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THE 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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A Message From the Executive Director



We are also pleased to announce that KCCG and The Giving Grove have combined efforts to provide self-help and educational assistance to low-income families in order to grow their own food. As a subsidiary of KCCG, Giving Grove brings expertise and focus on providing hunger relief by planting edible fruit gardens, and developing a sustainable system for tending and harvesting.

At Kansas City Community Gardens, we have a model for food production that reaches food insecure families. In 2013 we were able to extend that reach into Kansas City, Kansas with several new community partner gardens, schoolyard gardens and home gardens. Although the number of low-income families enrolled as KCCG members has grown over thirty percent in the last five years, there still remain a large number of food insecure families that need access to fresh produce - and our staff, partners and volunteers are working hard to address that need.

Faith communities, not-for-profit organizations, neighborhood associations and senior living communities have been strong partners in helping KCCG reach those who need access to fresh produce. These partners engage people of all ages in the planting, harvesting and distribution of the produce to food pantries and shelters. These food-producing communities inspire creativity, healthy living and the act of kindness. A few of our new community partners are featured in this report.

Given the growing interest in gardening as well as the growing community need for access to healthy food, we believe that our staff, partners and volunteers will continue to make an impact in reaching food insecure families in the metropolitan area. We are grateful for the support from our funders, partners, schools and volunteers. Thank you for making a difference in this community.

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Ben Sharda

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Statement of Revenue and Expense

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Statement of Revenue and Expense**For the Year Ended September 30, 2013**

Contributions:	
Donor designation - United Way	\$5,505
Government grant and contracts	72,624
Adopt-A-Garden	8,265
United Way	33,173
Supporting individuals	135,427
Contributions	809
Supporting groups	31,950
Supporting business	67,817
Supporting foundations	393,330
Sub-Total	\$748,900

Program Service Revenue:	
Participating individual	\$9,825
Garden plot fees	4,495
Tilling fees	2,274
Seeds	4,293
Plant sales	14,709
Beanstalk fees	4,465
Sub-Total	\$40,061

Other Revenue:	
Special events	\$30,304
Merchandise sales	32,559
Investment loss	(485)
Sub-Total	\$62,378
Total Revenue	\$851,339

Expenses	
Costs of goods sold	\$30,807
Salaries	326,291
Payroll Tax	28,604
Employee benefits	91,209
Advertising	125
Depreciation	27,980
Dues & subscriptions	768
Garden Construction	30,857
Gas and oil	11,779
Insurance	17,018
Mileage & parking	8,007

Miscellaneous	3,391
Newsletter	4,501
Postage	2,072
Printing	3,597
Professional services	9,800
Program service expense	25,496
Repairs & maintenance	5,613
Security service	1,145
Special events	13,670
Supplies	33,971
Telephone & internet	4,445
Training	100
Utilities	19,449
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$700,695

Change in net assets \$150,644

Balance Sheet**For the Year Ended September 30, 2013****ASSETS**

Current	
Cash	\$116,021
Accounts receivable	30,345
Grants receivable	67,013
Inventory	5,513
Prepaid insurance	19,885
Total Current Assets	\$238,777
Property and Equipment	\$350,234
Total Assets	\$644,841

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$14,247
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	19,898
Total Liabilities	\$34,145
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted:	
Board Designated	\$140,000
Undesignated	292,337
Temporarily restricted	178,359
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$644,841

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Green Card Members (low-income households)	1,141
Yellow Card Members (non-low income households)	742
Community Partner Gardens	230
Schoolyard Gardens	137
Students Participating in Schoolyard Gardens Program	8,200
Students Participating in Other School Gardening Programs	2,100
Children Visiting the Beanstalk Children’s Garden	2015
Garden Plots Tilled Metro-Wide	953
Number of Seed Packs Packaged for the 2013 Garden Season	38,054
Number of Plants Grown for the 2013 Garden Season	80,880

VOLUNTEERS 10/01/12 - 09/30/13

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Jhampi Biswa	Willie Gerald III	Jim Lloyd	Jessie Schiele	Elnora Woods
Dorothy Bowlus	Lorelei Gibson	Janet Lopez	Jordan Schiele	J. D. Woods
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Groups

- Alta Vista Volunteers
- Barstow School
- Center Middle School
- Cerner Corporation
- Federal Reserve Bank
- Youth Volunteer Corps of Greater Kansas City
- Kansas City Power & Light
- Platte City Disabled Adults Program
- St. Andrews Episcopal Church
- Urban Scholastic Center Volunteers
- Whole Foods Team Volunteers

Adopt-a-Garden Contributors 10/1/12- 9/30/13

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Alma Allen	Laura Fields	Joy Jones	Jack and Susan Pierson
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2013 FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Face painting! Pumpkin toss!

Garden scavenger hunt! Horseback rides!

