

## 2016-17 District School Garden Grantee Snapshots

**Barnard Elementary School** in partnership with **REAL School Gardens**/ \$15,000

**Ward 4/ 430 Decatur Street NW 20011**

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REAL School Gardens will partner with the faculty and staff of Barnard ES to improve the school's garden and provide teacher training and standards-based curriculum support for integrating the garden into the academic life of the school. All teachers will receive tailored lesson plans, health-based and nutrition lessons and intensive in-class support. With the inclusion of community supported garden enhancements, the school will benefit from greater student engagement and increased teacher participation in the school garden program.

**Beers Elementary School** in partnership with **REAL School Gardens**/ \$15,000

**Ward 7/ 3600 Alabama Avenue SE 20020**

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REAL School Gardens will partner with the faculty and staff of Beers ES to support the school's garden and provide teacher training and standards-based curriculum support for integrating the garden into the academic life of the school. All teachers will receive tailored lesson plans, health-based and nutrition lessons and intensive in-class support. With the inclusion of community supported garden enhancements, the school will benefit from greater student engagement and teacher participation in the school garden program.

**Bridges Public Charter School** in partnership with **City Blossoms**/ \$15,000

**Ward 4**

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City Blossoms, in partnership with Bridges PCS will transform an area of the new school site into an outdoor classroom and school garden which will provide important lessons to students promote teacher skills and engage the community in gardens, growing and healthy eating. This project will incorporate lessons learned in the farm field trips in the spring of 2016 and add a Meaningful Watershed Experience for the 4th grade. With the help of City Blossoms, the garden area will be designed to make good use of the space and exposure. Bridges PCS will work to incorporate several curricular elements including the concept of sustainability which will be an important message of the farm field trip activities of grades 2 and 3 but also the linking of sustainability to a Meaningful Watershed Experience. A School Garden Coordinator will bring significant expertise to the program and liaison between the classroom teachers, partner organizations, and the community.

**Cardozo Educational Campus** in partnership with **City Blossoms**/ \$14,986

**Ward 1/ 1200 Clifton Street NW 20009**

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City Blossoms will continue the Mighty Greens Program with the students and community of Cardozo EC. This program is based on the successful youth-entrepreneurship projects that were piloted at Eastern Senior High School and interweaves community building, environmental awareness, artistic expression and healthy habits through hands-on workshops, community events and job opportunities for students. Students from both Cardozo Senior High School and the International Academy will have access to garden-based programming within the after-school garden club, in-school workshops, community workdays and celebrations. Educators from both programs will have access to garden and nutrition-based curriculum through School Garden Coordinator participation, City Blossoms professional developments and workshops with students and community.

**Center City- Brightwood Public Charter School in partnership with REAL School Gardens/ \$15,000**

**Ward 4/ 6008 Georgia Avenue NW 20011**

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REAL School Gardens will partner with the faculty and staff of Center City- Brightwood PCS to improve the school's garden and provide teacher training and standards-based curriculum support for integrating the garden into the academic life of the school. Teachers will receive tailored lesson plans such as health-based and nutrition lessons and intensive in-class support. With the inclusion of community supported garden enhancements, the school will benefit from greater student engagement and teacher participation in the school garden program.

**Creative Minds International Public Charter School in partnership with The Living Classrooms Foundation/**

**\$15,000**

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Creative Minds International PCS will continue to ensure that all students experience both garden and nutrition based lessons with hands-on activities that are integrated into our core curriculum. Our garden coordinator will support teachers planning lessons, co-teaching, demonstrating, and coaching teachers through garden and nutrition based workshops. The School Garden Coordinator will also continue to implement cooking and nutrition-based workshops in the classroom, emphasizing the garden-cafeteria-classroom connection, and helping students learn academic skills and develop a sophisticated understanding of global issues of food security, food sovereignty, agriculture production and distribution. Each teacher will receive ongoing professional development and coaching in garden and nutrition-based workshops in order to maximize the effectiveness of the garden as an instructional resource and ensure the sustainability of the program beyond the grant period. Lastly, the School Garden Coordinator will strengthen and continue the key garden program partnerships in the community.

**Francis Scott Key Elementary School in partnership with Francis Scott Key Elementary School PTA/ \$15,000**

**Ward 3/ 5001 Dana Place NW 20016**

**Bryan Riley [bryan.riley@dc.gov](mailto:bryan.riley@dc.gov)**

The School Garden Program Grant will be used to fund a School Garden Coordinator position and limited supplies. The School Garden Coordinator will assist in the implementation of a school wide environmental literacy program as educating students on the farm/garden to school connection and how food travels to our cafeteria. In addition, the School Garden Coordinator will be responsible for collaborating with the science team to create a meaningful watershed experience for groups of our students.

