



Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2019

September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019





LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As School Garden Project of Lane County comes to the close of our 2019 programming, an opportunity to reflect presents itself. The seeds of science knowledge and exploration have been planted in the minds of our students. In addition, we have tasted new vegetables and learned how to care for and tend a garden. SGP garden educators and volunteers have said a temporary goodbye to the children in our program until late fall and the start of new beginnings.

New Beginnings.

For many of SGP's students, having access to a yard or resources to plant a garden is nonexistent. School Garden Project of Lane County believes every child has the right to this opportunity. School gardens also present the opportunity for children to experience connections with multiple generations. Teachers, community volunteers, grandparents and parents are all present during our lessons. This experience is profoundly important due to the creation of social interactions that busy lives and technology can make difficult for children to experience.

As a Guy Lee Elementary third grade student stated recently after an SGP class, **"I can't wait to go home and study plants instead of playing games on my tablet!"** A 4th grade Bertha Holt Elementary School student stated, "One of my friends got to be in garden class last year and I waited all summer to be here! I can't believe we actually get to go to the secret garden now!"

Your continued support allows SGP to continue to champion inclusion and equal access for all students by our commitment to providing an opportunity for children to explore together, to learn together, and to grow and eat healthy food together.

Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you in the garden!

Mindy Bell, Executive Director



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for your continued leadership
and support!*

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“OUR CHALLENGE ISN’T SO MUCH TO TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT THE NATURAL WORLD, BUT TO FIND WAYS TO SUSTAIN THE INSTINCTIVE CONNECTIONS THEY ALREADY CARRY.”

– Terry Krautwurst

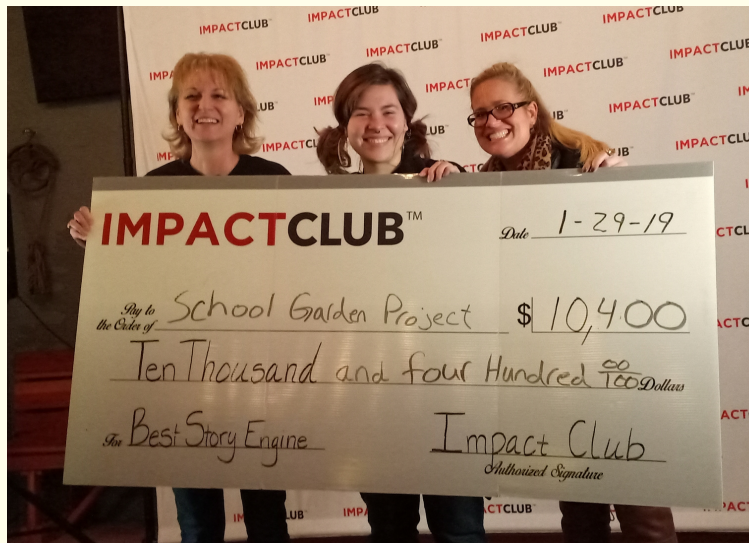
School Garden Project strives to help Lane County schools develop onsite vegetable gardens where we teach children science in the garden and the basics of growing food, using the garden as an outdoor laboratory. We also provide material and curriculum resources; professional development for educators; volunteer recruiting and training; and maintenance support to sustain and expand educational gardens

throughout our region and beyond. We are committed to a future in which children become knowledgeable healthy adults who understand the basics of growing food, can apply science principles to garden ecosystems, steward the natural world, eat fruits and vegetables, and contribute to a thriving community.



STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

Impact Club & SGP Trivia Night



In January 2019, School Garden Project of Lane County was chosen, despite some pretty tremendous competition, as the quarterly **Impact Club Eugene** non-profit winner!! This far reaching donation supported SGP to continue vital community focused work. Impact Club has truly made a HUGE impact in our local community. This amazing group allows people wanting to support and acknowledge organizations doing great work in the community by taking small donations and making a considerable difference in our local community. Check out their amazing work!