Despite sultry temperatures, on September seventh we hosted another successful Fall Family Festival, with nearly 500 visitors and volunteers enjoying a day full of activities. The festival at the Leanna Flandermeyer Beanstalk Children's Garden has become an annual September highlight, especially for families with children. Admission is free, and visitors can have fun and learn about gardening and healthy eating through a variety of games, demonstrations, and food samplings.

Visitors to the festival this year sampled fruits and vegetables placed throughout the garden for their enjoyment. Especially tasty, were the garden foods freshly grilled by volunteer chefs from the Heart of America Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier, led by Kansas City Community Gardens board member Vicki Johnson.

Popular as always were face painting and the pumpkin-painting stations. Children also got a big kick out of the bug and butterfly station, where they could find insects in the garden in exchange for

prizes. Horseback riding, provided by Sammy Howell, a Kansas City Community Gardens board member, drew a steady line of participants. Games included a scavenger hunt and a pumpkin ring toss, both for prizes. Kids could make peanut butter and then sample it, and they could plant a basil seedling to take home. They could win a book at the Kansas City Public Library's game, families could watch demonstrations by the Spinners and Weavers Guild throughout the day. KCCG's new fruit program, The Giving Grove, answered visitors' questions about planting fruit trees and even gave away some trees!

Thanks to all the volunteers who made it a successful day, with a special high five to the Westport Garden Club, whose members not only helped with the games and activities, but also provided delicious cookies for lunch and snack sales. We couldn't do it without our wonderful volunteers.

**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US IN 2014 ON
SEPTEMBER 6TH FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL
FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL!**

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KCCG GROWS IN WYCO

Although Kansas City Community Gardens has always served individuals and groups on both sides of the state line, we have historically had more members in Missouri. This is due, in part, to the location of our offices in Swope Park. As our programs have expanded, however, we have gained capacity and have increased our Community Partner Gardens, Schoolyard Gardens, and Home Gardener memberships in Wyandotte County. For example, Wyandotte County Community Partner Garden membership went from 26 in 2012 to 41 in 2013.

2013 was an especially fruitful year for building gardens in Wyandotte County. With the help of funding from the Wyandotte County Health Foundation and the Unified Government -Hollywood Casino Grant Fund, KCCG was able to

build 128 raised beds at 14 community groups in Wyandotte County in 2013 alone. These gardens translate to increased access to fresh produce and increased physical activity for those who most need it. Our Schoolyard Gardens program has also expanded in Wyandotte County. In 2011 we worked with only 16 schools in Wyandotte County. In 2013 this number jumped to 25. Many Kansas City, KS public schools are neighborhood schools, increasing the amount of parent and community involvement in the school gardens and making healthier changes more sustainable.

We realize that it is sometimes difficult for those living on the west side of the state line to access our services. KCCG has addressed this issue by offering our memberships, fertilizers, seeds and plants at Bethany

Community Center in the heart of Kansas City, KS at various times throughout the year. In 2013 KCCG staff also led 19 workshops on garden-related topics at various locations across Wyandotte County, focusing on topics such as basic gardening, gardening in raised bed, and rainwater catchment.

We have enjoyed working with community groups, schools and home gardeners in Wyandotte County and we hope that word will continue to spread about the expertise and affordability that KCCG has to offer gardeners. In 2014 we look forward to adding our first KCCG managed community garden in Northrup Park at the corner of 10th and Grandview. This garden with 25 raised beds and 24 ground plots will open in spring 2014 and provide garden space for neighborhood residents to grow their own food.



MARDER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year we award two gardens with the Marder Award, which recognizes gardens that demonstrate the “spirit of community gardening.”

COMMUNITY PARTNER GARDEN

Switzer Neighborhood Farm

This past year, Switzer Neighborhood Farm shined as an example of a community garden embracing the spirit of community. Switzer partners with Westside Community Action Network in the West Side Neighborhood of Kansas City, Missouri. The garden was started in 2009 and now has 31 raised beds. Switzer has done an outstanding job recruiting participants from the neighborhood and has become organized as a group garden. Instead of garden beds being “rented” by individuals, the whole garden is planted, maintained and harvested by all garden participants together.

Marcella Morales-Gaona, the Switzer Garden Coordinator, has worked hard to make this garden a success. Last spring, Switzer was the first Community Partner Garden to complete a planting plan with the KCCG staff; she also nearly attended all of the workshops KCCG held throughout the year. Marcella worked hard with her group of participants to set up the garden in a way that facilitates the group gardening model. For example, she made signs for each bed with the crop name, variety, date planted and days to maturity so that everyone in the garden would be more knowledgeable. After participants harvested what they needed from the garden, Marcella oversaw the donation of excess produce to neighbors, the Ruiz Library and Westside Community Action Network.



