

*Growing Gardens is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to cultivating community through gardening.*

*Growing Gardens is a human services and youth development organization based in Boulder, Colorado. Since 1998, Growing Gardens has worked to empower youth, the elderly, people with disabilities, and low-income families and individuals in our community. Our main garden site, located in North Boulder, has been in agricultural use for the past 100 years.*

*We envision individuals, the community and nature living through an understanding and respect of interdependency of land, water, and species. We see impassioned individuals actively invested in, contributing to and replenishing their social and ecological environment.*

# 2004 Annual Report

## From the Executive Director

In 2004, Growing Gardens' programs thrived, and we were abundantly blessed by rain, sun, hard working youth and the support of a growing community of volunteers and donors. I would like to share some highlights of this year's activities and invite you to read the full report, which details each of our programs' recent accomplishments and goals for 2005.

### In 2004:

- A record 2,924 hours of volunteer work was completed.
- We partnered with National Civilian Conservation Corp and various community and corporate volunteers to improve our North Boulder site infrastructure.
- We completed a garden for those with disabilities, added two new shade arbors, three teepees and two straw-bale benches in the Children's Peace Garden.
- We purchased a hard-working tractor (after three years of saving and generous donations).
- We presented a seminar on local food systems, gave a workshop on beekeeping and provided tours of our site to many international visitors at the International Sustainable Resource Conference.
- We conducted a class on local organic food systems and nutritional education at the University of Colorado and helped elementary schools install gardens.

In 2005 we will continue our fundraising efforts for the construction of the community greenhouse, strive to create greater awareness of Growing Gardens, and extend our outreach by increasing partnerships with businesses and expanding our programs to serve more clients. We are also developing strategies to create a stable funding base for our organization by increasing our earned income revenues and continuing to build our organizational infrastructure with a strong and supportive Board of Directors.

Growing Gardens has empowered and enriched the lives of children, teenagers, seniors, people with disabilities and other community members by giving them the opportunity to experience the harmony of the natural world through gardening. We are fortunate to work with a dedicated community of people linked by their belief in the power of helping others and working together for wonderful purposes.



– Ramona Clark, Executive Director



## 2004 Board of Directors

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# Community Programs

## Cultiva! Youth Project

The Cultiva! program empowers a diverse mix of at-risk youth (ages 11-18 years) to become leaders; and create positive change for the community, for the environment and for themselves by teaching sustainable agriculture, leadership, entrepreneurial and life skills.

Cultiva! participants work daily to cultivate a one-acre organic garden where the produce is donated weekly to those in need. Cultiva! youth also sell a portion of their produce at the Boulder Farmer's Market to learn business skills.

## 2004 Achievements

- Thirty-six youth participants performed 518 hours of community service.
- Cultiva! youth conducted one radio interview, two workshops on beekeeping and spoke at a City Council meeting.
- Cultiva! youth increased sales at the Boulder Farmer's Market 10% by adding cut flowers, beehive products and crafts to the Cultiva! booth.
- Cultiva! youth completed Job Skills, Conflict Resolution Training, and Options for Life after High School workshops.
- Local chefs added their participation to the Cultiva! partnership with Slow Food.
- 680 pounds of produce were donated to Community Food Share and the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless.
- The 2004 Cultiva! Harvest Dinner netted over \$16,500 to benefit the Cultiva! Youth Project.



## 2005 Goals

- Increase youth participants by 20%.
- Improve sales at the Boulder Farmer's Market by expanding products and training.
- Expand the Cultiva! Beekeeping Program.

## Children's Peace Garden

In 2004, 91 children five to ten years of age learned how to respect themselves, each other and the environment by exploring the life processes of plants, the interdependency of species, where their food comes from and how to grow food.



*“ By learning how to lead kids in the Children’s Peace Garden,  
I have learned how to become more of a leader.”*

– Cultiva! Youth

### 2004 Accomplishments

- Cultiva! youth took a more direct role in teaching and updating the curriculum.
- Long-term improvements and structures were created at the garden site.

