

DRUID CITY
GARDEN
PROJECT



annual report 2013

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If any year encompasses the phrase, “building community through food,” 2013 certainly does for DCGP! For the first time ever, we expanded our work to include three elementary schools and the Tuscaloosa County Juvenile Detention Center, reaching over 500 students biweekly. With a detailed look at our lessons, students benefitted every week from the strides that we have taken to improve our educational programming.

Whether it was correlating every lesson to the Alabama Course of Study guidelines, establishing independent analysis of our program by researchers at the University of Alabama (UA), constructing friends with the local chapter of Engineers Without Borders, or cooking up a storm with the Cypress Inn, we worked each day to improve the quality and access to healthy and affordable food in this state.

We are committed to creating healthier futures for our children and growing vibrant, more sustainable food systems. A healthy Alabama is within our grasp.

Ultimately, we could not have done any of our work without an amazing assembly of supporters. Whether you donated, volunteered, or attended fundraisers, DCGP sincerely thanks you for building community through food here in Alabama.

Lindsay Turner

Executive Director





Mission

We use school gardens, farm stands, and educational programs to help diverse communities of Alabama build vibrant food systems.

Vision

We build community through food. By increasing access to fresh, locally-grown produce, we empower our community to make healthy and sustainable food choices.

DCGP History

After making a documentary film called *Eating Alabama*, two of our founders, Andrew and Rashmi Grace gathered over 200 elementary and University of Alabama students to break ground on an organic garden in the backyard of University Place Elementary School. With seed and plant donations, elementary students planted the first vegetables and attended lessons on starting seeds, observing soil communities, and more.

When the April 27th, 2011 tornado destroyed University Place, our garden recovered and became a symbol of hope and rebirth amongst devastation and tragedy. We moved with students to a temporary school in order to continue our programs. With their return to the Forest Lake location in the fall of 2013, we eagerly moved back to an expanded garden plot at University Place. In addition, we expanded our programs to include two other elementary schools and the Tuscaloosa County Juvenile Detention Center. Building community through food? We sure think so!

After much preparation and planning, 2013 saw the next big leap of this little organization that could. Our goal is to take lessons and concepts from the Alabama Course of Study standards that students in all three of our new programs usually learn at a desk and instead bring them to an outdoor, hands-on learning environment.

Our students learn by doing; they see, feel, taste, and touch science every week in their outdoor learning laboratory while their feet are in the dirt. They learn the nutrition behind the produce that they have grown, and they experience the joy of eating food fresh out of the dirt.

To provide further opportunities for our students, we partnered with the Cypress Inn. Using their food truck and enthusiastic staff, our students had an unparalleled opportunity to harvest garden vegetables and cook a delicious, healthy meal together.



Needless to say – it was a big hit.



In the garden, our production reached our goal of 100 pounds of produce grown every month out of just 1,600 square feet of growing space. This produce went to student-run farm stands, it was tasted in the student's lessons, and it went to a successful Community Supported Agriculture program.

When our students are excited about their work, when they want to come out to the garden and learn about science, when they try new vegetables and new preparations of food, and when they learn the benefits of healthy eating, we have done our job.

1184.2 lbs
of produce
grown in 1,600 square feet—
almost 100lbs a month, on average

16 week
CSA
a success

1 new summer
internship program
3 new opportunities
such as Cypress Inn day
3 new schools

1172
volunteer hours

555
volunteer visits
to gardens

built a **greenhouse**
and installed a cistern

7
worked with
UA classes

assessment
by independent UA researchers

21.25 hours
professional development for
teachers conducted

30 new raised beds
at University Place, Woodland Forrest,
and the Sunshine School

5 new chickens
at the Juvenile Detention Center

1 new program
at Juvenile Detention Center

over **340**
hours
of instruction

4820
individual visits to the garden
by elementary students

14 student run
farm stands

34 classes
served

Andrew Grace | Board President

Andrew is the co-founder of the Druid City Garden Project and a film professor at the University of Alabama. His recently completed film, *Eating Alabama*, looks closely at agriculture in the state, has screened all across the country and is currently available on DVD or airing on your local PBS station.

