garden Season	34,583
Number of plants grown for the 2012 Garden Season	88,980

2012 Marder Award Recipients

Schoolyard Garden: Oakwood Manor Elementary

Oakwood Manor Elementary's gardening program is now in its fourth year of providing students with the opportunity to take part in producing the food they consume and to learn in an outdoor, "hands-on" environment about plant growth, nutrition, soil and water conservation, and composting. Each of the 350 students at the school is involved in the garden. Groups of students from each

classroom go out to the garden daily to participate in tasks such as planting seeds, watering, mulching, harvesting produce, and composting garden and lunch room waste. They are also given the opportunity to taste the freshly picked vegetables and fruits that they have grown. Garden produce is integrated into meals in the cafeteria and what is not used is sold to parents and teachers to help fund the garden. The school has also turned some of their yard into a community garden for use by neighbors needing a space to garden. Oakwood Manor's commitment to their school garden, the involvement of all the students and the integration of their garden into their school's culture makes this school a great recipient for the Marder Award.



Individual Gardener: Ray Cartwright



Ray Cartwright, a new gardener with KCCG, already has exhibited the very essence of community gardening. Ray rents two garden plots at the Eastwood Hills Community Garden that he keeps in exceptional condition. Ray can be found at the garden first thing in the morning and last thing in the evening. He is seen, after tending the "farm", resting, sometimes sleeping, or reading under the pergola, because he loves the serenity of the garden and takes full advantage of the peace and quiet offered there. Ray is known by all in the garden and has taken upon himself the task assisting gardeners with their plots when vacation or health issues keep them away. Ray Cartwright has become a friend to all, an assistant to all and a positive presence to all at the Eastwood Hills Community Gardens.

Community Partner Garden: St. Luke's Community Garden

St. Luke's Community Garden was started in 2010. This garden is mission focused - the food grown is donated to either REAP in Raytown or Community Assistance Council in the Hickman Mills area. Garden produce has also been given to many church members in need. Volunteers working with St. Luke's Community Garden have done an outstanding job recruiting garden participants and organizing the preparation, weeding, planting, maintenance and harvesting of the garden. Volunteers meet twice a week during the garden season to keep up with garden maintenance. This past year, one of the St. Luke's community gardeners installed a watering system with soaker hoses which has made it easier to water the garden. The garden was also expanded to a second plot across Bannister Road, increasing the amount of produce donated. Garden coordinators, Dave and Judy Arnold have been gardening for years and are committed to the mission of this garden. They help coordinate a yearly newsletter to church members highlighting the gardens' achievements and an annual bake sale to raise money to purchase seeds and plants. This summer when many gardeners abandoned their gardens to weeds and heat, the volunteers at St. Luke's Community Garden worked hard to keep their garden going so that they could support local food banks. Their commitment to maintaining their garden and serving their community makes them outstanding recipients for the Marder Award.



KCCG Brings Seeds, Plants and Workshops into the Community

Kansas City Community Gardens serves home, school, and community gardeners throughout the metro area. Over the past several years, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of gardeners living outside of the Kansas City, MO city limits requesting services from KCCG. However, sometimes gardeners living in places such as Kansas City, KS and Independence, MO have a difficult time getting to Swope Park during operating hours.

This year KCCG established satellite seed and plant distribution sites in both KCK and Independence. On six select days during the growing season, KCCG staff and volunteers loaded up seeds and plants and brought them to sell to gardeners who otherwise would not have benefitted from our services. All of these distributions were very popular – often with lines out the door.



Another important resource KCCG offers is gardening workshops. In addition to the workshops held at KCCG offices, KCCG staff took their show on the road to various places in Independence and KCK. Workshops on topics such as basic gardening, growing fruit, composting, and raised bed gardening attracted crowds of people – anywhere from 15- 80 people attended each workshop.

KCCG is excited about the overwhelmingly positive response and will continue and expand our efforts to help gardeners throughout the metro area access quality, low-cost gardening resources.

5th Annual Fall Family Festival a Success

A record crowd turned out on a gorgeous, sunny September 8 for the 5th Annual Fall Family Festival at the Beanstalk Children's Garden, located at 6917 Kensington in Swope Park.

For the second year in a row, the festival set attendance records as 724 visitors and volunteers enjoyed a day packed full of activities. Even though it was a dry and difficult summer for many gardeners, the Beanstalk was in full bloom, to the delight of those who came to enjoy what has become a popular September outing for kids and families.

Festival participants sampled tasty garden treats, played games, and took home prizes – including a book from the Kansas City Public Library. Visitors had the opportunity to go on a scavenger hunt, make peanut butter, get their faces painted, decorate miniature pumpkins, plant basil seedlings to take home, and watch demonstrations by members of the Spinners and Weavers Guild.



