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Welcome to the Overland Park Community Garden

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Mission Statement

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

2013 Was a Great Year for:

Growing!





- ❖ With a rare snow storm on May 2nd the garden got off to a slow start. But with ample moisture it took off again this year. It was a very good year for tomatoes, peppers and tomatillos.
- ❖ All plots were leased by the second week of March, and, as in 2013, the wait list was more than 50 people long for 2014.
- ❖ Over 50% of the gardeners were returnees from the 2012 season and two gardeners upgraded to the larger plot size. Twelve of the returning gardeners were from the 2011 inaugural year.
- ❖ The garden was certified as a Monarch Waystation. Monarch Waystations provide milkweeds, nectar plants and shelter for monarch butterflies throughout their lifecycle. The garden has four varieties of milkweeds and a host of other butterfly-friendly plants to support the conservation effort. In return, Monarchs, which are pollinators, are a useful asset to the garden.

Supporting Our Community!

- ❖ 250 pounds of produce was donated to local area food pantries – an increase of about 20 pounds over the previous year. The Grace Garden plot - a project of the environmental ministry group within the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, provided 150 pounds of this total. All of the produce grown in the Grace Garden was donated to the Valley View United Methodist Church's "Hope Chest" food pantry, which is the closest pantry to underprivileged Overland Park residents
- ❖ The gardeners rallied to provide fresh veggies to a refugee family that was just getting established in the area.
- ❖ The garden sponsored a seminar on building healthy soil specific to the Kansas City area. Twelve gardeners enjoyed the presentation by Master Gardener Kathy Hoggard, – who gave us the dirt on dirt! Kathy, a member of the Master Gardeners of Kansas City speaker's bureau, was gracious to share her knowledge with an organization outside her usual service area.

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Donors

Level	Donor
 Land Partner	Johnson County Library
 Harvesting \$500	City of Overland Park, Park Services Department
 Planting \$100	D. and L. Jordan Whole Foods Market on Metcalf
 friends Under \$100	B. Thompson Jack Madigan Creative K. Cooley

President's Note

As the garden finishes its third year I have noticed how tuned in I've become to the weather and the progression of the seasons. There is a definite cadence that the garden dictates based on the seasons and I look forward to them all.

This year we invested in planting perennials that support the Monarch and other butterflies. These perennials are also excellent attractors for pollinators and other beneficial insects for the garden. This is another step in establishing a healthy ecosystem that works in harmony with the vegetable and flowers that are grown in the garden plots.

I know I receive the majority of positive feedback about the garden being an asset for the city but several gardeners when up working receive the accolades from people passing by or sitting to enjoy the sights and sounds. It is even more rewarding to be a part of this effort when you hear that the garden brings so much joy to the community at large.

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President's Note (continued)

Of course it wouldn't be possible without our land partner, the Johnson County Library and for the maintenance support from the Park Services Department of Overland Park. A big thank you goes out to the Library, the Park Services and to all of the other supporters of the garden. Here is to a bountiful 2014 season!

Bev Jaderborg

2013 Board of Directors

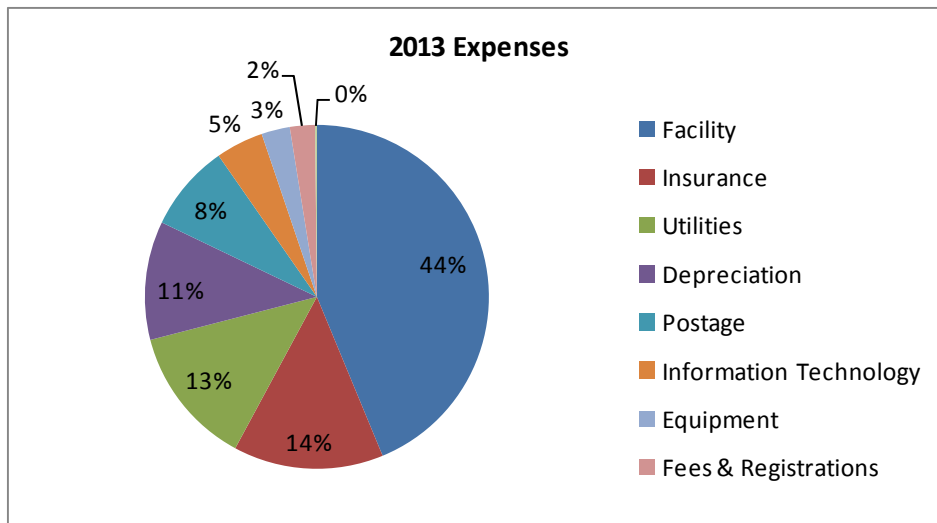
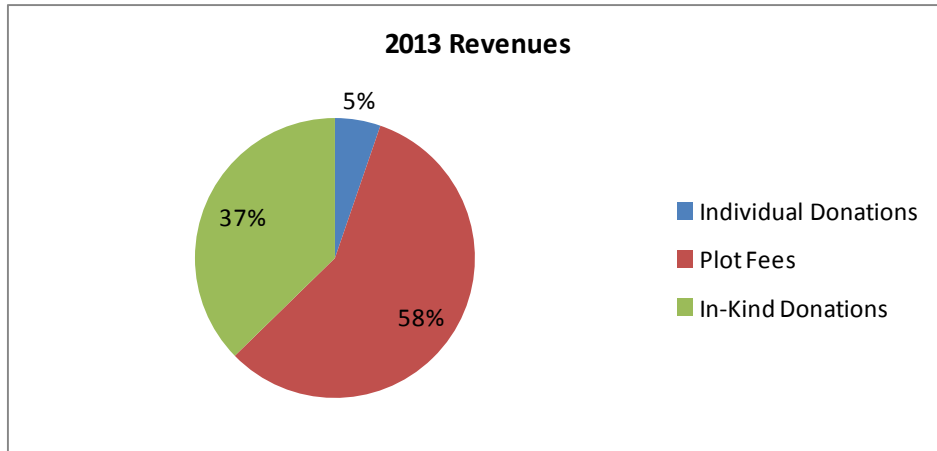
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2013 Garden Snapshots



Financials

For year ending 12/31/2013
 Revenues = 2369.03
 Expenses = 2381.27
 Net = (12.24)



Balance Sheet

	As of 12/31/2013	As of 12/31/2012	As of 12/31/2011
ASSETS			
Cash	3,402	3,280	944
Gift Card	119	0	0
Shed	2,643	2,643	0
Depreciation	(332)	(66)	0
TOTAL ASSETS	5,833	5,857	944
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
Due to Board Members	0	0	2,286
Unrestricted Net Assets	3,908	3,932	(1,342)
Board Restricted Net Assets	1,925	1,925	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	5,833	5,857	944