Deron Cameron | Governance Chair

For several years, Deron was the principal of University Place Elementary School, the site of the Druid City Garden Project's pilot program. He has a vested interest in hands-on education. In late 2013, Deron accepted the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction with the Tuscaloosa County School System.

Jeremy Crosby

Jeremy works with the U.S. Geological Survey and is a long-time City resident and gardener. He has experience with permaculture garden design and is also skilled in building Cob structures, having built a Cob oven for Northport's Kentuck Museum and a Cob building for the University of Alabama Arboretum.

Adelaide Drennen

Adelaide is a landscape architect with a passion for sustainable agriculture, garden-based education and good, healthy food. We are excited to have her enthusiasm and dedication on our Board of Directors.

Emily Wolfe Leigh

Emily is the Assistant Director at the Kentuck Arts Center in Northport, Alabama. She is passionate about our community and, with her husband Jack, is a key stakeholder in the Tuscaloosa community.

Lane McLelland | Secretary

Lane is the Director at the University of Alabama's Crossroads Community Center. Her role as a Board member involves growing the Druid City Garden Project's partnership with the University.

Brendan Moore

Brendan is the Ombudsman for the City of Tuscaloosa. He has an interest in urban gardening and sustainable land use, and is our connection to City officials.

Sarah Moore

Not only is Sarah is a CPA with JamisonMoneyFarmer, she is a certified yoga teacher with weekly classes. Sarah brings her skill, enthusiasm, and professional background to the table, helping us with key financial decisions.

Kristen Roberts

Kristen is a CPA with the University of Alabama and brings her accounting experience to our organization. She is a member of the local CSA (community-supported agriculture) and has a committed interest to increasing access to fresh, local produce within Tuscaloosa.

Carly Standridge | Finance Chair

Carly is a CPA with the City of Tuscaloosa and brings invaluable help to the organization by keeping our finances in check. Carly has a passion for local and sustainable food, in addition to educating Tuscaloosa's youth.

Matt Tompkins

Matt is a lawyer with Rosen Harwood Attorneys at Law and provides legal advise. He is a dedicated outdoorsman and is committed to education.



Lindsay Turner | Executive Director

As the Executive Director, Lindsay is responsible for creating the organization's vision with the Board of Directors, leading and managing other staff members, managing financial affairs, fundraising, supporting the Board of Directors, advertising and PR efforts, and overseeing the organization's brand.

Lindsay originally hails from West Sussex, England, before moving to the U.S. Before joining the DCGP staff she ran the Homegrown Alabama Farmers Market in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, which, under her direction, became the first Farmers Market in Alabama to accept EBT/SNAP benefits.

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Rashmi Grace | Education Director

Each week, Rashmi teaches K-5th grade students in a garden-based curriculum that meets State Education Standards. Rashmi develops the curriculum, administers lessons, runs professional development for teachers, and oversees the educational aspects of the program. Rashmi and her husband Andy co-founded the DCGP in 2010. Before spending her days with her hands in the dirt, she worked as a geologist for the Geological Survey of Alabama and in educational outreach. She holds a Masters in Geology. Now, she coordinates the educational programs for DCGP.

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Josalyn Randall | Garden Manager and Volunteer Coordinator

Josalyn is the reason our gardens look the way they do. She is responsible for all garden-based tasks including crop planning, garden maintenance, harvesting, going to market, running our CSA program, in addition to managing all volunteers and leading weekly community work days.

Josalyn spends her non-DCGP time as a herbalist, working with natural medicines. You can check her out at the Homegrown Alabama farmers market, or chat with her at our regular Wednesday Weeders gardening group!

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Joseph Wright | Juvenile Detention Center Gardener

When we were scratching our heads wondering how to create a prison-based garden program, Joseph was diving right in with the garden design, stirring up enthusiasm with the students, and creating beautiful, vibrant spaces. Joseph has extensive garden and farm-based experience and has designed a gorgeous outdoor classroom for our most vulnerable students. He is always willing to take on a challenge – like the time we told him to expect five chickens and establish an entire fruit orchard!

