

HIGHLAND
youth garden



2023 IMPACT REPORT

Our mission is to grow minds, grow food and grow community in partnership with our Hilltop neighbors.



Many Firsts

2023 at Highland Youth Garden marked many firsts: for the first time, we had four Green Teens apply to remain on staff with us into the fall season, we had our first visit from preschool students at the new Hilltop Early Learning Center, we offered our first Summer Camp for elementary aged students, and we established our first partnership with a middle school: Westmoor Middle. We also offered our first free art workshops to our adult neighbors on the Hilltop.



Growth

4,557 visits to the garden by school children, surpassing our 2022 school attendance by 30%



Fresh Produce

3800 pounds of fresh produce grown and distributed to our neighbors. An additional 2000 pounds donated by farmer Bill Kline



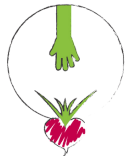
Summer Camp

Children who attended experienced fun and rewarding work in the garden with our professional gardeners, cooked and tasted a lot of fresh healthy dishes, experienced arts activities and STEM experiments, and went on field trips to COSI & the Columbus Zoo

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New Neighbors & New Spaces

Dedicated to our founder, Peggy Murphy, our new outdoor kitchen will be invaluable as culinary and nutrition education are core areas of focus in our curriculum. We like to cook outside, among the plants and in the open air. We transformed our new Garden House into an ADA-accessible classroom space. We also dedicated significant time and energy to building 24 large raised beds on a new plot of land adjacent to our original garden. We installed water for irrigation and started to build out a natural playspace for the community. The new growing space will dramatically expand our ability to feed our community and keep our Green Teens busy during the summer.

New Outdoor Kitchen

To continue our culinary and nutrition education outdoors. Thanks to architect Brian Ezzell!

24 Large Raised Beds

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Natural Play Space

For kids in our programs as well as anyone in the community to enjoy!

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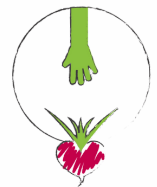
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