

We envision inspired people joining together to actively replenish their environment, their community and themselves. We believe in the power of people to co-create harmony between land, water and all living things for generations to come.

Growing Gardens is a human services and youth development non-profit organization, based in Boulder, which was established in 1998.



2010 Annual Report



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Letter from the Board President

Growing Gardens Community

I was at a dinner a few weeks ago with a local chef and was reminded that food brings us together; and creates a scene for amazing conversation and community. We enjoyed micro greens with home made Sriracha sauce; with all but three ingredients locally sourced. The chef introduced the dinner and he and his sous-chef joined us at the community table.

Sometimes we talk about farmers market revenue and we forget we are not just growing “carrots”, we are Growing Gardens and we have a family of people who love what we do. After the 2011 plant sale we will invite some friends to the garden to break bread and enjoy our harvest. Over dinner we will remember it is not just about carrots; but about stewardship, people and the mutual respect and love for what we do as gardeners of this amazing land in Boulder County.

Growing Gardens — a year in review

Growing Gardens celebrated its 11th Anniversary in 2010, and our Community Gardens program turned thirty-three. In 2010 our programs all witnessed year-over-year growth, showing how integral our services are to Boulder County residents.

Cultiva Youth Program

Some of the program highlights from 2010 include doubling our efforts and partnership with the Boulder County Farmers market. Our interns and Cultiva Youth Program participants gleaned unsold market produce on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

In 2010 Growing Gardens donated over 8,500 pounds of organic produce to those in need by delivering food to families across a multitude of channels. Channels such as Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), and donations to organizations like Boulder Parks and Recreations Youth Services Initiative, Sister Carmen, EFAA (Emergency Family Assistance Program), and the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless and Community Food Share.

Community Gardens

In 2010 we opened a new Community Garden in Longmont, with funding through LiveWell Longmont. Growing Gardens has 474 community

plots (with over 1,422 active participants) allocated to individuals and families.

Growing Gardens is currently working with the City of Boulder and Boulder County municipalities on funding additional Community Gardens. We are striving to keep recurring costs to potential gardeners low, grow the program to reduce waiting list time for new community gardens, maintain a full tool set for gardeners and expand further into Boulder County. As municipalities examine their 2011 budgets the growth of this program may see significant head winds.

An orchard near downtown Boulder

Our flagship location at 1630 Hawthorn saw significant funding advancement in 2010. Growing Gardens received a major grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support the irrigation requirements of a planned orchard on the Eastern half of the property that will deploy a state of the art irrigation system to reduce water usage by relying on remote data from NOAA. We are currently working on the landscape design and will plant a number of dwarf fruit trees this year.

Garden Based Education — Children’s Peace Garden and Horticultural Therapy

The year 2010 was a period of growth for our educational programs, from beekeeping to biodynamic gardening, to teaching students in our elementary grade schools and high schools about gardening, environmental stewardship, horticultural therapy and nutrition.

The Children’s Peace Garden program grew by 71% last year as we reached out to new schools in Longmont and Lafayette. Our garden based education curriculum reached over 3,000 students and we recorded almost 4,000 volunteer hours to support our efforts.

Thank you for a wonderful 2010 growing season

Growing Gardens programs and our organization are a vital part of Boulder County. Our educational programs help foster the needed community debate around nutrition, environmental stewardship and a healthy local biodynamic food supply. Graduates from our programs are studying International Soil Science and Environmental Studies and will be the stewards of our organic

gardens tomorrow.

Thank you to all of our patrons, volunteers, and our staff and their families, for your support of Growing Gardens. I look forward to seeing you at the greenhouse in the coming weeks for our 11th Annual Community Plant Sale and I hope you can join us for a dinner in the garden on August 6, 2011.

*With much thanks,
Jeffrey H. Woodruff
Board President, Growing Gardens*



Organization Information

Gardening has the potential for far-reaching benefits, and we're proud to use the power of gardening to benefit and support Boulder County life in many ways:

Though our programs ...

Growing Gardens empowers, enriches and creates positive change for thousands of Boulder County residents, especially youth, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families and individuals.

Through land preservation ...

We preserve and protect agricultural land for everyone. Our main garden site, located in North Boulder, has been in agricultural use for the past 100 years.

Through education...

Growing Gardens teaches people of all ages about gardening and sustainable agriculture.



Growing Gardens Programs

Cultiva
Children's Peace Garden
Community Garden
Horticultural Therapy
Fresh Foods, Families and Fitness
Education and Outreach

iCultiva! Youth Project

A diverse mix of at-risk teenagers work daily cultivating a two-acre organic garden and participate in the Farmers' Market. This program builds leadership, teamwork and entrepreneurial skills. The Cultiva youth also teach and guide younger children, learn about cooking, nutrition, and beekeeping and volunteer in the community.