Profit & Loss

January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

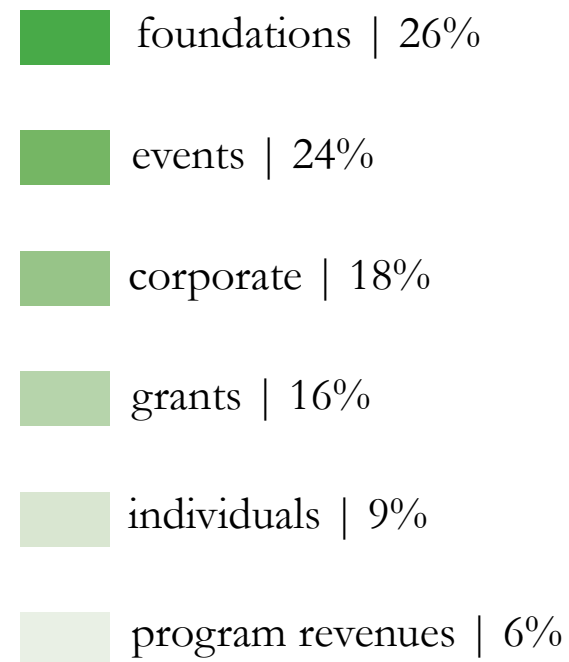
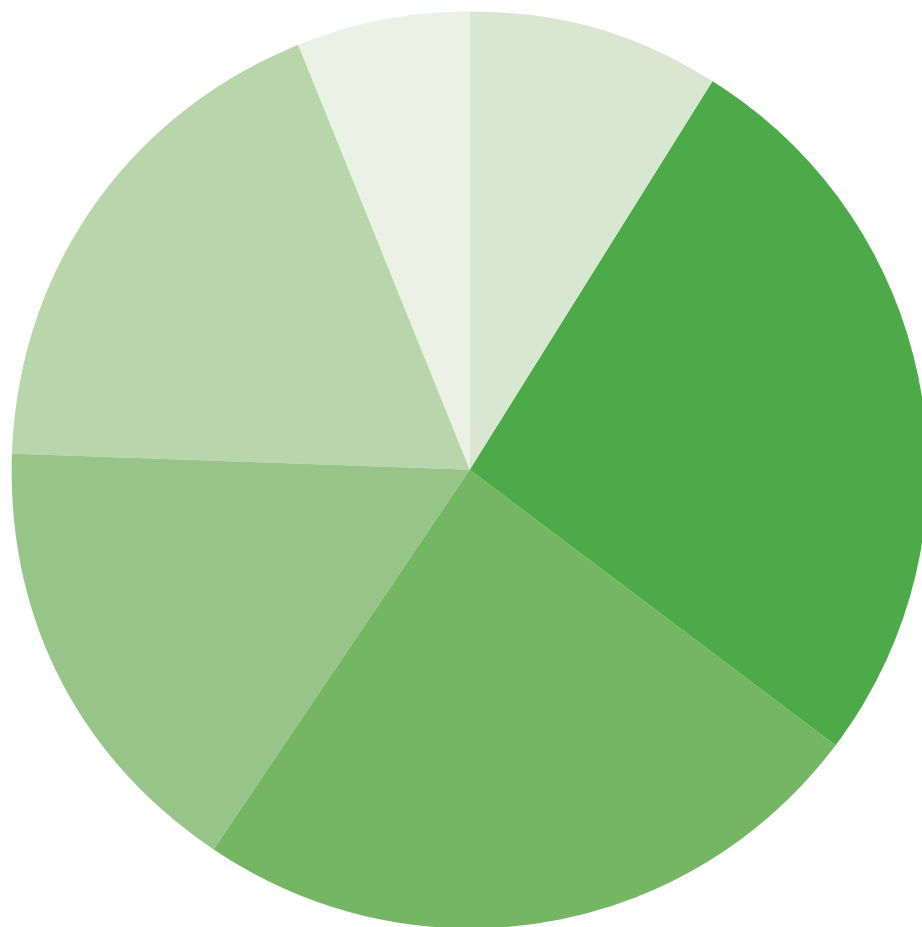
Income

