



WASATCH
COMMUNITY
GARDENS



2025

ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE DIRECTOR



For 37 years, Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) has brought people together through the shared experience of growing and eating healthy food. Last year - 2025 - was no exception. What began as a small community effort nearly four decades ago has grown into a vibrant network of programs, gardens, and partnerships that connect thousands of people each year to fresh local food, green space, and one another. In 2025, we continued building on that foundation with a focus on sustainable growth and long-term impact.

Last year, we continued to make meaningful progress on our five-year, \$5 million "Building Capacity, Deepening Impact" growth plan. We entered our first full growing season at our City Farm on 1300 South, the new home for our Job Training Program's Green Team. The site now includes garden beds, greenhouses, murals, and a Public Pick food forest – creating a welcoming space for education, workforce development, and community connection.

We also took significant steps toward developing our Farm Incubator Program, which will support aspiring urban farmers through mentorship, training, and access to land. In partnership with Salt Lake County, we assumed stewardship of a 3-acre site in South Salt Lake - now referred to as FIGS (Farm Incubator Group Site) - ensuring that this important growing space will continue to serve community and our local food system.

Across all programs, WCG saw record participation in 2025, with more than 14,000 adults and children engaging in our classes, events, and garden spaces across Salt Lake County. Expanded partnerships and increased free and reduced-fee programming helped make our programming more accessible across the Salt Lake Valley.

We were also proud to officially open a new community garden at the Rose Park Neighborhood Center in partnership with Salt Lake City and the Good Samaritan Foundation, serving many immigrant and refugee families in an area where access to fresh produce has historically been limited.

Personally, 2025 marked my first year as Executive Director of WCG, and stepping into this role has deepened my appreciation for what truly makes this organization special: people. I've been continually inspired by the many ways our community shows up to support the nutritional and connective powers of healthy, organic, local food. From staff, volunteers, and donors to gardeners, program participants, and longtime partners, WCG exists because so many people believe in the power of community-centered food systems and invest their time and energy into helping them thrive.

Looking back on 2025, I am grateful and hopeful. Every garden planted, class taught, volunteer hour contributed, and partnership formed reflects the shared commitment of people across Salt Lake County working together to create a healthier, more connected community. Thank you for being part of this work. We hope that you'll continue to GROW with us!

Warmly,

Katie Dwyer

Executive Director

A handwritten signature of Katie Dwyer in black ink, written in a cursive style.



2025 IMPACT



Served 14,000+ community members through our sites and programs; the majority of program participants were from low- and moderate-income families

Continued to increase the financial accessibility of our youth and adult programming by offering sliding-scale and reduced program fees, along with free programming

Assumed responsibility for the 3-acre Farm Incubator Group Site (FIGS) at the request of our long-time nonprofit partner The Green Urban Lunchbox, which dissolved in 2025



Hosted our Spring Plant Sale at a new West-side location, helping to increase access to fresh, local food for historically underserved community members

Planned for and executed a smooth Executive Director leadership transition

Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering people to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food. Since its founding in 1989, WCG has used food and gardening as powerful tools for building community, fostering connection, and advancing food access throughout Salt Lake County. Guided by core values of inclusion, collaboration, joy, and stewardship, Wasatch Community Gardens provides hands-on opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to learn and connect through six impactful programs.

WCG is in a stage of profound growth in impact as we actively address barriers to food access and meet growing community needs. In 2025, we continued to implement our 3-year strategic plan (2024-26), focusing on organizational sustainability, being READI in the field (READI stands for Race, Equity, Access, Diversity, and Inclusion), preserving productive green space, and creating shareable models. We continued to expand our partnerships in the community as well as offer more free and reduced-fee programming to ensure that our programs are financially accessible to all. This resulted in a record number of Salt Lake County adults and children participating in our programs, community events, and garden sites.

This work is made possible by a broad and generous network of community supporters. WCG is deeply grateful to the donors, volunteers, program participants, organizational partners, municipalities, social service agencies, community gardeners, educators, businesses, and advocates who contribute their time, resources, expertise, and enthusiasm. Together, you help cultivate not only fresh food, but also stronger neighborhoods, greater food equity, and a more connected community. However you connect with Wasatch Community Gardens, we are grateful to have you as part of our community. Your involvement allows WCG to continue to expand opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to learn, grow, and connect through food.