2010 Achievements

- Managed a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) with 20 weekly shares of produce, including eight low-income families who received a reduced price share.
- Increased beehives from 20 to 25
- We donated over 8,000 pounds of produce to those in need. Almost half of this was grown by our Cultiva teens and the rest we gleaned in partnership with the Boulder County Farmers Market and Community Food Share

Goals for 2011

- Launch a chicken project with 100 chickens to provide eggs for the Market
- Develop more spring and fall programming for Cultiva teens
- Increase the number of on-site cooking and nutrition classes

Children's Peace Garden

The Children's Peace Garden is a place for fun and learning. Classes are available to children aged 4–10 with age-appropriate lessons about the life processes of plants, the interdependency of species, where food comes from, how to grow food, and respect for self, others and the environment.

2010 Accomplishments

- 3,479 children participated in the Children's Peace Garden Program — 71% increase from 2009
- Expanded classroom visits to schools in Lafayette and Longmont
- Created two weeks of summer camp for younger children 4–6 years of age

Goals 2011

- Design and Teach Professional Development course for SVVSD staff on school gardens and their incorporation into the classroom and long term sustainability
- Build school garden at Alicia Sanchez Elementary in Lafayette
- Establish a school garden curriculum and provide after-school and summer programming for Alicia Sanchez students

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Community Garden Program

Growing Gardens manages more than 474 garden plots in nine different Boulder County neighborhoods where families at every level of gardening skill grow food and have a positive community experience.

2010 Accomplishments

- New Community Garden installed in Longmont
- Increased the number of senior and low-income gardeners by 22%
- 889 pounds of produce was donated by community gardeners in 2010 — a 45% increase

Goals 2011

- Increase the number of new gardeners in the program
- Open and manage a new community garden in Longmont
- Develop volunteer garden coordinator program to help with on-site management of gardens

Horticultural Therapy Program

In partnership with local agencies that serve seniors and people with disabilities, the Horticultural Therapy Program offers weekly gardening classes and activities as well as classes in cooking and crafts using garden plants.

2010 Accomplishments

- 112 seniors and people with disabilities participated
- 89% learned to cook food from the garden
- 78% of participants reported increased physical fitness through gardening

Goals 2011

- Increase participants by 5%
- Expand the number of classes we provide

Fresh Foods, Families and Fitness

Growing Gardens provides seeds, plants, garden plots and classes to help low-income families and individuals in Boulder County meet their food needs with a fresh and healthy harvest.

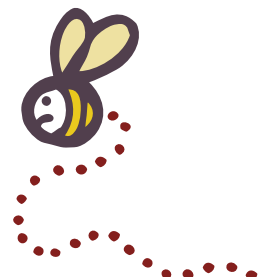
2010 Accomplishments

- Donated 750 seed packets
- Donated 6,364 plant starts to those in need in the community— *more than double from 2009*
- 4,376 low income individuals participated in the program

Goals 2010

- Maintain high level of seed and plant donations to low-income gardeners
- Increased involvement of low-income families in Growing Gardens activities

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Education and Outreach Programs

This program offers volunteer service and educational workshops in gardening to individuals and organizations. These activities bring diverse groups together, educate, and serve the community.

2010 Accomplishments

- A total of 3,872 volunteer hours were recorded with 554 people participating.
- Gardening with Children class was developed and taught
- 85 people participated in classes in 2010 — a 25% increase from 2009

Goals 2011

- Develop four new classes for 2011:
 - Garden Planning
 - Worm Composting
 - Fall Vegetable Storage
 - Intro to Beekeeping
- Initiate a volunteer appreciation event

Volunteer!

Drop by this summer to help the garden.
Tuesdays: 9 am – Noon
 Visit www.growinggardens.org for our autumn volunteer hours.

Save the date!

Saturday, August 6, 2011
 Cultiva Harvest Dinner



2010 Statement of Activities

Assets

Cash Accounts	\$ 210,781
Other Current Assets	\$ 34,016
Property & Equipment	\$ 308,326
Total Assets	\$ 553,123

Liabilities

Accounts Payable & Accruals	\$ 9,764
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,764

Net Assets

Restricted and Unrestricted	\$ 543,359
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 553,123

Statement of Activities

(Year ending December 31, 2010)

Operating Income

Contributions	\$ 58,726
Earned Income	\$ 176,550
Events	\$ 45,535
Grants	\$ 200,284
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 12,114
Interest Income	\$ 420
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,200
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$ 31,7244
Subtotal—Operating Revenue	\$ 532,573

Operating Expenses

Administrative Expenses

General	\$ 57,867
Fundraising	\$ 25,781

Program Services

Children's Peace Garden	\$ 65,667
Community Garden	\$ 13,586
Cultiva	\$ 161,285
Horticultural Therapy	\$ 15,402
Local Farm (occupancy)	\$ 13,586
Volunteer and Outreach	\$ 115,307

Subtotal—Operating Revenue	\$ 537,276
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Net Assets	\$ (4,703)
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2010 Growing Gardens Supporters

We strive to recognize all of our donors and apologize if any name was inadvertently omitted.

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OUR MISSION: to enrich the lives of our community through environmentally sustainable gardening programs that empower people to experience a direct and deep connection with plants, the land and each other.

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