SCHOOLYARD GARDEN

Grandview High School According to Ecology teacher Heath Cooper, students at Grandview High School have grown right along with the garden that they started this past spring. Mr. Cooper’s 10-12 grade ecology classrooms worked in the garden together as he integrated garden activities directly into his curriculum. The garden was also utilized through the summer thanks to the hard work of eight students who went to the high school on a regular basis to help with garden maintenance. During the fall classroom instruction over 100 students helped harvest 83.46 pounds of produce.

While the garden may have started as a classroom assignment, it evolved throughout the year as students started harvesting produce and were able to take home fresh food. “The students went from being terrified of the dirt, the bugs, and sometimes the plants themselves to taking home pound after pound of produce. Throughout this process students have not only learned about what it takes to be a successful gardener, but have also gained a great deal of knowledge regarding healthy eating choices,” Mr. Cooper remarked.

Grandview High School is a great example of what we hope our school gardens look like: a fun, educational classroom experience that encourages students to become interested in growing their own food.



The Gardens at Sunset

The Gardens at Sunset



Kansas City Community Gardens held its second annual Gardens at Sunset fundraiser in the midst of fall harvest season on September 15th. Guests in attendance enjoyed the evening in the beautiful Beanstalk Garden with music by Shades of Jade, libations provided by the Missouri Wine and Grape Board and Boulevard Beer, and enjoying some friendly competition on silent auction items.

The evening was distinctively local with hors d'oeuvres and other delicious small bites prepared by chefs that are dedicated to serving locally grown food. A special thank you to Delish!, Moxie Catering, Expressive Catering, Classic Cakes, and the Roasterie for their generosity. A late afternoon rain shower did not dampen the spirit of the evening as friends of KCCG understand that rain is a key component to the success of KCCG's mission of assisting our community with growing healthy food. Over \$24,000 was raised over the course of the evening. These proceeds will help fund the growing number of new community gardens, schoolyard gardens and community partner gardens in the Kansas City metropolitan area. We would like to extend a very

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- Commerce Bank
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City
- Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (KCUMB)

special thank you to the event's lead sponsors: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, Commerce Bank, and Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. KCCG also thanks our other generous sponsors, the steering committee, volunteers, and many friends of KCCG for making this such an enjoyable and lovely event.

Health Care Foundation

Helping to put more school and community gardens on the map

This year, while gardeners around the city worked hard to grow food for their families and neighbors, KCCG's generous donors continued to work quietly behind the scenes to make KCCG's support possible. KCCG's largest foundation supporter, the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, helped to put dozens of new school and community gardens on the map in Kansas City during the past year.

With support from the Foundation's Healthy Lifestyles Grant program, KCCG's Schoolyard Gardens staff are working with area teachers to make their school gardens successful. Grant funds from the Health Care Foundation helped the staff to build and plant hundreds of raised beds for new and existing gardens at Kansas City's area schools. More than 8,000 students are learning about nutrition, ecology, and other subjects while growing their own healthy food.

The Health Care Foundation also awarded continued grant support for the Get Growing KC initiative. Get Growing is a collaborative project bringing KCCG together with Cultivate Kansas City and Lincoln University's Innovative Small Farmers Outreach Program. Through this initiative, the partners provide education, outreach, and technical assistance to those interested in urban agriculture, including urban farming and community gardening. KCCG's Get Growing KC Team Members work with local community leaders to advise interested neighborhood groups, nonprofits,

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KCCG keeps on growing with the WILLIAM T. KEMPER FOUNDATION

In April 2013, the William T. Kemper Foundation awarded KCCG a new, three-year grant to improve and expand KCCG's operations. This extraordinary grant was made in response to unprecedented interest in gardening, along with the growing community need for access to healthy food. The number of low-income families enrolled as KCCG members increased from 945 in 2011 to 1,141 in 2013. During the same period, the number of community groups enrolled as KCCG Community Partner Gardens has grown from 152 to 230. The Kemper Foundation's grant is helping to make sure that even more Kansas City families and neighborhood groups can grow their own healthy food with KCCG support in the coming years.

In the first year of this project, KCCG was able to use grant funds to purchase new equipment, including a commercial mower and trailer to help maintain large-scale community gardens more efficiently. The Foundation's support also made it possible to hire a new coordinator to support home and youth garden projects. In addition, this grant is allowing KCCG to redesign our website, enhancing community awareness and providing better service to our members.

This winter, KCCG will purchase and install a high tunnel that will expand the capacity of KCCG's on-site greenhouse by more than 30%. By expanding the greenhouse, KCCG staff will be able to start 32,600 additional transplants as early as spring 2014, making a total of nearly 100,000 transplants available to our members each growing season. KCCG members can



purchase these transplants at approximately one-third of the price of plants from area garden centers, helping to make gardening affordable for all.