5-YEAR, \$5 MILLION GROWTH PLAN



The impacts of WCG's five-year, \$5 million Building Capacity, Deepening Impact Campaign continued to be evident in 2025 - the third year of the five-year campaign - through expanded organizational capacity and strategic growth across programs and departments. Launched in 2023 and concluding in 2027, the campaign is designed to strengthen WCG's long-term sustainability, expand organizational capacity, and establish two new urban farm sites, ensuring we can continue to grow intentionally, equitably, and responsively to meet the evolving needs of our community.

The first full growing season at WCG's new City Farm in Glendale demonstrated the success of the farm's 2024 relocation from the former Green Phoenix Farm site in downtown Salt Lake City. Although the new farm is 30% smaller, it was intentionally designed to maximize efficiency and productivity. In its first full season, the site increased WCG's capacity to Grow 40,000+ seedlings for the annual Spring Plant Sale and produce for community donation programs.

Throughout the year, WCG continued its intentional approach to preserving productive green space - a pillar guiding the organization's actions - carefully stepping into stewardship opportunities that support long-term community access to land for growing food. In 2025, WCG assumed stewardship of the three-acre former The Green Urban Lunch Box farm site in South Salt Lake, ensuring this site remained in agricultural use to support the local food system. Renamed the Farm Incubator Group Site (FIGS), the property will become the future home of WCG's Farm Incubator Program beginning in 2026.

Establishing shareable models - another guiding pillar of the organization - remained a focus as WCG continued to document programs and practices to share with the broader community, to create lasting impact beyond our own organization. WCG conducted a comprehensive audit of existing program resources and identified opportunities to expand and formalize tools, practices, and educational materials. This work laid the foundation for developing a robust library of shareable resources that empower others to adapt and implement programs as food insecurity and demand increases.

WCG continued to strengthen organizational partnerships - our third guiding pillar - through ongoing collaboration with community partners and stakeholders. Highlights included ongoing programming with Artes de México en Utah; the co-creation of a Standard Operating Procedure for sustaining school gardens in partnership with the Salt Lake City School District and the Salt Lake Education Foundation; and the expansion of volunteer and sponsorship partnerships with local organizations and businesses. Together, these collaborations strengthened WCG's ability to advance its mission while deepening its impact across the communities it serves.

Through these efforts, WCG continued to strengthen the organization's long-term resilience and capacity, ensuring it serves today's community while creating the conditions for urban agriculture to flourish in Salt Lake City for years to come.



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Education Program empowers community members with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to successfully grow and prepare organic food in an increasingly warm and arid climate.

In 2025, the Education Program piloted a research farm in Salt Lake City to explore dry farming techniques for drought-resistant varieties of annual vegetables. Despite difficult growing conditions and significant crop loss during one of the hottest summers on record, several varieties successfully survived and produced healthy growth and yields without any irrigation after June 1st. This critical research helps build local knowledge around climate-resilient agriculture practices.



The program remained focused on improving accessibility by offering more free educational opportunities, expanding programming beyond the city center, increasing class capacity, and providing more food-focused workshops. Accessibility for participants with disabilities also remained a priority, with resources such as online accessibility guides and “social stories” helping community members feel more comfortable and prepared to attend classes and events.

The program also expanded the use of guest instructors to highlight specialized expertise within the local gardening and food community. These partnerships significantly expanded the range of educational opportunities available to participants.



2025 EDUCATION PROGRAM IMPACT

- Empowered **828 community members** to grow and eat delicious, organic food through **51 educational events**
- 64% of participants** attended an educational offering for free or with significantly reduced fees; **47% of participants** were from low- and moderate-income households
- Offered **8 new workshops** taught by guest instructors, including biochar making, fruit tree pruning, posole cooking workshops, and a soil health workshop series

I've absolutely loved all the classes I've attended so far with WCG, and am so grateful to you guys for providing such incredible educational events for our community.

