A Message From the Executive Director

KCCG is celebrating a successful and challenging year, as we find ourselves transforming from a relatively small, grassroots 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
- Supporting groups: 36,254
- Supporting business: 13,082
- Supporting foundations: 230,654
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: 5,815
Sub-Total: $46,046

Other Revenue:
- Special events: 19,508
- Merchandise sales: 24,514
- Investment income: 7,333
- Other income: 5,569
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: 17,998
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: 30,177
- Total Current Assets: $119,717
- Property and Equipment: 362,682
- Total Assets: $482,399

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:
- Accounts payable: $4,577
- Accrued expenses and other liabilities: 17,770
- Total Liabilities: $22,347

Net Assets:
- Unrestricted:
  - Board-designated: $140,000
  - Undesignated: 295,053
  - Temporarily restricted: 24,999
- 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.

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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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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.
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.
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.
Kansas City Community Gardens 2012 Annual Report

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

24th Street Garden Club
40 Acres and a Mule
Adonai Garden
Alley Garden
Amen Ra Ankh Farm
Amethyst Place
Apostle Doctrine Fellowship
Beechcraft Neighborhood Garden
Bethlehem Coop Garden
Blooms and Brooms
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
Developing Potential Community Garden
Don Bosco Community Center
DST Systems - 10th & Jefferson
DST Systems - 18 Broadway
East 75th Terrace Community Garden
Eastwood Hills Community Garden
East Hills Village
Emmanuel Family and Childhood Center
Freeway Park Community Garden
Friendship Village
Front Porch Alliance
Grand Avenue Temple United Methodist
Green Acres
Gregory Ridge Homeowners
Guinotte Manor Community Garden
Habitat for Humanity Garden
Harvester’s Demonstration Garden
Heard My Cry Community Garden
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
Jamison Temple Community Garden
Jerusalem Farm
Justin Joyit’s Garden and Ghostary
Kansas City Art Institute Home Grown Garden
KCPT Athletic League
KCUMB Community Garden
Lincoln University Cooperative Extension
Linwood YMCA
Macedonia Baptist Church- Honor thy Mother
Earth Garden
Manheim Park Neighborhood Community Garden
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
Noble Neighborhood Community Garden
North Blue Ridge Community Garden
Norton Community Garden
NOVA Center
Nowlin Hall Community Garden
Oak Meyer Gardens- Tierra del Fuego
Oakley Street Community Garden
Palestine Caring Community I & II
Palestine Gardens Garden
Paseo West Community Garden
Peaceful Gardens
Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association
Plant-A-Seed
Research Medical Center Community Garden
St. Luke’s United Methodist Church Garden
St. Matthew Apostle Catholic Church
St. Paul/Santa Fe Community Garden
St. Paul’s Episcopal Community Garden
St. Peter’s Community Garden
St. Therese Little Flower Community Garden
Switzer Neighborhood Farm
Swope Health Center Garden
Swope Park Community Garden
Temple of Faith Missionary Baptist
The Pathways – Pemberton Place
Troost Village Community Garden
Troostwood Youth Garden
Truman Medical Center
V.A. Medical Center
Victorious Life Church Garden
Vineyard Community Center
Volker Neighborhood Garden
Washington Wheatley Neighborhood Association
Westport Historical Society
Westport/Wyoming Community Garden
Whatsoever Community Center
Willis Chapel Community Garden
Wonderland
Jackson County
(not KCMO)

3 P's Community Garden
All For One Poor Kids International
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
Prairie Estates
Randall Road Garden
St. Anne's Episcopal Church Garden
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The Pathways by Net Giver Foundation
Tongues of Fire
Woods Chapel Senior Housing
YMCA – Independence
YMCA Garden of Raytown
Zion's Witness Community Garden

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
14th & Scott Community Garden
45th Avenue Community Garden
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AYS Youth Garden
Bethel Neighborhood Center
Cathedral Community Garden
Chelsea Community Garden- KCAW
Cross-Lines Garden
Essex Street Community Garden
First Central Church of the Brethren
Grace Temple Church Community Garden
Grinter Chapel Community Garden
Healthy Sprouts Garden
Hillcrest Transitional Living
Juniper Park Community Garden- Roeland Park
Kansas Bhutanese Community Garden
Kol Ami- God's Garden
Latino Health for All Coalition Community Garden
Minnie Street Garden- Healthy Kidz
KC Jewish Community Mitzvah Garden
OCP Community Garden
Old Mission United Methodist Church
Pemberton Place
Prairie Village Community Garden
Quindaro Gardens Institute Free Picking Garden
Rainbow Mennonite Church
Salsa, Sabor y Salud
Salt of the Earth – 3rd Street Church of God
South Early Street Community Garden
St. Ann Community Garden
St. Joseph's Community Garden
St. Luke's Community Garden
St. Paul's Episcopal Community Garden
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
St. Pius Community Garden
Strawberry Hill Community Garden
Strugglers Hill/Roots
Tithe Garden
Trinity Community Garden
Troup Urban Garden- TUG
Turner Community Garden
YMCA 8th Street
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KCCG is extraordinarily grateful for the generous financial contributions of our donors and friends in the community during the past year.