5,717.40	Produce Sales
82,139.14	Donor advised funds
18,082.94	Direct Public Support
1,546.28	Program Service Fee
33,940.37	Special Events
141,426.13	Total

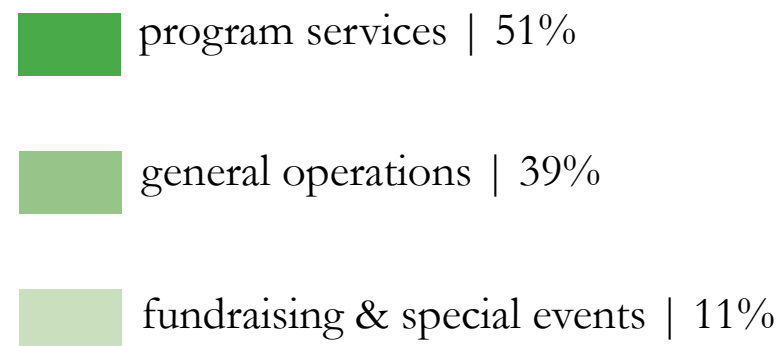
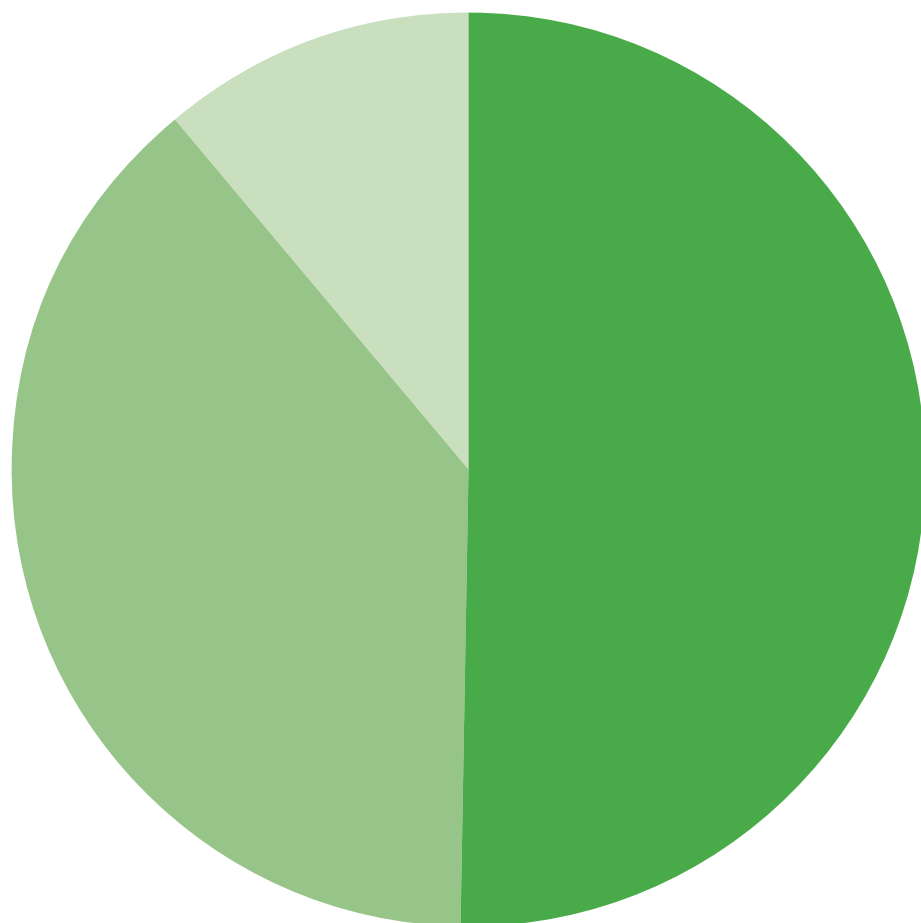
Expenses

