




WASATCH
COMMUNITY
GARDENS

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

A woman with dark hair, wearing a maroon short-sleeved top and a necklace, is smiling broadly in a garden. She is holding a green tomato in her right hand and a red and yellow tomato in her left hand. The background shows a chain-link fence and green foliage.

Our mission is to empower people of all ages and incomes to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food.

"Me gusto mucho y muchas gracias por su ayuda y por todo."
- Maria, School Garden Program participant

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate our 30th year, it's fun to reflect on how far we've come and curl our toes in the soil anticipating where we're headed. Our major accomplishments in 2018 are as follows:

- Started a new community garden in the Gateway - the most densely-populated neighborhood in the entire state - through our Green City Growers partnership with Salt Lake City;
- Hosted "Parent Garden Club" gatherings at four Salt Lake City School District schools during the growing season in order to build community, share delicious recipes, and distribute produce grown at our Green Team Farm;
- Piloted a program with Valley Behavioral Health to help residents at Valley Plaza with an onsite garden and provide them with fresh food from our Green Team Farm;
- Served a record number of kids with garden-based education through our Youth Garden Program;
- Helped transition six women experiencing homelessness into employment and housing through our Green Team Farm Program;
- Grew over 20,000 organic seedlings at our Green Team Farm for our Annual Plant Sale; and
- Took a major leap towards our dream to build an urban agriculture center and create the Wasatch Community Gardens' Campus by successfully rezoning the properties adjacent to our Grateful Tomato Garden.

We have a vision of an inclusive, robust, and vibrant community that is nourished by healthy and affordable food, and we continue working to serve community members who lack access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Our Community Garden Program serves a wide range of people, with nearly 60% of the gardeners coming from low- and moderate-income households. Our Youth Garden Club, which brings kids from social service agency partners to our youth teaching gardens, has nearly 80% of the participants coming from low- and moderate-income households. And, through our Green Team Farm Program, we are teaching women who are currently facing homelessness about growing and eating fresh, healthy food at our small urban farm, as well as distributing the produce grown at the farm to people in need.

We've got more big plans in 2019 and are eager to celebrate our 30th Anniversary and continue the work to build our Wasatch Community Gardens' Campus. Of course, with the help of our incredible community, we'll keep working to achieve our mission of empowering more people in our community to grow and eat healthy food.

Thanks so much for your continued support of our work.

Ashley Patterson
Executive Director



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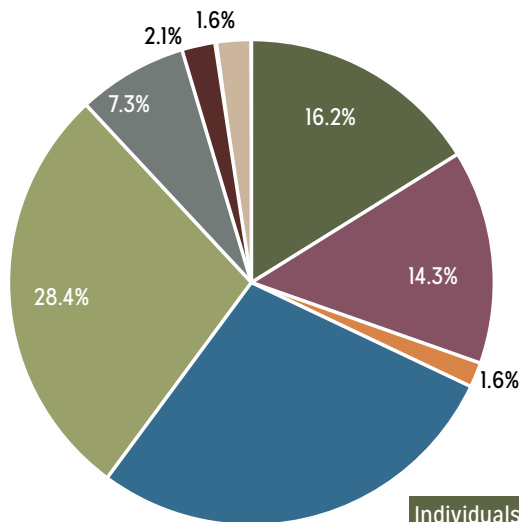


“Congratulations on your long and faithful commitment to promoting sustainable food production in the Salt Lake community. You’ve made a big difference, and we are delighted to support your organization.”

- Kevin K. Steiner, President, Steiner Foundation

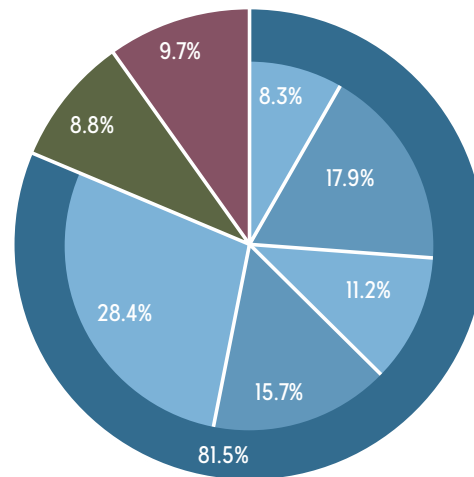
2018 FINANCIALS

REVENUE



Individuals	\$187,744
Capital Campaign Donations	\$166,050
Sponsorships	\$19,490
Grants	\$328,846
Program Services	\$327,467
In-Kind Donations	\$84,643
Fundraisers	\$25,171
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$19,456
Investment Income	-\$8,482
Total	\$1,150,385

EXPENSES



School Garden Program	\$91,434
Community Education Program	\$194,759
Green Team Farm Program	\$123,340
Youth Garden Program	\$172,146
Community Garden Program	\$310,535
Program Expenses	\$892,214
Administrative Expenses	\$96,676
Fundraising Expenses	\$106,617
Total	\$1,095,507



COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM

WCG manages 16 community gardens throughout Salt Lake County where community members can grow their own fresh, organic produce, and provides training and resources for garden leaders through our Garden Leadership Network. In 2018, WCG started a new garden in the Gateway neighborhood.



households - 57% of which are low-income per federal standards - grew their food in one of our community gardens.



pounds of organic produce was grown by our community gardeners.



gardeners of refugee background participated in our gardens through our partnership with the International Rescue Committee.



was awarded through our Mini-Grant Program for four community gardens for infrastructure improvement.

