

WALLS COMMUNITY GARDEN 2020 REPORT

December 1, 2020





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FOOD DONATIONS

Food to Portage Metro. Housing Authority:

7/31/20: tomatoes (8 oz), squash (3 lb, 8 oz), cucumber (1 lb, 2oz), beans (1lb, 2 oz)

8/13/20: beans (1 lb, 8 oz), tomatoes (10 oz), cucumber (10 oz), kale (8 oz)

8/27/20: beans (2 lb, 12 oz), cucumber (1 lb), tomatoes (2 lb, 3 oz)

10/1/20: basil (1 lb, 4 oz), parsley (9 oz), chard (1 lb), tomatoes (10 oz), sage (4 oz)

11/20/20: carrots (2 lb), chard (8 oz), kale (5 oz)

Food to Walls students

11/10/20 - potatoes (7.5 lbs)

Students are allowed to harvest any produce while their class is outside

Misc. community donations / harvesting

Cindy: Miller Community House

July - September- lettuce, beans, herbs, squash donated (~10 lbs)

Total food donated: 29.4 lbs + Cindy/ misc. community



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Spring

Student volunteers: $5 \times 5 \text{ hours week} \times 10 \text{ weeks} = 250 \text{ hours}$

Director: $5 \text{ hours week} \times 16 = 90 \text{ hrs}$

Summer

Intern 1 (Sophia): $15 \text{ hrs/wk} \times 14 \text{ wks} = 210 \text{ hrs}$

Intern 2 (Annie): $10/\text{wk} \times 10 \text{ weeks} = 100 \text{ hrs}$

Intern (Krystal): $10/\text{wk} \times 10 \text{ weeks} = 100 \text{ hrs}$

Director (Cindy): $10/\text{wk} \times 16 \text{ weeks} = 160 \text{ hrs}$

Summer Total: 570 hrs

Fall

Program Manager (Sophia): $12 \text{ hrs/wk} \times 19 \text{ wks} = 228 \text{ hrs}$

Intern 1 (Jenna): $5 \text{ hrs/wk} \times 15 \text{ wks} = 75 \text{ hrs}$

Intern 2 (Meghan): $5 \text{ hrs/wk} \times 15 \text{ wks} = 75 \text{ hrs}$

Intern 3 (Gabe): $2 \text{ hrs/wk} \times 15 \text{ wks} = 30 \text{ hrs}$

Director (Cindy): $5 \text{ hrs/wk} \times 20 \text{ wks} = 100 \text{ hours}$

Do we need to include teacher hours? Yes, an estimate would be fine 2 hrs/wk

Misc. community volunteers

Community members weeding/watering: 20 hrs

Helen (planting flowers): 4 hrs

Jeff (moving mulch): 6 hrs

Clara (misc. assistance): 10 hrs

Phil Widuck (rain barrels, mulch): 10 hrs





GARDEN CLUB/STUDENTS SERVED

Students Served

- 2 teachers (Heidi & Molly)
- 115 students (1st and 3rd grade)

3 Main Garden Activities

- Garden scavenger hunt
- Garden Bingo
- Bug Hotel
- Dig bed

Extra Activities Completed

- Harvesting from the potato tower
- Flower harvesting
- Classes also utilized the garden during the school day (pulled weeds, looked for bugs, planted cover crop, harvested produce)



PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Planted Perennial Fruits
- Small strawberry patch
- 6 red raspberry plants
- 6 black raspberry plants
- Constructed a potato tower
- Planted fall garlic
- Planted fall cover crop for soil tilth and nutrition
- Replaced dirt in raised beds with organic matter-rich soil
- Season extension via frost cloth and bottlehouse





COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

Weekly emails to the family gardeners & coalition members

Email subscribers: 20

Facebook & Instagram Accounts

Facebook (May 2020): 13 page likes, 14 people following

Facebook (December 2020): 87 page likes, 94 people following

Instagram (May 2020): 5 followers, 1 post

Instagram (December 2020): 283 followers, 85 posts



BEDS USED

15 raised beds, 1 raised keyhole garden

Summer

Community: 10 community beds, keyhole garden was a community bed

Family: 5 beds

Fall

Everything was community due to ongoing maintenance



FUNDRAISERS & GRANTS

Grants applied for:

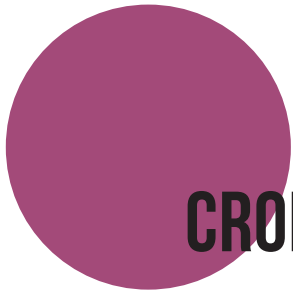
USDA Farm to School grant

Which grants did we receive for the 2020FY?

Rotary Grant- \$1000

Ohio Association of Garden Clubs Foundation- \$200

2020 Autumn Auction total: ~\$600-700



CROPS GROWN

Tomatoes	Peppers
Eggplant	Dill
Parsley	Garlic
Pumpkins	Watermelon
Peas	Strawberries
Chives	Thyme
Carrots	Radishes
Kale	Asparagus
Zucchini	Summer squash
Sage	Basil
Potatoes	Sunflowers
Cucumber	Beans
Raspberries	Blueberries
Chard	Spinach
Cover crop mix	Broccoli
Cilantro	Lettuce Onion?



GOALS FOR 2021

- Expand beds at Walls (7 new beds)
- Start a garden club at Davey Elementary(?)*
- Apply for small grants
- Partner with seed company (Seed Savers Exchangers ADAPT Program - grow 3 varieties of 2 types of plants)
- Offer more garden club activities (increase to 5 activities for spring semester, offer 8 summer activities)
- Increase food donations to community orgs by 30% by August 2021
- Increase family participation in maintaining garden beds (5 more families to reserve a bed, maintain through the summer + fall)
- Classes*
- More intern/knowledge support *pending Covid
- Increase community partnerships (7 new or official partnerships by December 2021)
- Build an herb garden
- Spring fundraiser (auction? TBD)

*Pending Covid