2017 Annual Report of Gratitude

FINANCIAL REVIEW

While the majority of this annual report covers the 2017 calendar year, the financials are based on our most recently completed fiscal year which is July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

In our prior fiscal year (7/1/15 to 6/30/16), we received an unexpected and generous gift from the Estate of Katherine Hayes. This helped us end that year with a large net gain of $127,000. This fiscal year, we ended with a net loss of $52,895. This is largely due to income that we received in the previous fiscal year being spent down in the current year.

A net loss does not mean that we had no money! It is just means we spent more money than we brought it. We started the fiscal year off with $288,461 cash on hand and ended the year strongly with $241,024.

Because of our community’s ongoing financial support and our staff team’s diligence, we’ve been financially healthy. This gave us the breathing room to work this year on improving our organizational savings habit and to grow and maintain our reserve, or rainy day, funds. We created two separate reserve accounts, one for our capital assets and one for our general operating expenses. We established financial goals for each of these accounts and created five-year plans to reach the goals.

We also provided fiscal sponsorship to two community programs to help them build their capacity. Tend, Gather, and Grow educates teachers and youth about wild edible and medicinal plants and the rich cultural traditions that surround them. Seed to Table provides young children with garden-based day camp experiences. (These programs are now embedded within GRuB and are no longer part of a fiscal sponsorship arrangement.)

We thank each one of you for helping sustain and grow our work. Please visit our website. The electronic version of this report includes a list of all of our financial supporters—donors, grantors, and businesses. We’re grateful that the list is far too long to include here!

“GRuB’s Senior CSA is a revolutionary program where we give food to low-income seniors. I brought totes full of fresh produce to the Senior Center. People would stop by, tell fun stories, make me laugh, sit down & talk to me, or simply say how much it meant to them. I think we forget about seniors, thinking they have retirement plans, money saved up, or even a place to live. The time I spent with my new friends surely proved all that wrong. People need fresh, accessible, locally-grown food no matter their age. It was truly an honor for me to make even a slight impact in these folks’ lives & give them great food even if only for 11 weeks.”
— Climena Snyder
GRuB School alum & 2017 Farm Marketing Coordinator

Growing Healthy Food, People and Communities
GRuB's Executive Director Katie co-chairs the South Sound Food System Network (SSFSN), a coalition formed to grow a vibrant local food economy, ensure broad access to healthy foods, & steward the environment in the South Sound. Network meetings are for anyone who grows, prepares, sells, or eats food. This fall, the SSFSN organized a Food Summit which engaged more than 340 attendees in workshops organized around themes of environmental, economic, & social impacts of food. Organizers worked hard to grow broad participation in the Summit. Kids were welcome at more than half of the workshops; participants shared meals; & organizers fundraised to provide over 100 scholarships to diverse teams of delegates from local social service agencies (including GRuBbers!). The 2-day Summit opened with a local food tasting & ended with a large group discussion. In between, local educators presented workshops on diverse topics ranging from soil science to food waste, wild foods & medicines to racial justice in food systems. We were proud to be a part of this effort to grow the sustainability & justice of our local food system!

"My involvement with GRuB inspired & reinvigorated me to go back to school. I plan to use my Agroecology education to grow the Victory Farm program because I've witnessed & experienced firsthand the incredible healing effect it has on people. Providing a space & opportunity where veterans can learn, practice, & teach each other how to come into balance with the land, themselves, & their community is near the top of my list of important things. By working next to each other, we may break cycles of isolation, find new friends, & have much needed conversation of self-discovery."

— Rick Bernsten
GRuB Board Member, donor & Victory Farmer

If you are inspired by GRuB's innovative work, then consider making a monthly donation of $5, $10 or $25. Or be a one-time donor at any level. We all have a stake in creating the future we want to see!
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