**Friendship Blow Pierce Elementary Public Charter School in partnership with Friends of the National Arboretum/**

**\$15,000**

**Ward 7/ 725 19th Street NE 20002**

**Dr. Trakela Wright [twright@friendshipschools.org](mailto:twright@friendshipschools.org)**

Friendship Blow Pierce Elementary PCS, in partnership with Friends of the National Arboretum will revive the garden that was planted in 2012. The SMART Lab Facilitator will organize the revival and create a vegetable garden where students apply classroom knowledge to growing vegetables for their own consumption.

**Friendship Technology Preparatory Academy Middle Public Charter School/ \$14,070.00**

**Ward 8/ 2705 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE 20032**

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Friendship Tech Prep Middle School shares the same building as Tech Prep High School, which started a garden in 2014. The middle school students and teachers will have access to the same garden and greenhouse as the high school. Middle school teachers will collaborate with the school garden coordinator to incorporate the school garden and greenhouse into the middle school curriculum. The garden will offer students practical application of what they are learning in class as they participate in cooking demonstrations during lunch and supplement their lunch diets with new recipes and ingredients.

**[H.D. Cooke Elementary School](#) in partnership with [Kid Power Inc.](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 1/ 2525 17th Street NW 20009**

**Katie Harvey [katie@kidpowerdc.org](mailto:katie@kidpowerdc.org)**

H.D. Cooke ES will continue to partner with Kid Power Inc. to fully integrate gardening and nutrition into the school culture. Specifically, Kid Power will increase school-wide wellness opportunities and recruit additional teachers from each grade level to implement monthly nutritional and environmental science lessons based on Kid Power's VeggieTime curriculum, launch after-school "Open Garden Hours" operated by Kid Power staff with H.D. Cooke ES teachers, implement quarterly garden instruction trainings with the [Captain Planet Foundation](#) for H.D. Cooke ES teachers, expand and institutionalize youth leadership positions regarding school-wide wellness and environmentalism, lead a Meaningful Watershed Education Experience with the Cornell Lost Ladybug Project, and host school-wide cafeteria events.

**[Hendley Elementary School](#) in partnership with [Friends of the National Arboretum](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 8/ 425 Chesapeake Street SE 20032**

**Simone Wilkinson [simone.portera@dc.gov](mailto:simone.portera@dc.gov)**

Friends of the National Arboretum/ Washington Youth Garden will continue its blossoming partnership with Hendley ES. Initially staff will assess existing curricula to better align programming with Next Generation Science Standards for Pk3 - 5th grade students. This work will drive the creation of new programming tools and more deeply aligned curricular learning standards which will be implemented in the 2016-17 school year. The Garden Science program will serve no less than four classrooms a week at Hendley ES and will include; tasting and cooking workshops, after school cooking demonstration, fresh fruits and veggies tasting demonstration, teacher professional development training. Funds will also be used to maintain and grow the school garden to accommodate more students and a wider range of lessons.

**[Houston Elementary School](#) in partnership with [Kid Power Inc.](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 7/ 1100 50th Place NE 20019**

**Katie Harvey [katie@kidpowerdc.org](mailto:katie@kidpowerdc.org)**

Houston ES will partner with Kid Power to integrate gardening and nutrition into the school culture. Specifically, we will strengthen teacher involvement in the gardens, expand Kid Power's hands-on nutritional and environmental education program--the VeggieTime Project--in-school and after-school, implement quarterly garden instruction trainings with the Captain Planet Foundation for Houston teachers, launch composting and recycling programs at the school, lead a Meaningful Watershed Education Experience with the Lost Ladybug Project, and host school-wide cafeteria events and family cooking and gardening events.

**[J.O. Wilson Elementary School](#) in partnership with [Cultivate the City](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 6/ 660 K Street NE 20002**

**Niraj Ray [nray@cultivatethecity.com](mailto:nray@cultivatethecity.com)**

J.O. Wilson, with the support of Cultivate the City will expand our vertical garden operations, in-class garden programming, and continue implementation of our weekly school garden market and hyper-local CSA program. With the help of a Whole Kids Grant, we will also start an after-school garden club and install a native plant/pollinator garden. This

year we are also bring some animals to the school garden, including a pet bunny and turtle that the Pre-K Classes will grow food for, and a few laying chickens. We will have a School Garden Coordinator and a School Garden Manager to support these expansions, assist in integrating the garden into classroom activities and oversee the installation of green infrastructure components including additional rainwater harvesting capabilities, made possible through a Riversmart Schools Grant. Finally we will have an Earth Day event for the planting and unveiling of the native/pollinator garden, as well as a Fall Harvest Festival, and numerous other community engagement activities spread out throughout the year. Visit us as [www.facebook.com/jowilsonkitchengarden](http://www.facebook.com/jowilsonkitchengarden) to find out more.