With your support:

• 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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Leawood Garden Club
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Raytown Garden Club
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
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Memorial Gifts

In memory of Ruth and Ora Irick from Tracey Allen-Ehrhart
In memory of Lenn Garrison from Paula Hendrickson & Robert Garrison
In memory of Poley Howard from Arleta Howard
In memory of Frank W. Koger from M.C. Koger
In memory of Mark F. Litteken from Elizabeth Ann Neiters

Honorary Gifts

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bowers from Betty Jo & Henry Marder
In honor of Teleesa Kruse from Anonymous
In honor of Becky Johnston from Jo Cooper
In honor of Great nieces & nephews from Sally Frederick
In honor of Dody Gates from Kathy & Kirkland Gates
In honor of Dick & Laura Cray from June Lile
In honor of Phoebe Bunting from Bill & Peggy Lyons
In honor of Mom and Dad from Ronald Nelson
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
At Attucks Elementary students are exposed to gardening both during school and after 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.
## School Gardens 10/01/11 - 09/30/12

### Kansas City, MO

ACE School  
Alta Vista Charter School  
Bambini Creativi  
Barstow School  
Benjamin Banneker Charter School  
Boone Elementary  
Border Star (Planting Seeds for the Future)  
Border Star Montessori  
Boys & Girls Club – Thornberry Unit  
Burke Elementary  
Calvary Temple After School Program  
Canada Day Care Center  
Canada’s Precious Childcare  
Center Elementary  
Center High School  
Cerner Innovations Kids  
Crispus Attucks Elementary  
De La Salle Education Center  
*Dobbs Elementary  
East High School  
Eastwood Hills Elementary  
Foreign Language Academy  
Gifted Hands Talented Minds  
Gillis School  
Glad Tidings Development Center  
*Gladstone Elementary  
Global Montessori  
Gordon Parks Elementary  
Hartman Elementary  
Hogan Prep Academy  
Holliday Montessori  
Holy Cross Catholic School  
Ingels Accelerated Elementary School  
James Elementary  
Johnson Elementary  
Kansas City Academy  
Kansas City Urban Youth Center – East Hills  
Kansas City Urban Youth Center – Troost  
KCLUMB  
Lee A. Tolbert Academy  
Longfellow Elementary  
M.L. King Elementary  
Metro Early Learning Center  
Niles Home for Children  
Notre Dame de Sion  
Operation Breakthrough  
Our Lady of Angels  
Paper Pencil Play Family Childcare  
Plaza de Ninos – Guadalupe Centers  
Rainbow School  
Research Child Development Center  
reStart Inc.  
Santa Fe Elementary  
*Satchel Paige Elementary  
Schmidt Family Homeschool  
Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School  
Sunrise Montessori  
Symington Elementary  
Thomas Rogue Head Start  
Troost Elementary  
Truman Elementary  
UMKC Berkley CFDC  
University Academy  
Urban Community Leadership Academy  
Warford Elementary  
Wendell Phillips Elementary  
Wheatley Elementary

## North of River

Briarcliff Elementary  
Cerner Kids  
Crestview Elementary  
New Mark Middle School  
Oakhill Day School  
Oakwood Manor Elementary  
Parkhill Early Childhood Education Center

## Kansas

*Argentine Middle  
*Banneker Elementary  
Beth Shalom School  
Bishop Ward High School  
Boys & Girls Club – Wyandotte County Unit  
*Caruthers Elementary  
Children’s Campus of KC ELC  
Clear Creek Elementary  
Comanche Elementary  
Douglass Elementary  
Epic Arts – Clay Studio  
Eugene Ware Elementary  
*Frank Rushton Elementary  
Frank Rushton – Rosedale Healthy Kids  
Goddard School – Olathe  
Goddard School – Overland Park  
Havencroft Elementary  
Head Start of Shawnee Mission  
John Fiske Elementary  
Kansas City Urban Youth Center - Rosedale Ridge  
Little Angels Day Care  
M.E. Pearson – Communities in Schools of NE Kansas  
Marillac  
McKinley Elementary  
Noble Prentis Elementary  
*Northwest Middle School  
Our Lady’s Montessori  
Patton Jr. High School  
*Quindaro Elementary  
Ridgeview Elementary  
*Rosedale Middle School  
Silver City Elementary  
Stony Point South Elementary  
Summer Academy of Arts and Science  
V. Lindsay Seventh-day Adventist School  
Whittier Elementary - Community is Schools of NE KS  
Wyandotte High School  
Xavier Elementary

*Schools not enrolled in the Schoolyard Gardens Program.
Kansas City Community Gardens announces the 20th annual “Adopt-A-Garden” campaign to help raise financial support for gardens in the metropolitan area. The Adopt-A-Garden program provides essential donor support for community, school, and home gardens throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Your gift helps to fund KCCG’s core mission and programs, including essential operating costs, and helps to purchase vegetable seeds, plants, and fertilizer to enable low-income families and others in Kansas City to produce food from garden plots. Each contributor of $50 or more will receive background information and a photo of his or her adopted garden.

Please fill out the attached form and mail it with your contribution to: KCCG, 6917 Kensington, Kansas City, MO, 64132.

To make a secure online donation by credit card:
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2) Click on “Donate”
3) Click on “Adopt-A-Garden” and follow the instructions.

For information on how you can adopt a garden, call 816-931-3877.

YES, I want to help grow a Kansas City Community Garden

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Zip _______________Phone _____________________________
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___$100 - “Seedling”
___$250 - “Vine
___$500 - “Community Trellis”
___$1000 - “Cornucopia”
___Other amount $ ___________

Kansas City Community Gardens is a not-for-profit corporation that assists low-income households and other residents of the Kansas City metropolitan area grow vegetables and fruit from garden plots located in backyards, vacant lots, schoolyards and community sites.

For information call 816-931-3877 or visit our offices at 6917 Kensington, Kansas City, MO 64132

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