Outgrowing Hunger
Nurturing the growth of people, places, and whole communities toward their highest potentials for well-being, resilience, and sustainability.

BI-ANNUAL REPORT
2021 - 2022

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Looking back on the organization we were at the end of 2020 compared it to the organization we are at the dawn of 2023, it becomes clear to me how so many threads of thought, development, partnership, and practice which seemed incidental, circumstantial, or somewhat random at that time were actually seeds of a crop which is now nearly matured. Pandemic-response food boxes laid the groundwork for a profitable CSA business for our farmers; Selling extra chilies to a hot sauce maker grew into an SBA-sponsored business development program; Persistent requests for larger community garden plots blossomed into an 18-acre farmer accelerator project; A decision to visit a new group discussing food work in Rockwood turned into a farmers market, a robust coalition, multiple grants, and a platform to impact the entire east Multnomah County food system; Acquaintances of convenience have become friends, partners, and board members.

As we launch our 13th growing season I am truly humbled by the outpouring of support and encouragement we have received from so many places. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.

Looking ahead, 2023 will see a renewed dedication to helping create abundantly productive and economically thriving immigrant, refugee, and BIPOC farm businesses while continuing to operate our network of gardens for the whole community. Stay tuned for opportunities to support our farmers while stocking your pantry!

Adam Kohl
Executive Director

Impact Snapshot

385
Community Garden Plots Operated

67
Immigrant & Refugee Entrepreneurs Supported

40
Farmer Accelerator Participants
Programs
Community Gardens

Our Community Gardens programs primarily serve East Portland's growing refugee and immigrant population and the local community. In 2022 we administered 385 plots across 10 sites in East Portland and on behalf of the City of Gresham.

In these programs, we provide affordable access to fresh produce while building self-sufficiency through:
- Outreach & Engagement
- Organic & Natural Gardening Education
- Free Gardening workshops for our community gardeners and the public
- Provision of plants and seeds
- Access to compost and organic fertilizer
- Ongoing daily operations

Direct Hunger Relief

In 2021-22 we reimbursed our farmers at full market value totaling $81,950 for fresh culturally appropriate vegetables distributed into their respective communities, comprising 1074 unique households.

Thank you to our food distribution partners:
- IRCO & MFS Food After School Food Pantries
- Rohingya Community Vegetable Distribution
- Sunrise Food Pantry

We look forward to distributing even more in 2023 with financial support from Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Department of Human Services.

The Farmer Accelerator program supports 40 individual farmers from seven different countries across our three farm sites.

All farmers education workshops encourage regenerative farming methods.
In 2021, Mohammed Haji made farming his full-time job and supported his family, achieving his dream of being his own boss. He sold produce at 2 farmers markets and distributed free vegetables to over 100 community members every week of the growing season. Recently, Mohammed has begun raising halal chickens for his Muslim brothers & sisters as a part of an integrated, regenerative farming system.
Programs
Sponsored Projects

Play, Grow, Learn
In 2021-22 we were proud to sponsor Play Grow Learn, who provided paid internships to 18 youth from minority communities, Operated Rockwood People’s Market, and distributed Free CSA (veggie box shares) in a generous partnership with Mult. Co. Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)

Oregon Food Bank Community Grantees
Bonifacio Garden
Sofia Farm
Oregon Karen Association
Farmland Produce Distribution Project

Congratulations!
To our nonprofit sponsorees who achieved 501(c)(3) status in 2021-22

Arise & Shine
Kindness Farm
BIPOC Rise Moor Healing Center
Oregon Karen Association
2021 FUNDS RAISED
$832,320

Grants & Contributions 55%
Gov't Funding 28.4%
Program Services 3.1%
Gifts in Kind 13.5%

2021 EXPENDITURES
$799,253

Sponsored Projects 44.9%
Salaries & Expenses 12%
Administration 5.9%
Facilities 10.7%
Payments to Farmers 6%
All Other 3.7%
Supplies & Materials 8.7%

Due to rounding, totals may not equal 100%

2022 FUNDS RAISED
$1,013,740

Grants & Contributions 26.2%
Gov't Funding 58%
Program Services 5.1%
Gifts in Kind 10.8%

2022 EXPENDITURES
$944,050

Sponsored Projects 44.7%
Dedicated 2023 Funds 6.4%
Salaries & Expenses 14.9%
Facilities 14.1%
Payments to Farmers 6.7%
Supplies & Materials 4.7%
Administration 5.8%

Due to the timing of this publication, 2022 figures are estimates.
Thank You

Grantors

Care Oregon
Portland Clean Energy Fund
Collins Foundation
East Multnomah Soil and Water District (EMSWD)
Eastrose Fellowship
GrowingGardens
Portland Children's Levy
Jacobs Foundation
Kaiser Foundation
Metro
Meyer Memorial Trust
Oregon Community Foundation & Donor Advised Funds
Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation
Oregon Department of Agriculture
Oregon Food Bank: Local Food Purchasing Agreement
Organically Grown Company
PGE Foundation
PGE Foundation: PGE Drive Change Fund
Rockwood CDC: USDA Urban Farmer Grant
Seeding Justice

Volunteers

Central City Concern Community Volunteer Corps
Angie Korol
Ron Zitzewitz

Donors & Corporate Sponsors

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Rockwood Community Development Corp: East County Business Bridge

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