

URBAN ROOTS



Fiscal Year 2023 Impact Outcomes

August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023

At Urban Roots, we envision a thriving food system, cultivated by youth and our community, that is sustainable, equitable and just. To realize this vision, we work with youth leaders to grow fresh food and build a community dedicated to achieving food equity.

Working With Youth Leaders

- We paid \$122,000 directly to youth for their work growing food + developing leadership and food-justice advocacy skills.
- 75 youth leaders participated, including young people from 25 schools in our community.
- 80% of youth at Urban Roots reported seeing themselves as more of a leader as a result of their participation in the program.

Feeding Our Community

- We grew 91,704 servings of produce, and
- We shared 88,789 servings of produce through food access efforts – 97% of the harvest!

Welcoming Visitors & Volunteers

- We hosted 1,085 community volunteers, with several returning for multiple shifts, including our spring and fall cohorts of Community Ambassadors and our dedicated volunteer board of directors!
- We welcomed 422 youth (grades K-12) to our farms for educational tours.

Words from the Community

"The diverse selection of produce allows me to stay connected to my cultural roots. I find ingredients that are not only nutritious but also remind me of home." - Community Leader

"Community means surrounding yourself with people who you can be yourself with and support you. Urban Roots has grown to be my community, my family, and a place in my heart. I've never doubted who I am and what my value is at Urban Roots due to the staff and friends I made along the way. With Urban Roots, I knew that with every struggle and every obstacle, I have someone to lift me back up."
- Melanie, Urban Roots Alumni



Our Food Access Partners

At Urban Roots we know we will never achieve food equity as a community without participation, input and cooperation from everyone – neighbors, partners, businesses, schools, organizations – working together. We work with food access partners for food distribution, learning and programming opportunities, idea-sharing, advocacy and awareness, community-building, and so much more. In fiscal year 2023, we proudly partnered with:

Caritas
Casa Marianella
Farmshare
Foundation Communities
Go Austin/Vamos Austin

Ghisallo Cycling Initiative
Keep Austin Fed
Manos de Cristo
Sunday Lunch Box
Vivent Health

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