**[Jefferson Middle School](#) in partnership with [Kid Power Inc.](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 6/ 801 7th Street SW 20024**

**Katie Harvey; [katie@kidpowerdc.org](mailto:katie@kidpowerdc.org)**

Kid Power Inc. in partnership with Jefferson Elementary School will integrate gardening and nutrition into the school culture at Jefferson MS through; increasing school-wide wellness opportunities and recruiting additional teachers from each grade level to implement monthly nutritional and environmental science lessons based on Kid Power's VeggieTime curriculum, implementing quarterly garden instruction trainings with the Captain Planet Foundation for Jefferson teachers, expanding and institutionalizing youth leadership positions regarding school-wide wellness and environmentalism, leading a Meaningful Watershed Education Experience with the Lost Ladybug Project, and hosting school-wide cafeteria events and family cooking and gardening events. These initiatives will empower Jefferson's School Wellness Committee, teachers and student leaders to sustain gardening and wellness operations.

**[Ketcham Elementary School](#) in partnership with [REAL School Gardens](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 8/ 1919 15th Street SE 20020**

**Kalik Booker [kalik.booker@dc.gov](mailto:kalik.booker@dc.gov)**

REAL School Gardens will work with the faculty and staff of Ketcham ES to install a new school garden and provide teacher training and standards-based curriculum to integrate the garden into the academic life of the school. All teachers will receive tailored lesson plans such as health-based and nutrition lessons and intensive in-class support. With the inclusion of community supported garden enhancements, the school will benefit from greater student engagement and teacher participation in the school garden program.

**[Kimball Elementary School](#) in partnership with [FRESHFARM FoodPrints](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 7/ 3375 Minnesota Avenue SE 20019**

**Peter Bailey [peter.bailey@dc.gov](mailto:peter.bailey@dc.gov)**

**Jennifer Mampara [jenn@ffm.org](mailto:jenn@ffm.org)**

Funding will be used to bring FRESHFARM's FoodPrints Program to Kimball ES. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat through highly engaging, hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking and eating nutritious, local foods in season. At Kimball we will work to improve and expand the outdoor vegetable garden classroom, and to turn an empty classroom into a teaching kitchen. Monthly FoodPrints sessions will be offered to students that engage them in the garden and in cooking, and that integrate learning about healthy eating with the Common Core, Next Generation Science, and OSSE Health Standards. Additionally, FoodPrints programming will make strong connections between the garden, classroom and cafeteria through a pilot program with DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services beginning in August of 2016.

**Lafayette Elementary School in partnership with FRESHFARM FoodPrints / \$15,000**

**Ward 4/ 5701 Broad Branch Road NW 20015**

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FRESHFARM's FoodPrints Program, in partnership with Lafayette Elementary, will help rebuild and expand Lafayette's garden program following the school's year-long renovation, which includes a newly- designed garden and demonstration kitchen. Through hands-on activities, students will gain an understanding of plant growth, food production, nutrition and cooking. Activities will allow for in-depth exploration in science, math, and literacy and will help students make healthy food choices and encourage them to be environmental stewards. This program will be operated by Lafayette Elementary, with FRESHFARM FoodPrints serving as a mentor to their program development. The School Garden Coordinator will also provide support to all teachers interested in using the garden. For example, the Coordinator will work with 4th grade classes to explore how rain gardens on the school grounds can reduce runoff and enhance the health of the Chesapeake Bay. The Coordinator will also work with the Arts Program to create garden signage and sculpture pieces and with Lafayette's Mindfulness Program to help students use the outdoor space to direct their emotions and energy in positive directions.

**Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School in partnership with FRESHFARM FoodPrints/ \$15,000**

**Ward 6/ 659 G Street NE 20002**

**Jennifer Mampara [jenn@ffm.org](mailto:jenn@ffm.org)**

Funding will be used to continue to support FRESHFARM's FoodPrints Program at Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat through highly engaging, hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking and eating nutritious, local foods in season. At Ludlow-Taylor this year, we are installing a large, outdoor vegetable garden classroom in partnership with DC DOEE's RiverSmart Schools Program.

