

# 2017 Growing Gardens Program Highlights



With the support of community members like you, 136,000 Boulder County residents have gained access to healthy, sustainably grown food and garden-based nutrition education through Growing Gardens programs.

- **Over 26,000** people were served through our programs in 2017.  
**59% of these community members were low income.**
- **11,052 plant starts and 2,702 seed packets** were donated to low income gardeners so that they could grow their own food.
- **We donated 15,814 pounds of fresh produce** to low-income families.  
Our partners include: Community Food Share, Emergency Family Assistance Association, OUR Center, There with Care, Women, Infants, and Children, I Have a Dream, and El Comite.
- **16,147 people** received plant starts, seed packets or fresh produce donations.
- **Our Children's Peace Garden served 7,151 children, 35% of whom were low-income.**  
In the last three years we've increased the number of children we've served by **20%**!







- **Our Cultiva Youth Project taught 294 teens ages 12-18** sustainable agriculture, leadership, and job skills. Teens are paid as they move up in the program. The teens come from **15** different middle and high schools throughout Boulder County. **40% were low income and 40% ethnically diverse.**
- **Our 12 Community Gardens** in Boulder County gave **1,174 individuals** the space to garden. We offered **88 of our 500 plots** at a free or reduced rate. Gardeners donated **1,006 pounds** of fresh produce to those in need.



- **28 seniors and 36 people with differing abilities** were served through our Horticultural Therapy program. **80% of these individuals were low income.**
- **22 Community Classes** taught hundreds of people about gardening, farm to table cooking, food preservation, and beekeeping with sliding scale tuition.
- We collaborated with our community by partnering with over **156 schools, businesses, and community groups** in 2017.
- **Over 778 volunteers** supported us with **11,133 hours of service** and our **25 interns completed 11,782 hours** of learning projects.

*It is with the outstanding support of our community that we continue to engage and enrich the lives of people of all ages and all backgrounds through sustainable urban agriculture.*

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