These investments in KCCG's future, made possible by the generosity of the William T. Kemper Foundation, are helping Kansas City's urban gardeners to improve food security by growing fresh, local fruits and vegetables. KCCG thanks our friends at the William T. Kemper Foundation for their commitment to a healthier Kansas City.

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-and others on how to start, manage, and grow community gardens. This year, Get Growing KC will issue three more rounds of mini-grants to help start and improve new community gardens and urban farms.

Finally, the Health Care Foundation recently awarded a new one-year grant to KCCG's affiliate organization, The Giving Grove. Grant funds will help The Giving Grove staff and volunteers to plant and maintain edible tree gardens that will provide fresh fruit and nuts for those in need throughout Kansas City for years to come.

With generous support from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, KCCG's school and community garden partners are creating better access to healthy food, while educating Kansas City's children and adults about nutrition from seed to plate.

9 Schoolyard Gardens 10/01/12 - 09/30/13

Kansas City, MO

Academie Lafayette – Cherry
 Academie Lafayette – Oak
 Alta Vista Charter High School
 Barstow School
 Benjamin Banneker Charter
 Border Star Montessori
 Boys & Girls Club - J & D Wagner Unit
 Bradford Brainerly Homeschool
 Burke Elementary
 Calvary Temple After School Program
 Canada Day Care Center
 Canada’s Precious Childcare
 Center Elementary
 Center High School
 Cerner Innovation Kids
 Crispus Attucks Elementary
 Crossroads Academy of Kansas City
 De La Salle Education Center
 Dobbs Elementary
 East High School
 East Hills Village
 Eastwood Hills Elementary
 Friendship Village
 Garfield Elementary
 Genesis Promise Academy
 Gillis School
 Glad Tidings Development Center
 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
 KCUMB - Score 1 for Health
 Lee A. Tolbert Academy
 Longfellow Elementary
 M. L. King Elementary
 Melcher Elementary
 Niles Home for Children
 Notre Dame de Sion
 Operation Breakthrough
 Our Lady of Angels
 Palestine School
 Paper, Pencil and Play Family Childcare
 Plaza de Ninos – Guadalupe Center
 Primitivo Garcia
 Rainbow School
 reStart, Inc.

Schmidt Family Homeschoolers
 Sherwood Center
 Southwest High School
 Sunrise Montessori
 Symington
 The Children’s Place
 Troost Elementary
 Truman Elementary
 UMKC Berkley CFDC
 University Academy
 Warford Elementary
 Wendell Phillips Elementary
 Westport Early Learning Center
 Whittier Elementary
 YMCA Metro Early Learning Center

**Jackson County
 (Outside of KC,MO)**

63rd Street Homeschool Cooperative
 Belvidere Elementary
 Boys & Girls Club – Leslie Unit
 Boys & Girls Club – Hawthorne Unit
 Bryant Elementary
 Clermont Elementary
 Cordill Mason Elementary
 Delta Woods Middle School
 Franklin Smith Elementary
 Grandview High School
 Homes Cool 4-H Club
 James Bridger Middle School
 Life A New Prep Academy
 Milestone Academy
 New Trails Elementary
 Raytown South Middle School
 Sugar Creek Elementary
 Sunrise Montessori Academy
 Thomas Hart Benton Elementary
 Three Trails Elementary
 William Chrisman High School
 William Southern Elementary

North of River

Briarcliff Elementary
 Crestview Elementary
 Lillian Schumacher Elementary
 New Mark Middle School
 Oakhill Day School
 Oakwood Manor Elementary
 Pathfinder Elementary

Kansas

All Around Child
 Asbury Children’s Center
 Beth Shalom School
 Bishop Ward High School
 Boys & Girls Club – Wyandotte Unit
 Clear Creek Elementary
 Colonial Presbyterian Pre-School
 Comanche Elementary
 The Church of Resurrection – Discovery Ark
 Douglas Elementary
 Educare of Kansas City
 Eugene Ware Elementary
 Frank Rushton – Healthy Kids Club
 Goddard School – Olathe
 Goddard School – Overland Park
 Havencroft Elementary
 Horizon Academy
 Indian Valley Elementary
 John Fiske Elementary
 Little Angels Day Care
 M.E.Pearson/Communities in Schools KCK
 Marillac
 McKinley Elementary
 New Stanley Elementary
 Our Lady’s Montessori
 Patton Jr. High School
 Ridgeview Elementary
 Rosedale Ridge Community Center
 Shawnee Mission Head Start
 Silver City Elementary
 Stony Point South
 Sumner Academy of Arts & Science
 V. Lindsay Seventh-day Adventist School
 Wyandotte High School
 Xavier Elementary





SCHOOLYARD GARDENS

This year the Schoolyard Gardens program focused on making our existing schools even more successful. The extra hands-on help plus additional educational materials and the hard work of teachers and students all added up to a great year for school gardens across the metro!