### 2005 Goals

- Serve 150 children ages five to ten.
- Expand elementary-aged service learning projects.

## The Community Garden Program

Growing Gardens manages garden plots in six different Boulder County neighborhoods. We provide plots for families to grow food and have a positive community experience.

### 2004 Accomplishments

- Three new community gardens (59 plots) were installed at the Goss-Grove and Holiday neighborhoods, and Fortune Park.

### 2005 Goals

- Create an additional community garden.

## The Neighborhood Compost Project

Designed to help Boulder reach its goal of 50 percent waste reduction, this program coordinates businesses, gardeners and individuals to compost their kitchen, lawn and garden waste. Tours and workshops educate more than 1,400 people annually.

### 2004 Accomplishments

- The project recovered over 1,800 yards of raw material and produced 675 yards of finished compost.
- A tractor was acquired to facilitate materials processing.

### 2005 Goals

- Recover and process 2,800 yards of raw material into 750 yards of finished compost.

## Boulder Community Food Project

This community program builds partnerships with low-income families in Boulder County. Growing Gardens provides seeds, plants, garden plots and educational classes to help individuals and families become self-sufficient in meeting their food needs.

### 2004 Accomplishments

- Served more than 70 low-income Boulder County families.

## Horticultural Therapy Program

Partnering with several local agencies serving seniors and people with disabilities, the Horticultural Therapy Program’s curriculum includes weekly gardening classes and activities as well as classes utilizing plant material in cooking, displays and crafts.

### 2004 Accomplishments

- The program was expanded year-round.
- Seniors, people with disabilities and Cultiva! youth, worked together in the Able Garden to add a shade arbor and three new raised planting beds.

### 2005 Goals

- Add two more agencies and provide an additional day of programming at the Able Garden.

## Greenhouse Site Development

The Community Greenhouse will make it possible to expand our programs year-round. This will greatly increase the number of people in the community that we can serve, and provide a stable funding base to reach our goal of self-sustainability.

### 2005 Goals

- Raise \$60,000 and make the Community Greenhouse a center of learning for families and individuals with a focus on growing plants for food, health, and the environment.



## 2004 Financials

### Assets

Cash Account	\$ 150,412
Accounts Receivable	\$ 3,553
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,719
Property & Equipment	\$ 33,584
Construction in Progress	\$ 44,036
<b>Total Assests</b>	<b>\$ 233,304</b>

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 2,488
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,488</b>

### Revenue

Foundation Grants	\$ 80,903
Contract Revenue	\$ 32,557
Contributions	\$ 33,030
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 24,365
Earned Income	\$ 16,912
Benefit Events	\$ 21,293
Classes	\$ 3,980
Interest	\$ 174
Other	\$ (631)
Net Assets (released from restrictions)	\$ 37,043
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Support</b>	<b>\$ 187,014</b>

### Expenses

Program Services	\$ 159,970
Management & General	\$ 25,178
Fund-raising	\$ 7,700
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 192,848</b>

### Breakdown of Program Services Expenses

Youth Programs	\$ 159,970
Community Gardens	\$ 25,178
Neighborhood Compost Project	\$ 7,700
Horticultural Therapy	\$ 10,564
Boulder Community Food Project	\$ 337

## 2004 Supporters

### \$1 - \$99

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### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Anschutz Family Foundation  
 City of Boulder - Youth Opportunities Program  
 Horizon Organic Dairy  
 Debra Lane  
 Millennium Trust  
 Edmund T. & Eleanor Quick Foundation  
 Weaver Family Foundation Program

### \$10,000-\$29,999

City of Boulder Department of Environmental Affairs  
 City of Boulder Department of Parks & Recreation  
 Denver Foundation  
 Janus Foundation

### \$30,000 - \$65,000

Sheila Fortune  
 Eleanor & Henry Hitchcock Charitable Foundation

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