- Foundations of Organic Gardening Student



ADVOCACY & JUSTICE PROGRAM

In 2025, the Advocacy & Justice Program was primarily carried out through the READI (Race, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion) Committee. Progress was made to improve the accessibility of WCG's sites through an audit of WCG's community gardens, improvements to the sound quality in WCG's Campus Education Cottage, and the development of accessibility documents for WCG's Campus and other event locations.

The goals of the program were also advanced across WCG's five additional programs through initiatives including the expansion of financially accessible summer camp opportunities and creation of processes to prioritize programming requests based on audience need and depth of impact.

In 2025 WCG continued its partnership with Artes de México en Utah (AMU) to host the Sabores de Mi Patria workshop series. The Growing Traditions garden at WCG's Campus was planted, maintained, and harvested using traditional practices. The workshops, taught primarily in Spanish, increased participants' understanding and appreciation of the cultural legacy of la milpa (which is a traditional system of growing corn, beans, squash, and other staple crops) as a symbol of Indigenous identity.

WCG and AMU also worked closely with seven families for the Families as Teachers program. These families participated in specialized training and mentorship which supported them in strengthening their leadership and community organizing skills while celebrating Indigenous food traditions. Participants led sessions about a variety of projects including ceremonial planting and harvesting of la milpa, sewing traditional skirts, using herbs as a form of traditional medicine, growing las jicaras/gourds to be turned into drinking vessels, connecting with the earth through photography, etc.



Muchas familias dijeron aver encontrado familia en la comunidad...He aprendido mucho la conección con las familias y el gran respeto que nos tenemos [Many families said they found family in the community...I have learned a lot about the connection with the families and the great respect we have for each other].

- Families as Teachers Participant



2025 ADVOCACY & JUSTICE PROGRAM IMPACT

Hosted three bilingual Sabores de Mi Patria workshops in partnership with Artes de México en Utah, attended by **145 community members**, to create cultural connections around gardening and healthy food

Hosted the Spring Plant Sale Community Night presale for the second year which allowed **100 attendees**, including low-income and food-insecure program participants and partners, to access food-producing plants in a less crowded environment

131 community members participated in events and gatherings led by Families as Teachers participants across **3 milpa garden sites** (WCG Campus, Glendale CLC, Vegetable Mining Operation community garden)

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM

The Community Garden Program exists to cultivate more than food. Through collaboration with community partners, volunteers, and gardeners, the program helps build stronger neighborhoods, beautify shared spaces, and increase self-reliance through the production of healthy, organic, local food.



2025 was marked by community-led projects including the removal of the long-unused chicken coop at the 4th East Community Garden. This project transformed an underutilized area into space for additional garden plots, shared growing areas, and community gathering.

Harrison Community Garden also underwent major improvements in 2025. Following construction impacts in previous years, an additional 100 square feet of garden space was restored and expanded. With support from volunteers, gardeners, and WCG staff, the site was prepared to support 17 brand-new garden plots.

Three new murals were completed at the 9-Line, Richmond, and Sugar House Community Gardens. These projects were envisioned and driven by gardeners, further strengthening each garden as a welcoming and vibrant neighborhood space.



Above all, 2025 demonstrated the strength of community-led stewardship. From infrastructure improvements to public art and volunteer-driven workdays, gardeners themselves continued to shape the spaces they care for, ensuring community gardens remain vibrant hubs for connection, nourishment, and resilience.

2025 COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM IMPACT

Enabled **655 households** to grow their own organic produce in our **19 community gardens**; **46% of gardeners** were from low- and moderate-income households

Ensured that **63 gardeners of refugee/new American backgrounds** could participate through our partnership with the International Rescue Committee's New Roots Program

Supported community gardeners in growing **-82,770 pounds** of organic produce with an estimated retail value of **more than \$203,000**

Celebrated the grand opening of WCG's **19th community garden** at the Rose Park Neighborhood Center in collaboration with Salt Lake City and the Good Samaritan Foundation



As someone who rents an apartment, this is the only way that I have access to gardening. This is extremely valuable to me not just for access to fresh produce, but also for the experience of growing things and getting my hands in the dirt, which is crucial to my mental and emotional well-being!

