

2012 Annual Report
Overland Park Community Garden, Inc.



The Garden's New Sign!

Mission Statement

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

2012 Was a Great Year for:

Growing!

- ❖ Despite a very hot and dry summer, the garden plots reaped bountiful harvests. One gardener planted a Super Sweet 100 cherry tomato that produced over 3,000 tomatoes - enough to keep 12 of her neighbors supplied!
- ❖ All plots were leased by the end of the first week of March, and there is a wait list of over 50 people already for 2013. The number of people who are on the wait list is higher than the first year.
- ❖ Over 50% of the gardeners were returnees from the 2011 season. Six of the returning gardeners upgraded to the larger plot size.
- ❖ The native prairie plants transplanted from the Olathe Prairie Center in the fall of 2011 thrived and attracted a variety of beneficial insects to the garden.

Reaping!

- ❖ The Overland Park Community Garden (OPCG) received a Kansas Community Garden Grant. This grant provided funding for many improvements to the garden such as: a tool shed, four compost bins, two garden benches, and a wide array of gardening tools to stock the shed. There are additional funds to plant roses and other shrubs at the 95th St. end of the garden to continue the effort of providing habitat for the beneficial insects. They will be purchased and planted in 2013.
- ❖ Whole Foods Market on Metcalf selected OPCG as their non-profit partner for the Community Giving Day on March 21, 2012. Garden volunteers donated their time to hand out Whole Food sales flyers and the garden received a percentage of the stores sales during that time period. A photo board was displayed showing the garden in full splendor and the volunteers were able to distribute garden informational brochures to store patrons.





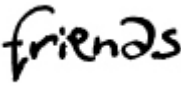
Supporting Our Community!

- ❖ Over 230 pounds of produce was donated to local area food pantries. The Grace Garden plot provided 135 pounds of this total. The Grace Garden is a project of the environmental ministry group within the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. All of the produce grown in the Grace Garden was donated to the Valley View United Methodist Church's "Hope Chest" food pantry.
- ❖ The gardeners of one large plot shared the abundance of their plot with lower income employees at their workplace.
- ❖ The garden sponsored a youth garden program called "Southdale Sprouts" that was supported by a grant from the OCIA (Organic Crop Improvement Association) Research and Education, Inc. Three middle-school aged kids participated in planning, planting and harvesting their plot.

Here to Stay!

- ❖ Fundraising efforts and grants secured in 2012 allowed for financial reserves and the ability to sustain the garden for years to come.

Donors

Level	Donor
 Land Partner	Johnson County Library
 Sustaining \$3,000	Whole Foods Market on Metcalf
 Community \$1,000	City of Overland Park, Park Services Department Jack Madigan Creative
 Planting \$100	D. and L. Jordan B. Pfannenstiel
 friends Under \$100	N. Jones S. Perry P. Welkner V. Williams Cosentino's Price Chopper at 95 th & Mission Ryan Lawn & Tree Scentsy, H. Cochran Consultant The Planters Seed Co.

President's Note

Reflecting on the second successful year of the OP Community Garden, I am again reminded that there is much support and enthusiasm for the garden. It wasn't just a passing fancy that people wanted to participate and support the garden in its inaugural year.

The year can be summarized as an extraordinary fundraising year. It is a true feather in the organization's cap to have been chosen as the March Community Giving Day partner at Whole Foods Market on Metcalf. Whole Foods donated 5% of their net proceeds from

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March 21st. This effort resulted in our initial start-up costs being repaid and one year's operating cost set aside in a rainy day fund.

Our second big win was being awarded the Kansas Community Gardens Project grant that is administered by the K-State Research and Extension and funded through the Kansas Health Foundation. This grant allowed the garden to purchase two benches, a tool shed, additional compost bins and a great array of garden tools. These amenities make the young garden appear to have been in place a lot longer than two years! The tool shed was a great show of community effort as there was over 60 hours of gardeners' volunteer time to build it. You can see a video produce by the Kansas Health Foundation at www.opgarden.org featuring the garden!

On the growing side of the year, it was very productive despite the long, hot and dry summer. The amount of produce donated and the abundance of tomatoes shows how effective the gardeners were given the drought.