<https://impactclub.com/clubs/eugene-or/>



School Garden Project hosted its first annual Trivia Night in August of 2019. This event was made possible by so many generous, local businesses, including the donation of the venue by The Barn Light. This event brought many different people from many different parts of our community together for an evening filled with good food, good drinks and amazing company – all in support of garden education for all students in Lane County.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ✨

Jamie Newsome - Volunteer Extraordinaire

One of the more well-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Volunteering allows a person to connect to their community and make it a better place. At School Garden Project, Jamie Newsome is one of our beloved and amazing volunteers.

Jamie volunteered this year at Guy Lee Elementary. When asked about how she feels about School Garden Project, Jamie said, *"When I was a younger kid, I didn't have anything like this growing up. Volunteering at School Garden Project is important to me because it gives the kids in the community the tools to learn and try new fruits and vegetables. It is a wonderful feeling to have kids try new things and LOVE what they are trying."*

Inspiration sometimes arises out of seeing an individual doing something you admire. We know that volunteers like Jamie join SGP for no other reason than to give back and make a difference. Volunteers like Jamie truly feel the need to help and give whatever they can. Jamie's presence in the garden serves as inspiration for our community every day to do and be more. Jamie's support and encouragement of School Garden Project inspires all of us to reach new heights in the garden and our community.



Jamie works for Hepa-Graff and has been in Eugene for a little over a year. Originally from Missouri, Jamie received a college scholarship in track to attend Indiana University and has a degree in Human and Environmental Science with an emphasis in Geographic Information Systems. She made her way to Eugene after accepting an internship through the Bureau of Land Management at Loon Lake.



2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

WE'RE GROWING OUR COMMUNITY ONE GARDEN AT A TIME.



1,388

**STUDENTS SERVED EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMMING**



295

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS



2,489

**VOLUNTEER HOURS OF ASSISTANCE WITH
GARDEN EDUCATION AND MAINTENANCE**



86%

**OF STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED AN INCREASE
IN SCIENCE AND GARDEN KNOWLEDGE**



62%

**OF STUDENTS REPORTED TRYING MORE
VEGETABLES**



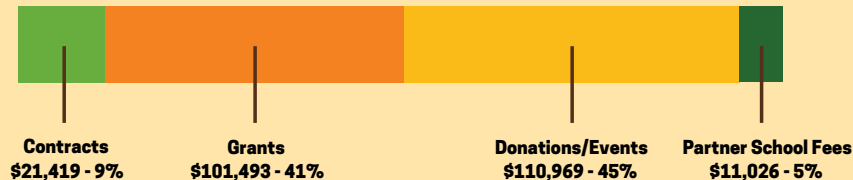
66%

**OF STUDENTS REPORTED AN INCREASED
AFFINITY FOR VEGETABLES**

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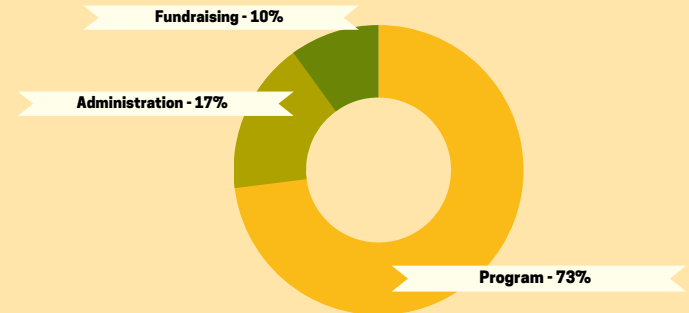
INCOME

\$244,907



EXPENSE

\$274,289



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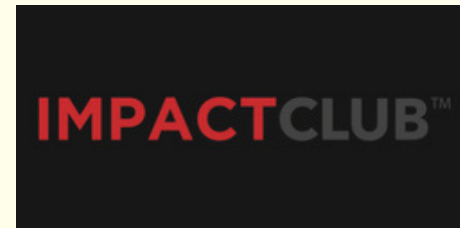
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