- Gateway Community Gardener



JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

In 2025, the Job Training Program's Green Team supported women experiencing or at risk of homelessness through transitional employment, advocacy, access to healthy food, and hands-on education focused on growing and preparing organic, local food. The Green Team participants worked at WCG's City Farm on 1300 South during its first full year of operation, gaining valuable job experience while building skills that support long-term self-reliance and wellbeing.

In addition to employment training, the program provided daily fresh meals and practical food preparation education. Green Team members took fresh produce home to their households and communities. In partnership with Shannon Jones, Executive Director of the University of Utah Center for Community Nutrition, and The Wellness Bus, participant health and wellness outcomes were tracked throughout the year. Objective measures showed participants significantly increased their consumption of fruits and vegetables. Most participants reported increasing their daily physical activity and sleep, as well as improved health and self-confidence. Participants noted that the program increased access to resources, social support, and self-management strategies. Results were presented by researchers in April at the Society of Behavioral Medicine Conference.

The Job Training Program continued building long-term connections through the "Farmily," a network of Green Team alumni. Family engagement included shared meals, focus groups, volunteer events, planting days, and produce sharing opportunities. In the midst of the fall's government shutdown, staff worked to expand food access through a shared list of food resources and larger Farmily gatherings.



FARM INCUBATOR PROGRAM (FIP)

Throughout 2025, Job Training Program staff worked with the Education Program and the Agricultural Operations Department to develop programming and prepare the Farm Incubator Group Site (FIGS) for the 2026 launch of the Farm Incubator Program (FIP). WCG invited growers and stakeholders in Salt Lake County's food system to participate in focus groups to understand the challenges and opportunities of local urban farming. Feedback from these sessions was essential in developing FIP which will join the Green Team in 2026 as part of the Job Training Program, providing education, land access, job training, and community resources to new and existing farmers.

2025 JOB TRAINING PROGRAM IMPACT

Provided paid employment, work readiness training, job placement assistance, housing support, and mentoring to **13 women for 30+ days**

12 women completed the 16-week program; **4 team members** got jobs within 30 days of program completion, 1 enrolled in a degree program, 1 joined a local peer-led, supportive community, and the others continue to apply/interview for jobs

2 women who were unhoused have been housed with temporary rental support, 2 are looking for an apartment with their newly approved vouchers/rental assistance, and the others are working with WCG's Case Manager to improve their housing situations

Over 50 people attended Small Farm Incubator Focus Groups to discuss key needs and barriers regarding land access, business development, and other related issues facing small-farmers in Utah



It's hard work [at the farm]. But for some reason, it's just given me my strength back. It's given me hope that you know what, if I can do this, I can do anything.

- Green Team Member

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

2025 was the Volunteer Program's second year as a formalized program, and it continued to play a vital role in advancing WCG's mission. Volunteers supported a wide range of initiatives across the rest of WCG's programming, including Sabores de Mi Patria events, Youth & School Garden programming, the Job Training Program, and community events held across multiple sites throughout Salt Lake City.

The Volunteer Program also continued strengthening partnerships with businesses, universities, and community organizations to expand opportunities for service and engagement. Longstanding corporate partners supported volunteer efforts alongside new partnerships with groups from a wide range of industries reinforcing the Volunteer Program as a meaningful entry point for community connection and long-term engagement.

In 2025, collaboration was central to WCG's Volunteer Program. Cross-program coordination engaged volunteers across 26 garden sites, strengthening consistency, connection, and shared stewardship.



These gardens kept me alive when I was homeless, now I want to give back by helping out.

- WCG Campus Volunteer



2025 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IMPACT

Engaged **2,000+** volunteers who contributed over **7,800+** hours to WCG projects and events

Hosted **116** group volunteer events at **26** sites, including WCG's Campus, City Farm on 1300 South, numerous community and school garden sites, and WCG's Spring Plant Sale



YOUTH & SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAM

In 2025, the Youth & School Garden Program continued prioritizing accessibility and inclusion across its programming. The program significantly expanded its sliding-scale summer camp offerings, growing from one financially accessible camp in 2024 to four in 2025. In the broader local day camp community, WCG remains one of only a few programs committed to offering sliding-scale registration to help reduce financial barriers for families.

