

GROWING & GLEANING

THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH - UT HEALTHGROWS COMMUNITY GARDEN

GROWING FOOD - GROWING AWARENESS - GROWING COMPASSION



In addition to our 9-acre Hill Avenue garden, we maintain community gardens at Reynolds Elementary School and at the Kobacker Center on UT's Health Science Campus.

Facilities include greenhouses, hoophouses, a barn, equipment sheds and commercial coolers.



We employ a range of growing techniques and produce a large variety of crops.

Each year, tons of produce are generated by the hard work of our volunteers.



Orchard



Raised beds



In-ground beds



Low tunnel season extenders



Hydroponic vertical gardens



GardenSoxx



Hugelkultur



Berry patch



Chickens for eggs

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JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Bees for honey



In 2016, we grew 3,600 lbs of produce in our community garden and another 1,000 lbs of produce at the Reynolds Elementary garden and yet we distributed 30,000 lbs of produce to those facing food insecurity in our neighborhood.

How did we do that?

Local farms contributed 25,600 lbs of produce which we gleaned from their fields or which they gifted to us!

Major contributors to our gleaning/gifting program were Shared Legacy Farms, Hoen's Greenhouse and Garden Center, and Riehm Farms.

In 2016, we hosted 1,837 volunteers including individual volunteers and groups, both large and small, from partner organizations.



The AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) program has provided us with both summer and year-long VISTA positions to address food insecurity while The University of Toledo College of Medicine-Waite Brand Foundation Community Health Project has provided summer internships for medical students to work with us.

Our work in urban agriculture has been supported by a number of foundations and agencies, including The University of Toledo Healthcare Access Initiative, the Toledo Community Foundation, the Stranahan Foundation, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the ProMedica Foundation and the US Department of Agriculture.

The work is also supported from through our annual Veggie Trails 5k run and walk, other fundraisers, and by donations from individual supporters like you.

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Thank you for your interest in our work and we look forward to seeing you in the gardens very soon.