*"We are extremely thankful for the support - without it, we would not have a garden today. We look forward to expanding our garden project to benefit our patients struggling with chronic disease and children struggling with obesity."
- Garden Coordinator, Stephen D. Ratcliffe CHC (Mini-Grant recipient)*



YOUTH GARDEN PROGRAM

WCG connects children to healthy, local food through hands-on, garden-based learning in our two youth teaching gardens.



youth attended a class, field trip, or summer camp with us.



youth - 75% of which are from low-income families - attended weekly Youth Garden Club classes.



children attended a week-long summer camp at our Grateful Tomato Garden.



elementary school students - 86% of which are from Title I schools - attended a field trip at our Grateful Tomato Garden.

*"You guys are making me less picky!"
- Youth Garden Club participant*

WCG offers a spectrum of dynamic programs for youth and adults aimed at improving access to healthy, fresh food. We provide garden space where community members can grow their own organic produce, as well as educational workshops and community events to empower them to successfully grow, harvest, and prepare seasonal foods.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

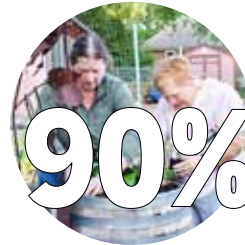
WCG provides a range of classes and hands-on workshops to help community members grow and eat healthy organic food. We also host events throughout the year to build community and celebrate local food.



workshops were offered.



community members attended a workshop.



of participants say that attending one or more WCG workshops helped their gardening confidence/effectiveness.



individuals with severe mental illness learned gardening skills and healthy eating habits through our partnership with Valley Behavioral Health.

"I LOVED this course. Marybeth's enthusiasm and effectiveness at sharing her vast knowledge and experience was wonderful. I'm excited about trying a more extensive vegetable garden this year. Thank you!"
- Workshop attendee



"Being part of a community was extremely helpful for me in planting a garden for my first time this year. I made nice connections, was given great tips, and enjoyed being part of a group activity."
- Anne, Community gardener, Gateway Community Garden



GREEN TEAM FARM PROGRAM

WCG, in partnership with Advantage Services, provides employment and job training for women experiencing homelessness at a 1.5-acre urban farm in downtown Salt Lake City.



15 women participated in the program for at least 30 days.



\$15,000 worth of produce was donated to WCG programs and other community organizations serving low-income families.



5 participants secured housing and/or obtained their housing voucher.



6 participants completed the program and/or secured employment.

"The program gave me the feeling of being capable through food, work, and support. I learned about self-care and eating well. I learned to communicate more effectively with others, and to have empathy for others. Most importantly, it taught me that I have worth." - Green Team Farm participant



SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAM

Through a partnership with the Salt Lake City School District, WCG empowers teachers, administrators, students, and parents to successfully use and benefit from their school gardens.



1,179 students worked directly with WCG staff at least four times to grow and eat healthy food in their garden.



93% of the students in the School Garden Program qualify for free or reduced federal lunch.



87% of the students are of a racial or ethnic minority.



40 parents shared recipes and received fresh produce through our bi-monthly Parent Garden Club.

"I liked it when we went out to the garden. It was fun and cool. We did a salad party with Miss Liz and I love to taste what she brings for us."

- School Garden Program participant

"We are honored to support Wasatch Community Gardens and its amazing programs. What a beautiful team of people, working to create healthy communities and provide those with the desire or need with education and opportunities to work, grow, eat, and live a healthier life."

- JNF Foundation



"I love garden camp! We drink out of a well. We get to make our own snacks. They play games with us. I taught a farmer to floss. It's the BEST!"

- Anderson, Summer camp participant



VOLUNTEERS

WCG offers a variety of one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities through which individuals and corporate groups can help WCG while learning new skills and connecting with their community. Volunteers teach workshops, assist with our programs and community events, work on larger garden infrastructure projects, and help with ongoing garden maintenance.



volunteers assisted with our programs, gardens, and events.



volunteer hours were contributed to WCG.



volunteers helped to make our Annual Plant Sale a success!



truckloads of wood chips were spread in our gardens by volunteers.

"I had a wonderful time volunteering... I enjoyed meeting so many people from the community and hearing their stories of how WCG has impacted their lives. It truly was the highlight of my week!"

- Atalie, Tomato Sandwich Party volunteer

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