The program focused on strengthening trauma-informed approaches to both youth education and team collaboration. Educators developed and implemented shared communication guidelines to help create calmer, more cohesive learning environments during busy programming days. These efforts helped foster safer, more supportive spaces where young people can build confidence, connection, and a sense of belonging.

The Youth & School Garden Program also made meaningful strides in strengthening long-term community partnerships and youth engagement. For the first time, Youth Garden Club participants created a permanent mural in the Outdoor Classroom space, giving youth an opportunity to leave a lasting mark on the garden while building deeper ownership and connection to the space. The program also worked closely with the Salt Lake City School District and the Salt Lake Education Foundation to co-create a Standard of Procedure for sustaining school gardens, with implementation planned for 2026.



2025 YOUTH & SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAM IMPACT

Provided **2,837 children and families** with opportunities to grow, eat, prepare, and share fresh, delicious food; **83% participated for free**

Increased the financial accessibility of our summer camps by offering four income-based, sliding-scale fee camps, two of which were focused on West-side communities; **46% of summer camp participants** attended for free

Provided **weekly garden-based classes** for youth from University Neighborhood Partners Hartland Partnership Center, Rose Park Neighborhood Center, and YWCA

Organized **45 bilingual “Family Garden Gatherings” events** for families from Glendale Community Learning Center and Escalante Elementary School, providing opportunities to share recipes and garden knowledge



Food security is having access to nutritious food that you like and can eat.

- 6th Grade Student

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



The Agriculture Operations Department supports organizational operations and programming through site maintenance across WCG's community gardens, urban farm sites, and Campus. In 2025 the Agricultural Operations Department achieved significant milestones, strengthening both growing capacity and community impact.

City Farm on 1300 South celebrated its first full growing season at its new location in Glendale, producing a record 42,000 seedlings for the Spring Plant Sale while expanding its renewable energy infrastructure by doubling its solar array and increasing battery storage capacity. The produce grown at City Farm by the Job Training Program's Green Team was donated to low-income families through multiple community partners.

Agricultural Operations staff stewarded the construction of the new Farm Incubator Group Site (FIGS). The team prepared the site to be built into multiple farm plots to host Farm Incubator Program participants in 2026. On WCG's Campus, the team successfully piloted large-scale shade structures over outdoor growing areas, and expanded shade protection for the outdoor classroom.

In 2025, WCG focused on gathering input from staff, board, partners, neighbors, and other stakeholders regarding how they would like to see the Farm Hub on Utah Street developed and utilized. This input is helping shape ongoing design plans for this permanently protected urban farm site which will offer a diversity of programming opportunities.

Throughout the year, Agricultural Operations also deepened its commitment to strengthening the local agricultural network. The department hosted two USDA Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP)-funded farmer gatherings that brought regional producers together to build connections and share resources.

2025 AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT IMPACT

Managed **9+ acres of productive urban green space**, including our main Campus, 19 community gardens, two farms, and new Farm Incubator Group Site (FIGS)

Grew a record **42,000 organic vegetable and edible perennial seedlings** at City Farm for the annual Spring Plant Sale

Donated **-5,000 pounds** of produce grown by the Green Team to community partners serving over a thousand low-income individuals and families



FARM INCUBATOR GROUP SITE (FIGS)



In 2025, WCG stepped in to steward a 3-acre agricultural site in South Salt Lake after longtime partner The Green Urban Lunchbox (GULB) announced its dissolution. Working closely with GULB and Salt Lake County, WCG assumed the lease for the space to ensure the land would remain dedicated to agriculture, community use, and food resilience. Now renamed the Farm Incubator Group Site (FIGS), the property will serve as a cornerstone of WCG's new Farm Incubator Program alongside the Farm Hub currently under development.