Free guided horse rides proved to be a very popular activity of the day. Sammy Howell, a Kansas City Community Gardens board member, brought his horses for the second year. Also drawing crowds were the animals of Lakeside Nature Center and the bug station, where kids were challenged to find insects in the garden in exchange for prizes.

Volunteer chefs from the Heart of America Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier, led by KCCG board member Vicki Johnson, handed out samples of vegetables and fruits they had prepared on the grill. Grilled okra was a new and popular item this year, and The Westport Garden Club provided volunteers and delicious cookies. KCCG thanks all of our wonderful volunteers for making the festival such a success this year and invites the community to join us next year for the 6th annual event, planned for Sept. 7, 2013.

Volunteers 10/01/11 - 09/30/12



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 Sally West
 Joe White
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 Jennifer Wolfe
 Peggy Yates

Eastwood Hills Community Garden



One of KCCG's biggest accomplishments in 2012 was the official opening of the Eastwood Hills Community Garden at 8100 Ozark Road. Planning for this garden began in the fall of 2010 as KCCG worked closely with staff members of the City Planning and Development

Department, Eastwood Hills Neighborhood Association representatives, and other community members to determine how an acre of land at the former site of the Municipal Corrections Institution, could be repurposed as a large community garden space.

KCCG staff planned for the new garden and worked to build garden infrastructure for more than a year. During the spring and summer 2012 gardening season, all of the 58 20'x25' ground plots and 44 4'x12' raised beds were rented to area gardeners. The garden's grand opening celebration on June 19th displayed the hard work of the Eastwood Hills community gardeners. Throughout the hot, dry summer, these energetic and dedicated gardeners kept their gardens in pristine condition and enjoyed bountiful harvests.

Community Partner Garden Profiles

The Rooftop Garden at The Residences of West Paseo



When you drive past the intersection of 26th and Paseo, and look up, you would never guess that one of Kansas City's most thriving rooftop gardens is above you. But in fact, 11 devoted gardeners from The Residences of West Paseo have turned their rooftop into a flourishing vegetable garden.

The garden began in the spring of 2007 when several residents of this low-income apartment building for seniors called KCCG asking for assistance with starting a garden on their roof. The first year, KCCG delivered 45 half-barrel containers up the elevator and to their roof. The garden has been such a success that the residents applied for and received a mini-grant providing funding for 18 additional barrels and a deck box, which KCCG delivered last month.

The gardeners grow many different types of vegetables in their barrels. Collard greens, swiss chard, beets, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, beans, herbs, and potatoes are popular; some residents even grow corn. The group has a standing expectation that only food will be grown, and all gardeners willingly share the harvest with the rest of the building's residents. Gardeners build community through a monthly garden club meeting and potluck. The garden has increased access to fresh produce for members of this community, who struggle with limited transportation and no easily accessible grocery stores. These gardeners' innovation and hard work has transformed a vacant roof space into a resource for their community.

Santa Fe Neighborhood Community Garden

The Santa Fe Neighborhood Community Garden is located on historic Benton Boulevard on the grounds of St. Paul Presbyterian Church. The garden consists of 12 raised beds and captures 800 gallons of rainwater to meet its water needs. While this garden might not be the biggest in the city, the garden's impact and influence rivals that of any other garden Kansas City has to offer.

Stop by the garden and you'll surely meet Toni Gatlin, a passionate master gardener who wants everyone in her neighborhood to experience the health benefits that fresh fruits and vegetables provide. Toni will often remind visitors that the area around the garden wasn't always a food desert. When she was growing up, there were fruit trees growing throughout the neighborhood. Toni and her friends would pick fruit from the yards of neighbors while playing in the street. Families not only had fruit trees and gardens, but they also knew how to cook and preserve the food they grew.

For Toni and her fellow gardeners, a sense of urgency fuels their passion for gardening. They firmly believe that if we do not share our history and gardening knowledge, the skills to grow food could be lost for the next generation. Toni is not shy when it comes to sharing the importance of growing and eating healthy foods. People walking by are often startled to hear someone shouting at them from across the garden, educating them on some gardening fact or statistic and inviting them to harvest or work in the garden at any time.



Working with youth is another core value of the Santa Fe Neighborhood garden. From hosting high school student volunteers to teaching small kids from the local daycare; these community gardeners tirelessly pursue any opportunity to get the youth into the garden.

Possibly the most inspiring aspect of these gardeners' work is their willingness to collaborate with other groups, as they help to develop new gardens throughout the community. Toni reaches out to the community to further her vision of beautiful gardens that feed, educate, and bring neighbors together in our city. We could use a lot more gardeners and gardens like Toni and the Santa Fe Neighborhood Community Garden in Kansas City.