Educare KCK

Project EAGLE - Educare of Kansas City, located on The Children's Campus of Kansas City, Kansas has been a part of the Schoolyard Garden Program for the past three years. The garden serves over 100 preschool children ages 2-5 in a hands-on learning environment. This past season Educare participated in the Grow in the Garden Program where six different classrooms engaged their students in planting, weeding, and harvesting many new vegetables from their garden. Grow in the Garden complimented the school's fall series on tasting the rainbow. Throughout the season students tried different colored vegetables and fruit; which excited the students for each upcoming week and each new food and color they experienced. Students ended the year with a harvest party where they enjoyed tasting carrots, radishes and lettuce right out of the garden with healthier, homemade ranch dip.

William Southern Elementary

William Southern Elementary's Kids' Safari afterschool program worked hard this year to have a successful spring, summer and fall garden. Giant sunflowers, tomatoes, broccoli and cucumbers were some of the favorite items grown in the garden. Students worked together to choose what they wanted to grow. Then, after harvesting, they worked together again to make meals and snacks from garden produce. Students grew so much food that students, staff and families were able to take home garden-fresh vegetables on a regular basis. The garden club also worked hard inside to better their garden by using their artistic skills to design and paint garden plant signs – making their garden inviting and student friendly. Students and teachers at William Southern were so excited about this year's harvest that they are excited to expand their garden to include fruit trees and berry plants soon. One student stated, "The whole hill should be filled with fruit and vegetables!"

Stony Point South Elementary

At Stony Point South all the students in kindergarten through 5th grade are involved in gardening. Each classroom in the school has a container garden right outside their door that is planted and harvested by each individual class. Students and teachers choose a vegetable to grow that they are both interested in eating and can integrate into their classroom studies. Stony Point South also has three raised beds near the playground that are planted and maintained by an afterschool garden club. The communal beds allow for students from different grades to come together to work and share all they grow. Students involved in the garden club harvest the food they grow and take it home to share with their families. This year parent volunteers took turns helping out with the garden club and several families committed to caring for the garden with their children over the summer. Stony Point South is a great example of schools committing to healthy eating and active living as a whole school community.

Wendell Phillips Elementary

The five garden beds at Wendell Phillips are planted, maintained, and harvested 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students, engaging over 105 students in the garden. As the students get their hands dirty working together, the teachers at Wendell Phillips are striving to expose students to the benefits of eating fresh garden produce. This year the involved classrooms joined their harvest together to create a delicious fall salad. Students at Wendell Phillips also use their time in the garden to learn different core subjects. Students practiced fractions as they planted seeds and plants, and reviewed plant science while exploring the parts of the plant and how plants produce seeds. The Wendell Phillips garden gives students the opportunity to grow and taste nutritious food while reinforcing their classroom studies in a hands-on way.

GETTING CREATIVE WITH WATER!



Water! This little word can make or break the success of a vegetable garden. When KCCG staff talks to the community gardeners that we work with throughout the metro, issues surrounding the access to and cost of water inevitably come up. In 2013, with the help of our Get Growing KC team members, KCCG worked to address a number of the water issues facing gardeners in our community and to come up with some creative solutions.

On average, a garden needs approximately 1.5" of water per week. Sometimes this water is supplied by Mother Nature, but often throughout the summer she doesn't give us rain for several weeks. The question then becomes how do we get the rest of the water that our gardens need?

For some community groups this is as simple as turning on the faucet on the outside of their church, community center building, or a nearby house. If the gardening group has made arrangements to pay the organization or individual for this water, KCCG staff recommends a water meter that connects directly to the faucet. This meter will show how many gallons of water are being used by the garden and payment can be made based on a pre-determined rate. For most groups this rate is around \$.01/gallon.

Other community groups want to capitalize on their roof space to capture rain water and use it when they need it. Because many community gardens are large, the typical 55 gallon drum rain barrel does not provide

sufficient water. After researching several different methods, KCCG found 300 gallon tanks (many of which used to hold edible glue used in food packaging) to use in rain water collection. We designed a system and then, throughout 2013, helped 31 sites put in water collection systems using these water tanks. Because most of these sites require multiple tanks, we have put in 138 tanks out into our gardens, for a total of 38,100 gallons of storage capacity. These water catchment systems are not only environmentally friendly, but they save our often low-budget community groups hundreds of dollars in water bills throughout the year.

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A final option for accessing water is to put in a water line directly to your garden. This is often a last resort because it can be very expensive. Between the needed permits, fees and labor costs, a new water line can cost \$6,000-\$12,000. For some established groups, however, a water line is the best option and so KCCG staff have been working to advocate for lower costs in Wyandotte County and in Kansas City, MO. The local governments have responded in various ways, such as by offering the H2O to Grow Grant for groups gardening and farming in Wyandotte County.