Monthly FoodPrints sessions will continue to be offered to students that engage them in the garden and in cooking, and that integrate learning about healthy eating with the Common Core, Next Generation Science, and OSSE Health Standards. Additionally, FoodPrints programming will make strong connections between the garden, classroom and cafeteria through a pilot program with DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services beginning in August of 2016.

**Malcolm X Elementary School in partnership with Kid Power, Inc./ \$15,000**

**Ward 8/ 1500 Mississippi Avenue SE 20032**

**Katie Harvey [katie@kidpowerdc.org](mailto:katie@kidpowerdc.org)**

Kid Power Inc. in partnership with Malcolm X Elementary School The proposed project seeks to expand garden learning opportunities and integrate gardening and nutrition into the school culture at Malcolm X Elementary School in Southeast DC. Specifically, it will increase school-wide wellness opportunities and establish a School Wellness Committee, recruit teachers from different grade levels to implement monthly nutritional and environmental science lessons based on Kid Power's VeggieTime curriculum, implement quarterly STEM-based garden instruction trainings with the [Captain Planet Foundation](#) for Malcolm X teachers, lead a Meaningful Watershed Education Experience with the Lost Ladybug Project with one grade, and host school-wide cafeteria events and family cooking and gardening events.

**Peabody Elementary School in partnership with FRESHFARM FoodPrints/ \$15,000**

**Ward 6/ 425 C Street NE 20002**

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Funding will be used to continue to support FRESHFARM's FoodPrints Program at Peabody ES. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat through highly engaging, hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking and eating nutritious, local foods in season. At Peabody this year, we plan to add additional raised beds in a sunny portion of the schoolyard that is currently under-utilized. Monthly FoodPrints sessions will continue to be offered to students that engage them in the garden and in cooking, and that integrate learning about healthy eating with the Common Core, Next Generation Science, and OSSE Health Standards. Additionally, FoodPrints programming will make strong connections between the garden, classroom and cafeteria through a pilot program with DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services beginning in August of 2016.

**[Randle Highlands Elementary School](#) in partnership with [City Blossoms](#)/ \$14,015**

**Ward 7/ 1650 30th Street SE 20020**

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Randle Highlands ES in partnership with City Blossoms increase the capacity of the school garden by empowering students to be stewards of their natural surroundings by increasing their curiosity about the natural world. Through the work of a dedicated garden coordinator, we will encourage more teachers to use the garden in their classroom curriculum to teach students valuable lessons in many different subject areas like math, science, nutrition, and art. Teacher trainings will be offered to improve the comfort level of teachers leading to more lessons taught using the outdoor classroom. The garden coordinator will also plan and execute several garden events throughout the school year, such as a spring and fall workday and fall harvest festival. All of these events will include the surrounding community, further increasing the impact of the garden.

**[School-Within-School @ Goding](#) in partnership with [FRESHFARM FoodPrints](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 6/ 920 F Street NE 20002**

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Funding will be used to continue to support FRESHFARM's FoodPrints Program at School Within School. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat through highly engaging, hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking and eating nutritious, local foods in season. The vegetable garden at School Within School is located at the front entryway as a welcoming green space for families and the surrounding neighborhood, and is a centerpiece of the school community, Monthly FoodPrints sessions will continue to be offered to students that engage them in the garden and in cooking, and that integrate learning about healthy eating with the Common Core, Next Generation Science, and OSSE Health Standards. Additionally, FoodPrints programming will make strong connections between the garden, classroom and cafeteria through a pilot program with DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services beginning in August of 2016.

**[School Without Walls at Francis Stevens](#) in partnership with [FRESHFARM FoodPrints](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 2/ 2425 N Street NW 20037**

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Funding will be used to continue to support FRESHFARM's FoodPrints Program at School Without Walls Francis Stevens. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat through highly engaging, hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking and eating nutritious,

local foods in season. At Francis-Stevens we are working in partnership with DC Department of Parks and Recreations and the National Park Service to build an extensive vegetable garden classroom for students this spring or summer. Monthly FoodPrints sessions will continue to be offered to students that engage them in the garden and in cooking, and that integrate learning about healthy eating with the Common Core, Next Generation Science, and OSSE Health Standards. Additionally, FoodPrints programming will make strong connections between the garden, classroom and cafeteria through a pilot program with DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services beginning in August of 2016.

