

2014 Growing Gardens Annual Report



6,100 plant starts were grown and donated to low income gardeners, so they can grow their own food

650 packages of seeds were donated

9,811 pounds of fresh produce was donated in 2014 to low income families, Community Food Share and Boulder Food Rescue. Partner with Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, Attention Homes, Boulder Housing Partners and OUR Center

Children's Peace Garden:

5,705 children served (3,621 served in 13) **63% increase in children**
42% low income

"Both children have come home full of facts and excited about the garden. My son has a new love for radishes!" ~ Summer Camp Parent

"Our students are very urban and have very little experiences with gardens and their natural world around them. They needed this!!" ~ Local 5th Grade School Teacher

Cultiva Youth Project

47 paid teens, 114 youth through outreach education and 54 volunteer youth ages 11-18
47% low income



"Being in Cultiva inspired me to help end world hunger. This program changed how I look at food and the issues surrounding it." ~ Jonah, Former Cultiva Youth Leader

"My four years at Cultiva have been priceless and the experiences I have had during my time here have helped me grow significantly as a person. I started Cultiva as a pretty shy 14 year old who knew nothing about eating healthy and hated being put into situations where I wasn't around my close circle of friends. But, as time progressed I learned how to step up and take charge of not only the people I came in contact with but my own life as well." ~ Mariah, Former Cultiva Youth Leader



Community Gardens

11 Community Gardens in Boulder County
1,395 individuals participating.
11% low income – 58 plots rented at reduced rate or free, of 505 total plots

“Being outdoors, participating in growing food, fresh air and awareness of this special community – being a part of it is very enriching.” ~ Community Gardener

Horticultural Therapy

64 seniors and people with disabilities served.
79% low income

“I love weeding in the herb garden, the smells remind me of the garden my family used to have when I was small and we’d pick and cook from it every night.” ~ Horticultural Therapy participant

Educating the Community

14 Classes on Gardening and Cooking- sliding scale fee
8 month Beekeeping series- sliding scale fee

Demonstration Orchard

We started planting in our organic fruit orchard at our urban garden site just a few blocks from downtown Boulder. Volunteers hand-planted 1,000 raspberry and strawberry plants in the spring. We’ll plant over 100 various fruit trees suited to Colorado’s climate and soils in spring 2015.



Growing Gardens partners with 128 schools, businesses, non-profits and community groups and is grateful for the 704 volunteers in 2014 totaling over 3,100 volunteer hours.

Thank you for your support! You are making a difference and creating a vibrant community!