KCCG staff are committed to providing technical assistance with water issues to all the groups we work with. The Get Growing Team has developed a water audit tool that accounts for things such as potential water collection based on roof size, amount of water needed based on garden size, etc to make recommendations for a sustainable water system. We will then help you navigate the procedure, whether it be helping community groups install a water catchment system or talk to the neighbor about using their water.

in their dinners. KCCG also helped install seven water totes to harvest rain water from the roof of the church, lowering water bills for the church and making the garden more sustainable.

Deerbrook Covenant Church – Garden of Eatin’

In 2012 members of Deerbrook Covenant Church in Lee’s Summit, Missouri started a group garden that they cleverly named The Garden of Eatin’. The garden began as a ground plot, but by the end of the season there was enough excitement and participation in the garden that the church decided to invest in seven raised garden beds. The raised beds have improved the productivity and manageability of the garden and this fall KCCG helped install five additional beds.

Over 30 members of the congregation regularly help with garden planting, maintenance and harvesting. The produce from the garden is donated to area organizations, including Coldwater Ministries Food Pantry, Hope House in Lee’s Summit and Langford Boys Home. This fall, volunteers from Langford Boys Home helped dig over 50 pounds of sweet potatoes. The garden continues to expand with an addition of a water spigot in the garden and a Giving Grove fruit orchard to be planted later this fall.

GARDEN PROFILES



Garden of Eatin’

Oak Grove MBC. Harvest of Echo Community Garden was established in 2013 at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. The church hosts a biweekly Monday Madness dinner and study program for kids and young adults. The garden was started by Dionne Powell-Green, who helps prepare Monday Madness dinners, in order to stretch the small food budget, incorporate healthy food into the menus and educate kids about where their food comes from. Participants in Harvest of Echo Community Garden worked hard to achieve all these goals. This year they planted greens, lettuce, cabbage, tomatoes, peppers and sweet potatoes that they used

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 2437 Brooklyn Community Garden
 5413 Garden
 All for One Poor Kids International Garden
 Apostle Doctrine Fellowship Garden
 Back 2 Life Ministries Community Garden
 Beacon Hill Community Garden
 Bessie's House Community Garden
 Blue Hills Community Garden
 Blue Valley Neighborhood Garden
 Bowers Memorial Community Garden
 Centennial United Methodist Garden
 Centennial Villa Community Garden
 Center City Neighborhood Garden
 Central Presbyterian Food Pantry Garden
 Cherith Brook Catholic Worker Garden
 Clymer Center Community Garden
 Columbus Park Plaza Garden
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 Kauffman Community Garden
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 KCUMB Community Garden
 KC VA Medical Center Community Garden
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 Lincoln University Demonstration Garden
 Lykins Neighborhood Farm
 Mable Washington Community Garden
 Marlborough East Gardens
 Marlborough Manor Community Garden
 Univ. of MO Master Gardeners Demo Plot
 Mattie Rhodes – Jardin Jubilo
 Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry Garden
 Metropolitan Missionary Garden

Mid Continent Library Red Bridge Garden
 Morning Star Community Garden – Highland
 Morning Star Community Garden – Olive
 Morning Star Community Garden – Prospect
 Morning Star Community Garden – Swope
 Morning Star Community Garden – Wabash
 Newhouse Community Garden
 New Horizon Community Garden
 New Life Community Garden
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 St. Therese Little Flower Community Garden
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 Swope Park Community Garden
 The Alley Garden
 Troostwood Youth Garden
 Victorious Life Community Garden
 Vineyard Community Center Garden
 Voices of the People Garden
 Volker Neighborhood Garden
 Washington Wheatley Garden
 Whatever Community Center Garden

Jackson County (Outside of KC, MO)

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 Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Garden
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 Synergy Youth Campus Garden

Cass County

Cass County Extension Community Garden
 St. Paul's UMC Raymore Eden Project
 Testimony Garden
 Tongues of Fire Neighborhood Garden
 Uplift Gardens

Kansas

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 Bethel Neighborhood Center Garden
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 Mosaic Community Garden

Community Partner Gardens: Continued

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Oakwood Community Garden
 OCP Community Garden
 Old Mission United Methodist Church Garden
 Prairie Village Community Garden
 Prince Hall Urban Garden
 Quindaro Gardens Institute Free Picking Garden
 Rainbow Garden
 Roeland Park Seeds that Feed the Need Garden
 Salt of the Earth Youth Market Garden
 Shalom House Garden
 SM Unitarian Universalist Garden
 South Early Street Community Garden
 St. Joseph's Community Garden
 St. Luke's Community Garden
 St. Paul's Episcopal KCK Garden
 St. Paul's UMC Garden – Lenexa
 Strawberry Hill Community Garden
 Strugglers Hill/Roots Garden
 The Pathways Net Giver Foundation Garden
 Trinity Community Garden
 Turner Community Garden
 UMC Bonner Springs Tithe Garden
 Waterstone Apartments Community Garden
 Westwood Community Church Garden
 Whole Foods 119th Street Demo Garden
 Wyandotte County Neighbors Garden
 YMCA- 8th Street Salsa Garden
 YMCA – Paul Henson Garden
 Young Women on the Move Garden