Community Partner Gardens 10/01/11 - 09/30/12

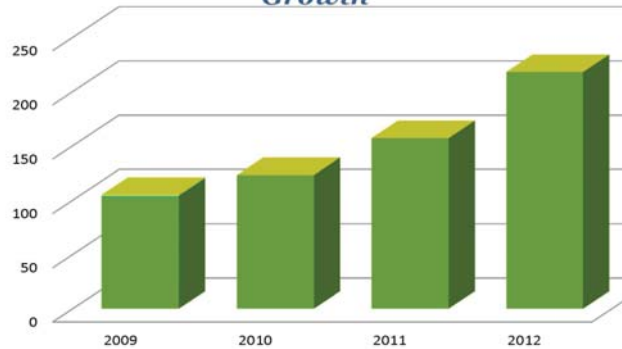
Kansas City Missouri

24th Street Garden Club
 40 Acres and a Mule
 Adonai Garden
 Alley Garden
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 Bethlehem Coop Garden
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 Blue Hills Community Garden
 Bowers Memorial CME Community Garden
 Canady Bunch
 Centennial United Methodist Garden
 Columbus Park Plaza
 Community Assistance Council- Carol's Garden
 Community of the Good Shepherd
 Conception Community Garden
 Country Club Christian Preschool
 Country Club UMC Garden Ministry
 Covenant Presbyterian Church Community Garden
 Crown Gardens
 De La Salle Community Garden
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 DST Systems - 10th & Jefferson
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 Eastwood Hills Community Garden
 East Hills Village
 Emmanuel Family and Childhood Center
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 Green Acres
 Gregory Ridge Homeowners
 Guinotte Manor Community Garden
 Habitat for Humanity Garden
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 Heartland All Species
 Holy Family House
 Hopeful Gardens
 International Women's Shura Council
 Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council- Grown in Ivanhoe

Ivanhoe Scout's Sprouts
 Ivanhoe/Richardson Community Garden
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 Jerusalem Farm
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 Kansas City Art Institute Home Grown Garden
 KCPD Athletic League
 KCUMB Community Garden
 Lincoln University Cooperative Extension
 Linwood YMCA
 Macedonia Baptist Church- Honor thy Mother
 Earth Garden
 Manheim Park Neighborhood Community Garden

Residences of West Paseo Garden
 Rock Solid Urban Impact
 Safe Center Garden- Veronica's Voice
 Salvation Army
 Seven Oaks Neighborhood Garden
 Sheffield Place
 Sprout Community Garden
 St. James Catholic Church
 St. James Garden @ 40 Acres
 St. John Gardens
 St. Joseph's Garden
 St. Louis Church Food Pantry I
 St. Louis Church Food Pantry II

KCCG Community Partner Garden Growth



Marlborough East Gardens
 Marlborough Manor Community Garden
 Mattie Rhodes- Jardin Jubilo
 Model Block Community Garden- Voices of the People
 Mom's Garden
 Morning Star Baptist Church
 Mount Sinai Community Garden
 New Horizon Community Garden
 New Life Community Garden
 Newhouse Domestic Violence Shelter
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 Washington Wheatley Neighborhood Association
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 Whatsoever Community Center
 Willis Chapel Community Garden
 Wonderland

Jackson County

(not KCMO)

3 P's Community Garden
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 Bennington Street Garden
 Boys and Girls Club- Leslie
 Boys and Girls Club- Hawthorne
 Community Services League
 Deerbrook Covenant Church Garden
 Fairmount Heights Community Garden
 Grandview School District Community Garden
 Green Thumb Club Garden
 Habitat for Humanity Truman Heritage
 Hawthorne Place Community Garden
 Hocker Heights Community Garden
 Homes Cool 4-H Club
 ICAN
 Lee's Summit Christian Church- Welcome Garden
 Lone Jack Historical Society
 Love Garden
 MCC – Longview AGBS Department
 Neighborhood 9 Community Garden
 Oil Light Ministries Community Garden
 Pleasant Garden
 Prairie Estates
 Randall Road Garden
 St. Anne's Episcopal Church Garden
 St. Mark's United Methodist Community Garden
 St. Paul Community Garden
 The Pathways by Net Giver Foundation
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 YMCA – Independence
 YMCA Garden of Raytown
 Zion's Witness Community Garden

Cass County

St. Mary Magdalene Community Garden
 St. Paul's Eden Project
 Testimony Garden
 Uplift Gardens

North of the river

Grace Baptist Karen Gardens
 Grace's Garden
 Holy Family Catholic Church
 Kendallwood Hill Estates Garden
 Maple Park Gardens Community Garden
 Park University Community Garden
 Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
 Platte County Community Garden
 Safe Haven – Synergy Services
 SDA Gladstone Church Community Garden
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 45th Avenue Community Garden
 Anti Hero