Thank you to all of our supporters, especially our land partner, the Johnson County Library and to the Park Services Department of Overland Park. I'm confident the community garden experience will continue with a robust 2013 season and many more seasons to follow!

Bev Jaderborg

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2012 Garden Snapshots

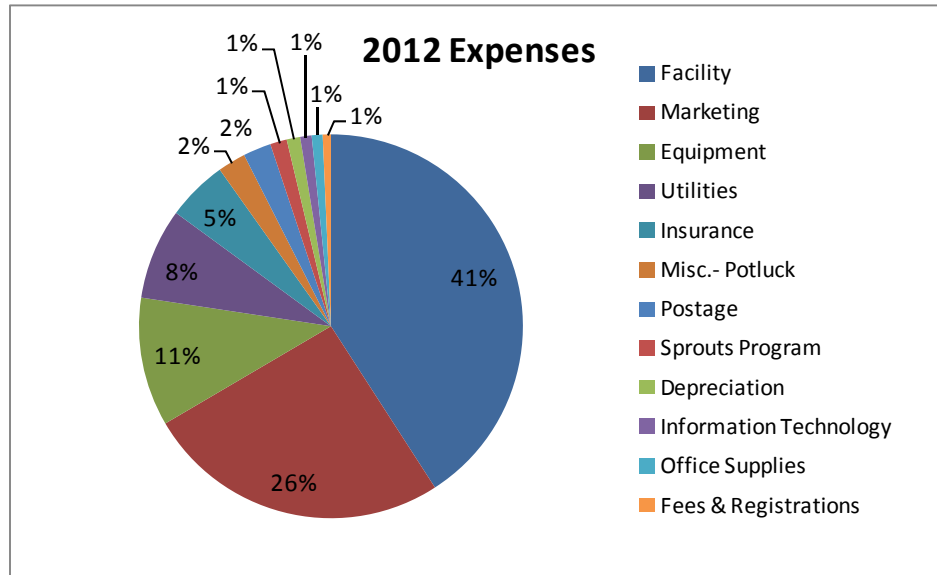
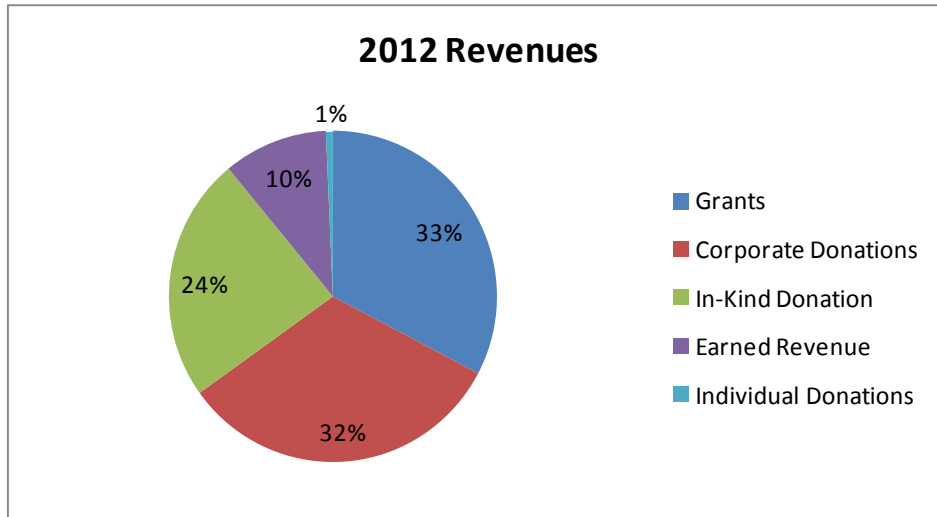


Kansas Community Garden Project Grant Investments

To see more photos of the garden's growing season please go to the garden's website www.opgarden.org/picture-gallery/

Financials

For year ending 12/31/2012
 Revenues = 13,081
 Expenses = 5,863
 Net = 7,218



Balance Sheet

	As of 12/31/2012	As of 12/31/2011
ASSETS		
Cash	3,280	944
Shed	2,643	0
Depreciation	(66)	0
TOTAL ASSETS	5,857	944
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Due to Board Members	0	2286
Unrestricted Net Assets	3932	(1342)
Board Restricted Net Assets	1925	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	5,857	944