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Glanville Towers Mobility and transportation issues often prevent seniors from gardening. To help increase access, KCCG works to establish gardens on the grounds of senior residences. Glanville Towers is a low-income senior apartment building located in downtown Kansas City, KS where several residents showed an interest in gardening this past winter. On the first sunny day last spring, KCCG staff and ten student volunteers from Sumner High School helped the residents of Glanville build six raised beds right next to their building. The garden was so popular that a month later we helped residents add two more beds. The ten resident gardeners of Glanville were thrilled with the ease and accessibility that their raised bed garden provides. They filled their beds with collards, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, peppers, herbs and eggplant. The gardeners leave any extra produce from their garden on a table in their community room; the fresh produce is in high demand and never sits on the table for long!

Pendleton Heights Although the Pendleton Heights Community Garden was just formed this past spring, there are already over 30 neighborhood volunteers participating in this garden project. The success of this garden is due, in part, to their very active and well-organized neighborhood association. Seeing the tremendous interest from the neighborhood in having a community garden, Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association created a garden oversight committee to plan the community garden and help organize the garden participants. This committee sends out emails and updates their garden's Facebook page on a regular basis. When there is extra garden produce to share they leave it on two porches in the neighborhood so people passing by can stop and pick up what they need. Garden participants also organized canning parties to preserve their harvest and, applied for and awarded several grants to fund their water spigot installation.

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- More than 1,000 low-income families improved their food security and nutrition this year by growing their own fresh vegetables and fruits;
- 230 Community Partner Gardens helped to prevent hunger in Kansas City by growing and sharing fresh produce with food pantries, nonprofits, neighborhoods, and congregations;
- More than 8,000 children and youth learned about growing healthy food as part of school garden projects at 137 schools;
- KCCG's Beanstalk Children's Garden helped to educate more than 2,000 youth and adults about urban gardening and nutrition; and
- Community gardeners of all ages worked to cultivate more than 135,000 square feet of garden space at KCCG's Eastwood Hills, Swope Park, Ivanhoe/Richardson, and Freeway Park Community Gardens throughout the metropolitan Kansas City area.

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Richard B. "Dick" Cray Champion for Community Gardening



Dick Cray, longtime board member and supporter of Kansas City Community Gardens, passed away on July 23 of this year. The board and staff members wish to acknowledge his long-term role in the development and success of Kansas City Community Gardens.

Dick became involved with KCCG in the early 80's. His love of gardening and his belief in the mission of KCCG kept him involved for the next thirty years. Soon after KCCG was founded, he provided grant support from the Cloud L. Cray Foundation

that helped KCCG get off to a healthy start.

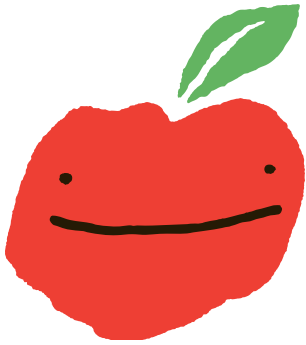
In 1988, when KCCG was going through a severe financial crisis, Dick Cray joined the board serving as treasurer and raising money to help KCCG survive. He built up the board of directors and developed long term strategic relationships with funders. Dick served on the board for fourteen years and then on the advisory board for ten years after that until his death.

When the time came for KCCG to move to Swope Park in 2001, Dick Cray led the effort to raise the funding for the capital campaign to build the KCCG office building, greenhouse and Beanstalk Children's Garden. That new facility was completed in 2003 and positioned KCCG for the unprecedented growth that was soon to come.

Dick Cray was a passionate gardener himself and believed that gardening is for everyone. His life and work have helped KCCG to become a significant force for good throughout the Kansas City area. We will miss him as a supporter, colleague and good friend.

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THE GIVING GROVE

The Giving Grove edible tree gardens are located on empty lots, faith-based organizations and school properties, the grounds of community organizations, senior living facilities and in green spaces within urban apartment complexes.

In 2011, out of concern for the growing number of hungry people, Kevin Birzer, Greg Finkel and Ray Makalous began exploring the idea of providing more sustainable nutrient-rich food by creating edible tree gardens planted to feed the hungry. Undertaking a year of research and planning, an expanded six-person team worked to move The Giving Grove from concept to reality, embracing the principals of using organic growing techniques, giving a portion of each harvest to the hungry and training site stewards.