Throughout 2025, WCG focused on redesigning and preparing the FIGS site to support urban farmers ready to expand their operations. The site now includes shared infrastructure such as municipal water, cold storage, farm tools, propagation space, produce washing and processing areas, and access to WCG's Tool Library for larger equipment. Research and focus groups conducted with local growers also shaped the program's direction, highlighting the urgent need for affordable land access, practical education, and hands-on farming experience in Salt Lake County. In response to the unexpected transition of the FIGS property, WCG postponed hiring a Farm Incubator Program Manager until 2026 so staff could prioritize preserving and preparing the site.



Looking ahead to 2026, WCG will launch the Farm Incubator Program, a new track in the Farm-Based Job Training Program, to support current and aspiring farmers—particularly individuals from low- and moderate-income households and graduates of WCG's Green Team program. Participants will gain hands-on training and access to growing space at the Farm Hub before scaling up to larger plots at FIGS. Several farmers previously trained through GULB are expected to continue farming at the site and will help strengthen the program by serving as participants, collaborators, and mentors for the next generation of urban growers.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

In 2025, WCG continued to engage community members in gardening, healthy eating, and building community through events at the WCG Campus and our partner sites.

2025 COMMUNITY EVENT IMPACT



Partnered with Escalante Elementary School to host a Salsa Fiesta in the Escalante Elementary school garden. Over **130 community members** enjoyed an evening of delicious homemade salsa.



Served more than **4,200 community members** through our Spring Plant Sale. Customers purchased **~42,000 food-growing plants** raised from seed by participants in our Job Training Program serving women facing homelessness



Invited **14 Hispanic/Latinx families** to set up ofrendas (offerings) at the WCG Campus to honor their loved ones and share their culture and traditions through a Día de Muertos event in partnership with Artes de México en Utah. Roughly **65 community members** visited the ofrendas



Welcomed **~1,400 community members** to our Campus to enjoy free tomato and pesto sandwiches at our Tomato Sandwich Party



Hosted our Love Local Winter Market, an outdoor/indoor holiday market featuring **35 small, local vendors and food trucks** and attended by **~1,100 community members** at the WCG Campus in December

2025 DONORS

THANK YOU for the many ways you empower people to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food through your financial support!

GRANT FUNDERS

\$100,000 - \$999,999

ESRR Impact Endowment Fund
at The Chicago Community
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Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts &
Parks (ZAP) Program

\$50,000 - \$99,999

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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\$2,000 - \$4,999

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\$1,000 - \$1,999

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\$40,000+

High Country Gardens

\$15,000-\$29,999

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\$10,000 - \$14,999

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\$1,000 - \$4,999

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Golden Tomato Society

We honor the visionary donors who plant a lasting legacy by including WCG in their will, trust, or retirement plans.

Perennial Society

Thank you to our monthly donors whose reliable, year-round contributions sustain WCG's programs all year long.



Director's Circle

We are deeply grateful to our leadership-level donors who fueled our mission and cultivated community impact in 2025.

■ *I am continually amazed by all the innovative practices that Wasatch Community Gardens has been doing. I planted one of the tomatoes that was dry farmed there in the past. I planted it in early May and have only watered it once since then. It was a very dry May and June so I do find that amazing. The plant is growing very well. Continued research in low water gardening is very innovative and probably necessary for future crops in this state.*

- Kay & Ellen, Director's Circle Donors



Pals of the Plant Sale (PoPS)

Gratitude to the vibrant community of supporters who sustained us through \$150+ annual gifts, Spring Plant Sale shopping, or \$10/month+ recurring donations.

■ *We like to call our garden the "garden of neglect." Ever since we started running a seasonal business in central Idaho in the mid 2000s, we plant a vegetable garden in May, get the sprinklers set up and are gone for a solid 4-6 weeks of the summer. I try to find someone to come by and cull the summer squash while we are gone, but they are so sneaky and we often come home to a zucchini the size of a Volkswagen hiding in the leaves. We have the best luck with our plants from WGC. Thank goodness our neighbor's little boy loves Armenian cucumbers. If we didn't have his help the yield on those cucumbers would bury us!*

- Deb & Ezra, PoPS Members and Director's Circle Donors



Donor Sprouts (\$1-\$149)

Every great garden begins with a seed and then a sprout, and we thank our foundation-level donors for getting our mission growing.

