OVERLAND PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN





2022 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT To provide an enjoyable, accessible space for residents to grow healthy food using organic, sustainable and environmentally friendly methods.

2022 Annual Report - Overland Park Community Garden



Garden plots ready for planting in early Spring.

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow

-Audrey Hepburn



Late spring, the garden emerges.

Overland Park Community Garden Features

- Thirty-two 4'x20' garden plots which can be shared between separate gardeners.
- Gardening shed for community use. Houses tools, educational materials, access to seeds and shared gardening materials.
- Flagstone path leading to two raised gardening beds.
- Triple composting bin.
- Perennial and pollinator garden surrounding the community garden.
- Two picnic seating areas for garden viewing.
- Perennial raspberry and blackberry patches.
- Giving Grove Orchard.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- The 12th growing season included 40 plus gardeners representing Overland Park and the four surrounding Johnson County cities.
- Over 80 pounds of produce from the community garden was donated to various food pantries and shared with neighbors and friends of the gardeners.
- With the pandemic behind us, we were able to fully re-open the shed and provide full access to tools and resources for gardeners.
- The garden plots were in high demand this season:
 - o Return Gardeners 25
 - New Gardeners 15
- The Giving Grove yielded abundant fruit for the community.
 - Twenty pounds of apples and four pounds of pears were harvested. The fruit was donated to the Church of the Resurrection food pantry and the homeless liaison at the Shawnee Mission School District.
 - In alignment with the Giving Grove mission, fruit from the grove was available to gardeners, library patrons and neighbors as they walked through the grounds.



PRESIDENTS NOTE



The garden emerged from the depths of the COVID pandemic and group work sessions were once again used to prepare the garden for its season. It felt good to be making quick work of the large mulch pile provided by the City of OP Parks Department with an enthusiastic group of gardeners. It was heartening to see the returning or new gardeners picking up where they had left off or making new acquaintances.

Ranch Mart Ace Hardware kindly donated their excess transplants to the gardeners. Walmart at 119th & Metcalf donated their excess organic potting soil and seed starting supplies instead of sending them to the landfill.

Twelve seasons and counting because of the generous support of our land partner, the Johnson County Library and the operational support from the OP Parks and Recreation Department. My heartfelt thanks to all that make the garden a success.

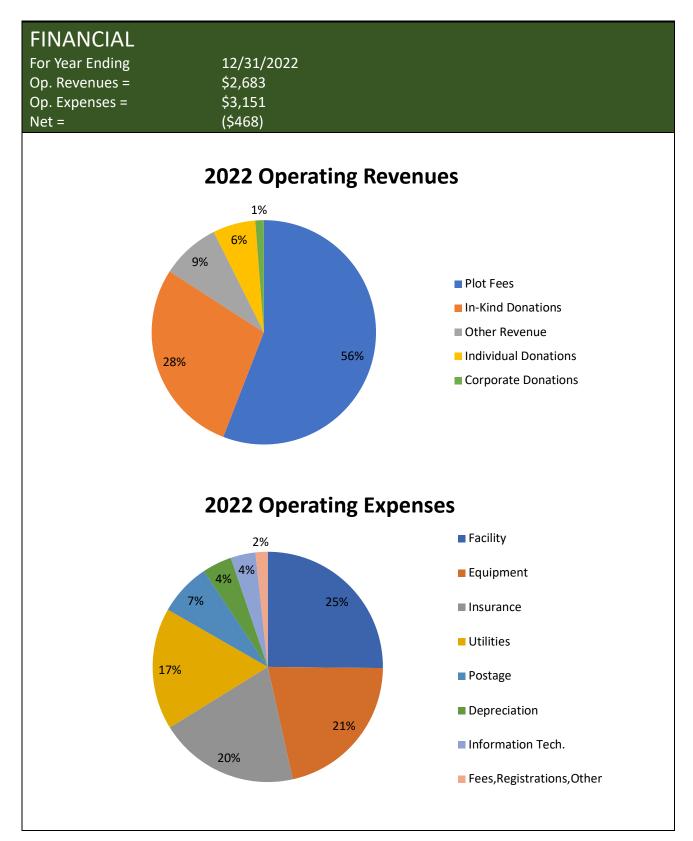
Bev Jaderborg

DONORS

LAND PARTNER PRICELESS!	Johnson County Public Library				
Harvesting \$500+	City of Overland Park, Park Services Department				
PLANTING <i>\$100+</i>	D&L Jordan				
Friends Under \$100	T&P Gelpi M&D Buckler-Mullins Amazon Smile Foundation				

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BALANCE SHEET				
	As of 12/31/2022		As of 12/31/2021	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$	6,792.00	\$	7,129.00
Gift Card		60.00		60.00
Fixed Asset - Shed		2,326.00		2,326.00
Accumulated Depreciation		(2,326.00)		(2,195.00)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	6,852.00	\$	7,320.00
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	4,927.00	\$	5,395.00
Board Restricted Net Assets		1,925.00		1,925.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$	6,852.00		7,320.00





If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. -Cicero