**[Simon Elementary School](#) in partnership with [FRESHFARM FoodPrints](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 8/ 401 Mississippi Avenue SE 20032**

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Funding will be used to establish FRESHFARM's FoodPrints Program at Simon ES. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat through highly engaging, hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking and eating nutritious, local foods in season. At Simon, we will work in partnership with the school and surrounding community to establish a vegetable garden and a space that can slowly be turned into a teaching kitchen. Monthly FoodPrints sessions will be offered to students that engage them in the garden and in cooking, and that integrate learning about healthy eating with the Common Core, Next Generation Science, and OSSE Health Standards. Additionally, FoodPrints programming will make strong connections between the garden, classroom and cafeteria through a pilot program with DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services beginning in August of 2016.

**[Smothers Elementary School](#) in partnership with [Friends of the National Arboretum](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 7/ 4400 Brooks Street NE 20019**

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Friends of the National Arboretum/Washington Youth Garden will use funds to establish a program at Smothers ES that will inspire the school community to explore their relationships with food and the natural world and to contribute to the health and well-being of their families and local communities. The School Garden Coordinator will spend between 10-15 hours per week assisting classroom teachers with developing and implementing garden-based lessons for students in PreK-grade 5 at Henley Elementary School under the supervision of the school's administration. The School Garden Coordinator will also oversee school-wide events, garden maintenance, and strategic planning. Funds will also be used to support phase two of garden construction.

**[Thomson Elementary School](#) in partnership with [Rooftop Roots](#)/ \$15,000**

**Ward 2/ 1200 L Street NW 20005**

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Thomson ES wants students from a dense urban area to establish life-long connections to the environment and value the health of their community. The downtown setting of our school limits access for children to play outside and learn about nature. The garden project at Thomson Elementary will revive the only area at school with safe and secure access to natural light - the roof. With the technical support of Rooftop Roots, this rooftop garden area will be used as an outdoor classroom, as well as a retreat space for reading and lunch. Garden lessons will include fundamental growing practices and stress community engagement with our partners. By participating in a horticulture club, working side-by-side with parents during maintenance events, and through hands-on learning in the garden, good eating habits and stewardship of

the environment will be reinforced.

**Tyler Elementary School in partnership with FRESHFARM FoodPrints/ \$15,000**

**Ward 6/ 1001 G Street SE 20003**

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Funding will be used to continue to support FRESHFARM's FoodPrints Program at Tyler ES. FoodPrints is FRESHFARM's food education program that aims to make positive changes in what children and their families eat through highly engaging, hands-on experiences with growing, harvesting, cooking and eating nutritious, local foods in season. At Tyler ES we are in the middle of planning and funding the construction of a free-standing teaching kitchen classroom adjacent to the vegetable garden. Monthly FoodPrints sessions will continue to be offered to students that engage them in the garden and in cooking, and that integrate learning about healthy eating with the Common Core, Next Generation Science, and OSSE Health Standards. Additionally, FoodPrints programming will make strong connections between the garden, classroom and cafeteria through a pilot program with DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services beginning in August of 2016.

**Van Ness Elementary School in partnership with City Blossoms/ \$10,000**

**Ward 6/ 1150 5th Street SE 20003**

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City Blossom will establish a new relationship with Van Ness ES which re-opened in 2015. The school's vision is to create a garden learning space for all seasons- a place for students, staff, and community members to learn about nutrition and connect with nature. Van Ness ES is focused on using the garden as a key element of the classroom curriculum and the student's school experience, particularly given its location in proximity to the city's waterfront development along the Potomac River. Van Ness ES is partnering with a team of qualified organizations: Revolution Foods, Project Learning Tree, City Blossoms, and Living Classrooms, to promote a holistically healthy environment as the school grows. Our key partner is City Blossoms who will support the process from the beginning during the design process, faculty professional development, and support for cultivating the garden. The creation of a School Garden Coordinator position, leveraging community partnerships and an embracing enthusiastic parent and teacher support system, will ensure the success of an integrated school garden program at Van Ness ES.

**West Education Campus in partnership with City Blossoms/ \$11,200**

**Ward 4/ 1338 Farragut Street NW 20011**

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City Blossoms and West EC plans to capitalize on the momentum created during the establishment of a successful garden program last year. The School Wellness Committee, School Garden Coordinator, and City Blossoms staff will work together to further develop the space and significantly increase the number of students receiving garden based programming. The School Wellness Committee will host several cafeteria based events and celebrations to help students to continue to connect the garden to the food they eat. The School Garden Coordinator will lead regular garden based programming with classes and coordinate with the cafeteria to ensure that students plant, harvest, and have tastings with produce that is also served in the cafeteria. City Blossoms will collaborate with the West Community to hold work days, run workshops, and facilitate a Family Night in the garden.