Kansas

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 Grinter Chapel Community Garden
 Healthy Sprouts Garden
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 Juniper Park Community Garden- Roeland Park
 Kansas Bhutanese Community Garden
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 Minnie Street Garden- Healthy Kidz
 KC Jewish Community Mitzvah Garden
 OCP Community Garden
 Old Mission United Methodist Church
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- More than 1,000 low-income families living in Kansas City’s food deserts and other urban neighborhoods are able to benefit from reduced-cost garden tilling, seeds, plants, fertilizer, and other garden supplies and services;
- Over 200 garden projects at KCCG’s Community Partner Garden agencies, including nonprofits, congregations, neighborhood organizations, and other community groups are able to provide fresh food to the hungry, physical activity for disabled individuals, and learning opportunities for at-risk children;
- Nearly 1,000 gardeners, both KCCG members and non-members, participated in free garden skills workshops this year at our Swope Park office and at partner agencies including Harvesters, Community Housing Wyandotte County, and the Independence Health Department;
- More than 2,400 children and youth learned about urban gardening and healthy eating by visiting the Beanstalk Children’s Garden, located at 6917 Kensington in Swope Park;
- KCCG was able to provide 135,000 square feet of garden space to more than 200 community gardeners at our Eastwood Hills, Swope Park, Ivanhoe/Richardson, Freeway Park, and other community gardens throughout the metropolitan Kansas City area.

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Schoolyard Garden Profiles

In 2012 schools, after-school programs, and community centers stretching to each corner of the metro area grew food in gardens located on school grounds. These gardens helped expose 120 schools (over 6,000 metro students) ranging from Preschool to 12th grade to the wonders of growing and eating your own food. Beyond eating nutritious food from the garden, schoolyard gardens gave students the opportunity to be physically active, created pride and ownership in school communities, and allowed students a “hands on” learning experience in a variety of school subjects. Students worked hard to tend their gardens in 2012 and took pride in their harvests. The Schoolyard Gardens staff is proud to share some of the schools’ accomplishments below.

Raytown South Middle School

In the fall of 2011 a group of 20 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students from Raytown South Middle School worked together to build four raised beds at the school. In March these students planted a spring garden and as they worked and harvested a variety of vegetables, involvement in the garden grew. This fall 100 different students worked to plant, maintain and harvest vegetables and herbs. Students enjoyed tasting fresh vegetables directly from the garden, and created and shared garden meals during their homeroom periods. The remaining harvest was donated to the Raytown Emergency Assistance Program food pantry.

M.E. Pearson Elementary: Communities In Schools

M.E. Pearson is growing gardeners! Since 2010, Communities In Schools of Northeast Kansas (CIS) has hosted an afterschool gardening club for third and fourth grade students. The garden was built in 2000 and is now a joint effort of CIS and KCK Organic Teaching Gardens. The CIS gardening club is active throughout the year allowing the students ownership over many roles in the garden, from selecting the plants and seeds, to daily maintenance and harvesting, and finally to preparing the food as a healthy snack alternative. This year, because of the garden’s popularity, CIS had to limit the number of students in the garden club. Beyond working in the garden, students spent time researching the vegetables they grew, where the food they eat comes from and environmental responsibility. In addition, students were sent home with vegetables and healthy bilingual recipes that featured that day’s harvest.

Paper, Pencil, Play

This year, students at Paper, Pencil, Play Early Childhood Center spent a lot of time in their garden. Children as young as two

years old had a chance to plant seeds and transplants and watch the vegetables grow from their back window. For many of the students, the garden provided a fun opportunity to dig in the soil and to find bugs among the vegetables. Inside the classroom students learned about how vegetables grow, and about the importance of roots, water, soil and sunlight. Students then colored pictures of plants and displayed the art

for parents and friends to see. Cherry tomatoes and radishes were two of their favorite vegetables to harvest. The garden was built along a deck that provided a trellis to grow flowers and climbing plants behind the vegetables, and the school looks forward to planting gourds next season to use in art projects.



Crispus Attucks Elementary

school. The Attucks garden is a combined effort of several classroom teachers and the afterschool program - run by the Local Investment Commission (LINC). In 2012, teachers used the garden as a way to enhance classroom learning on healthy eating and to increase their students’ exposure to plant life. Students enrolled in LINC’s afterschool and summer programs who wanted to garden joined the garden club. These students not only worked to plant and maintain their raised beds, but also stayed vigilant over the classrooms’ beds during their summer program. Students were able to taste the food that they grew and also took produce home to their families. This fall LINC staff reached out to Attucks parents to promote gardening - providing them with handouts and informational evenings on the health and social benefits of gardening in a community garden.

Crispus Attucks Elementary

At Attucks Elementary students are exposed to gardening both during school and after

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 Alta Vista Charter School
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Jackson County (not KCMO)

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 Boys & Girls Club – Leslie Unite
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North of River

Briarcliff Elementary
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 Oakhill Day School
 Oakwood Manor Elementary
 Parkhill Early Childhood Education Center

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