The Giving Grove has partnered with individuals, faith-based organizations, community organizations, schools and businesses to plant over 340 fruit trees and 180 berry bushes. With the inaugural planting year drawing to a close, The Giving Grove will have worked with over 20 sites, four times the number originally envisioned for year one. Of those projects, 57 percent were installed in Jackson County, 29 percent in Wyandotte County and 11 percent in Johnson County.

Recognizing the similarity of missions, The Giving Grove organized as a legal affiliate of Kansas City Community Gardens. Another key partnership was established with the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA), who committed to glean produce at Giving Grove sites and to take the produce to feeding agencies/ food pantries.

Official operations began on January 1, 2013 with Rob Reiman as the Executive Director and Ray Makalous as Director of Outreach. The horticultural capabilities of Lani Meyer were leveraged on an interim basis, until our permanent Lead Horticulturist, Matt Bunch, was hired in August 2013.

THE GIVING GROVE EXECUTIVE TEAM

now includes Kevin Birzer, Greg Finkle, Becky Johnston, Ray Makalous, Lisa Ousley, Jill Quigley, Rob Reiman and Ben Sharda. For our inaugural year, The Giving Grove was featured in a blend of local and regional media, including Greenability Magazine, Edible KC and Channel 41 News.

DEVELOPMENT - FINANCIALS

Due to some very charitable giving by a small number of vested individuals and families and three generous grants, The Giving Grove has had a strong financial start-up year. The grants were received from: Unified Government, Hollywood Casino Grant Fund; The Greater Kansas City

Chamber of Commerce Centurions Legacy Project, and The Mariner Foundation Fund. Two additional grants, one from the Healthcare Foundation of Kansas City and the other from John C. Griswold Foundation, have been obtained for second year funding.

OUR STEWARDS AND APPRENTICES

The success of the Giving Grove business model is highly dependent upon the identification and development of stewards and apprentices for each project site. Each project has at minimum, a dedicated pair of stewards and apprentices who have agreed to care for their individual trees and berries, providing weekly watering during dry spells, pruning in the late winter, winterizing in the fall, scouting for any problems throughout the growing season and participating in a series of workshops led by The Giving Grove team.

2013 GIVING GROVE SITES

Barstow Elementary

The oldest independent, co-educational college preparatory school in Kansas City, planted 24 fruit trees on school grounds. Barstow students will sample the harvest, with the rest going to area pantries.

Kansas Bhutanese Community Garden provides fresh and familiar vegetables to the 27 gardening families. The Bhutanese community will share harvest from the fruit trees and berries. Any excess will be sold at a neighborhood farmers market, with money from sales helping cover the cost of garden water bills.



Cherith Brook,

a residential Christian community committed to sharing table fellowship with strangers and all their resources with one another, planted 27 fruit and nut trees, 19 berry shrubs, and 150 strawberries.

Conception Community Garden

started by the Oak Park Community group at New Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, transformed an empty parking lot into garden with the 28 raised vegetable beds, 26 fruit trees, 22 berry shrubs, and 300 strawberry plants.



Hale Cook Elementary

benefited from a joint venture of KCCG, Friends of Hale Cook, TGG, and the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Centurions. The installation of vegetable gardens, fruit trees and berries helped mobilize the neighborhood in efforts to reopen the school.

Independence Habitat ReStore

with the support of the Independence Health Department, planted 40 raspberry, blueberry, and blackberry shrubs on their grounds. Maintained and harvested by community gardeners, Restore staff and volunteers, the berry patch will be a u-pick for community members.

Jerusalem Farms,

a Catholic intentional community located in Kansas City, Missouri, added five fruit trees to their community garden on a vacant lot.

Mitzvah Garden KC,

located at The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah, is a 15,000 sq. ft. gathering, growing, and learning space for the Jewish community. Donating over 8,000 lbs. of produce yearly to the Jewish Family Services food pantry, Blue Valley Multi Service Center and Grandview Assistance Program, they planted eight fruit trees to expand the food available from the garden.

Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries'

Spring Valley Community Garden and Orchard has 20 blackberry shrubs and 113 fruit trees. The harvest will stock MLM's community food pantry and feed the community gardeners. The garden at St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Lenexa is sponsored by the congregations' environmental ministry team and includes five dwarf varieties of fruit trees, 48 feet of blackberry bushes and 8 vegetable raised beds. The fresh fruit will be distributed through their food pantry and food kitchen ministries.

Wyandotte Countians Against Crime

an organization in central Kansas City, Kansas dedicated to creating and supporting projects and events that help stop crime, created an edible tree garden in a road intersection median - planting 22 fruit trees and 21 berry shrubs.



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Kansas City Community Gardens announces the 21st 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 the purchase of vegetable seeds, plants, and fertilizer, for low-income families and others in Kansas City who want to produce food from their vegetable gardens. 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

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