21,598.41	Program Services
10,544.89	General Operating
52,347.58	Payroll expense
10,050.16	Fundraising and special events
94,541.04	Total

income by category



expenses by category



Up to \$99

James and Harriet Adams
 Sarah Allen
 Ree H. Almon
 Catenya McHenry Ashford
 Lydia Atkins
 Katherine Baird
 Emily Baker
 Gaines and Line Brake
 Linda Burger
 Sara D Davis
 Patt Devitt
 Catherine Dozier
 Hilliard and Betty Fletcher
 Harry Gabriel
 Sharman Gray
 Everett Hale
 Doug and Brooke Hamiter
 Stuart Hartley
 Olivia Jamin
 Margie Kamburis
 Holly Kennedy
 Grace Lee
 Rufus Lewis
 Michael Martone
 Virginia McPearson
 Valery Minges
 Anne Monfore
 Dusti Monk
 Thomas Monk III
 Theresa Pappas
 Emily Patton
 Robert and Julia Peterson

Stephen W. and Kellee Connely Reinhart
 Catherine Roach
 Cheryl Rolf
 Sheldon and Marianne Rosenzweig
 Josh and Rebecca Rothman
 Camille Samples
 Judith Simpson
 Tracy Singleton
 Ryan Stallings
 Kevin and Adrianne Thompson
 Drs. Ross and Julie Vaughn
 Frances Young Weatherly
 Mary Jean Weaver

\$100-\$499

Cheryl and Jason Baird
 Justin Baldwin
 Robert and Latika Becker
 Spencer Burchfield
 Virginia Cade
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chambers
 Julia and John Cherry and Miller III
 Michael and Shannon Corbell
 Christine Dietsch

Marysia Galbraith
 Lee Garrison
 Gary and Sarah Grace
 Kim Harle
 Kelly Horwitz
 Bill St. John
 Michael and Laurie Johns
 Dr. April R. Lane
 Dr. and Mrs. Langston
 Emily and Jack Leigh
 David and Jennie Miller
 Leslie Miller
 Roland Mouchette
 Randy and Nan Randall
 Leslie Sheppard
 Jennifer Sheppard
 Nancy and Simon Turner
 Madeleine and William "Bill" Winternitz
 Willita Zoellner

\$500-\$999

Beth Curry
 Claire Friday
 Kelley Hudlow



Honorariums

Beth Curry and Linda Malone
 Chase Adcox
 Deborah Weiss and Fred Whiting
 Emily Leigh
 Glenna Brown
 Harriet Cabell Walker
 Jackie Schnute and Margaret Hamby
 Josalyn Randall
 Katheryn Bettis
 Kathleen Kirkpatrick
 The Langfords
 Lindsay Turner
 Mark and Kristen Roberts
 Mark and Paige McCormick
 Melissa Kent and Paul Toppins
 Mr. Adam Short
 Mr. Lee Hayslip
 Mr. Thomas Furlough
 Ms. Allison Sanders
 Ms. Amelia Parker
 Ms. Amy Davis
 Ms. Constance Pewee-Childs
 Ms. Katherine Tolle
 Ms. Kay Harris
 Ms. Kristi Thomson
 Ms. Lavanda Wagenheim
 Ms. Nancy Moffitt
 Ms. Susan Herrington
 Ms. Wendy Bramlett

Nancy Carson and Michael Conaway
 Spirit Buddies
 The Anderson Family
 The Curry/Dozier Family
 Tuckers

Grant Awards

City of Tuscaloosa Mayor's Agency Funding
 Community Service Programs of West Alabama
 United Way of West Alabama

Foundation Awards

Black Belt Community Foundation
 Clif Bar Family Foundation
 Community Foundation of West Alabama
 Daniel Foundation

Direct Public Support

Alabama Gymnastics Inc
 Blue Cross Blue Shield
 Druid City Internal Medicine, LLC
 First United Methodist Church
 George W. Harris, Attorney at Law
 McLelland Architecture
 Mercedes
 Ross-Merrell Associates
 Tuscaloosa Morning Rotary Club
 Timberland Specialist LLC
 United Methodist Women
 University Diagnostics of Tuscaloosa, INC
 Woodland Forrest PTA
 Woodland Hills Garden Club



Thank you for taking the
time to learn more about the
Druid City Garden Project.



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