■ *Last year, we came for the plants and left feeling deeply connected to something bigger. Each addition to our garden felt like a small extension of the Wasatch Community Gardens mission, nurturing not just what grows in our yard, but what grows across our community. Making a donation felt like a natural way to help that impact continue to take root.*

- Brian & Molly (& Darby the dog!), First-time Donors

Other Ways to Give

Stock Donation: We appreciate the donors who maximized their impact and utilized tax advantages by gifting appreciated securities directly to WCG.

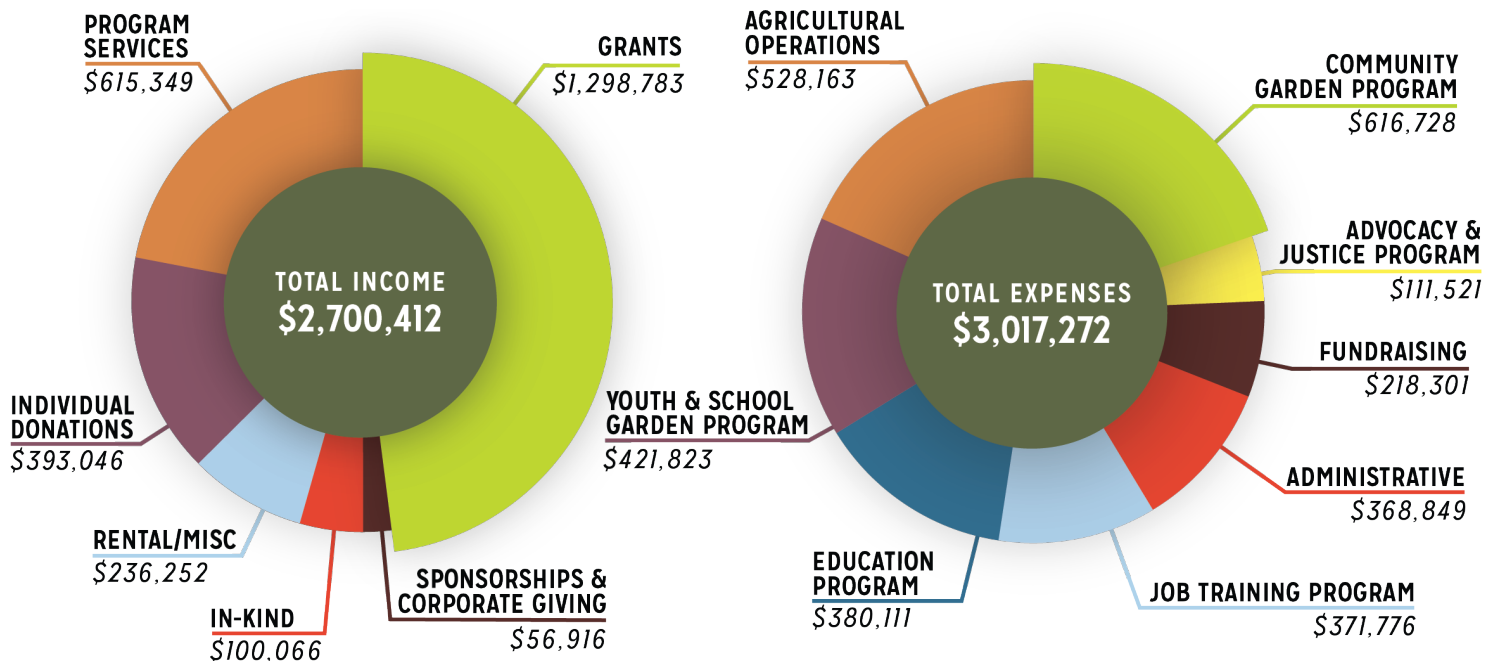
IRA QCD: Thank you to those who supported our healthy food initiatives directly from their IRAs through Qualified Charitable Distributions.

Workplace Giving: We are grateful to the supporters who simplified their 2025 philanthropy through easy, efficient payroll contributions.

Give While You Shop: Thank you to everyone who effortlessly turned everyday grocery trips into community support by linking their Smith's Rewards Card to WCG.



2025 FINANCIALS



2025 WCG PEOPLE

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