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From Ruins



To New Shed!

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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.

2015 Was a Great Year for:

Growing!

- ❖ All plots were leased by the second week of February. The leased-out date continues to be earlier with each year. There were 39 people on the wait list for the next growing season.
- ❖ Thirteen plots were leased by new gardeners. Three plots were returnees from the 2014 season. Five plots were returnees from the 2013 season and six plots were leased by returnees from the 2012 season. Again, ten plots were leased by gardeners from the 2011 inaugural year! It is great to see so many gardeners return year after year.
- ❖ Over 60 gardeners participated in the garden.

Supporting Our Community!

- ❖ 103 pounds of produce was donated to local area food pantries. The Grace Garden plot in OP Community Garden is a project of the environmental ministry of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. They provided 85 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 a food pantry serving underprivileged Overland Park residents.

Rebounding!

- ❖ The tool shed was burnt to the ground by an act of arson in early February. It was a shock to us all. There is no logic in an act of vandalism that destroys property at the garden. It took several months to adjust to having the empty spot but in its place a gardener planted sunflowers and brought beauty to the space.
- ❖ Gratefully, American Family Insurance covered the shed loss after deductibles. The insurance proceeds exceeded the net book value of the old shed by \$706 which allowed the garden to replace some of the lost equipment.

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President's Note

The cover pictures say it all. 2015 was a year for rebuilding. The shed was purchased in the fall and was installed right before opening day in 2016. It was a strange year to be up at the garden without a tool shed to anchor the space. But we all knew we would replace the shed at some point.

Mother Nature was generous with the rain as the garden's water usage was the lowest in five years. The rain did reduce yields but many gardeners had plenty which was shared with neighbors, friends and food pantries.

I am humbled to receive words that the garden has provided inspiration beyond its physical location. Here is a snippet from a former community gardener.

While I may not be present in the garden, it never would have occurred to me to build my own if I hadn't had that experience. I just filled my third raised bed and I can't wait to get home tonight to plant. I can't believe how well my little 4 X 4 bed is doing. It's amazing! I just wanted you know that the community garden has been a true inspiration!

That inspiration would not be possible without the generous support of the Johnson County Library and the Overland Park Parks Services department. Thank you!

Bev Jaderborg





Spring Lettuces and Green Onions



Sunflowers Bringing Beauty to the Scorched Area

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Donors

Level	Donor
<p align="center"><i>Land Partner</i> \$ Priceless!</p>	<p>Johnson County Library</p>
<p align="center"> <i>Community</i> \$1,000</p>	<p>City of Overland Park, Park Services Department</p>
<p align="center"> <i>Planting</i> \$100</p>	<p>D. and L. Jordan</p>
<p align="center"><i>friends</i> Under \$100</p>	<p>D. McHenry D. Gish-Panjada in Memory of Olin Hime</p>

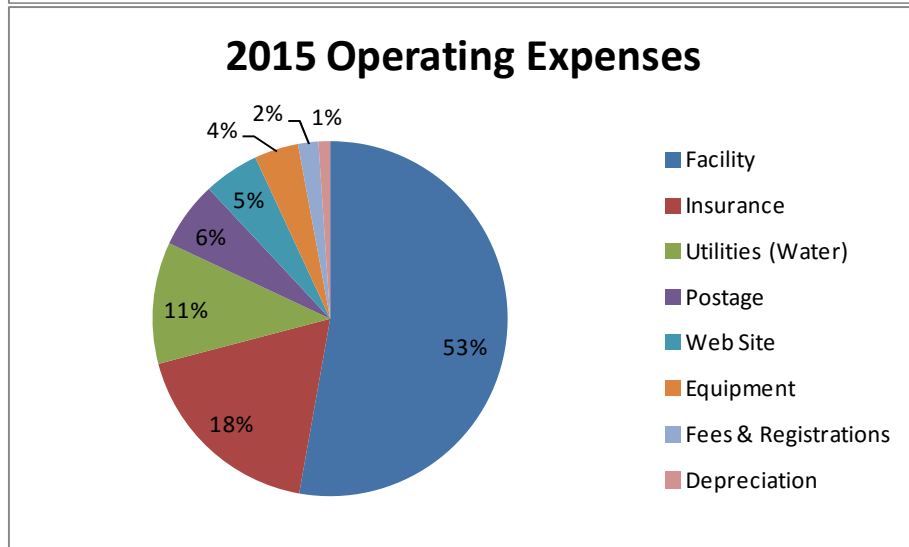
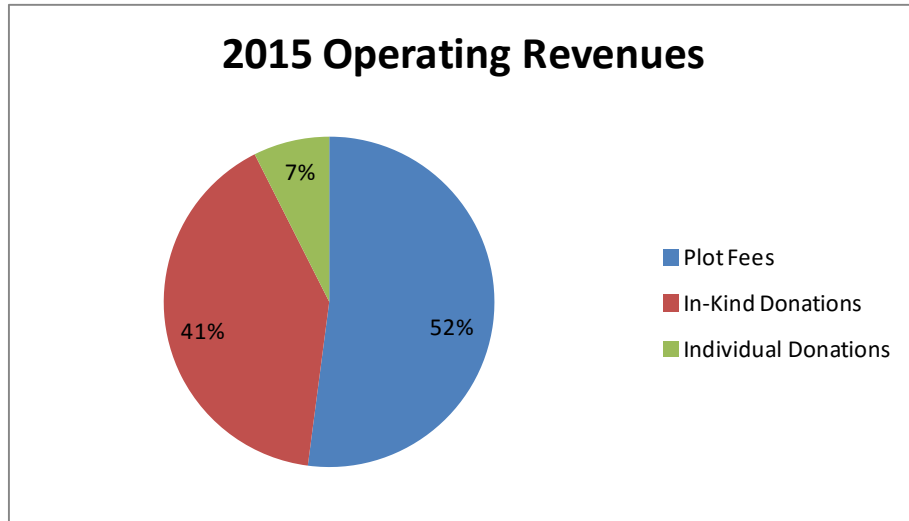
2015 Board of Directors

Bev Jaderborg	President
Ginny Williams	Treasurer
Bill Mace	Garden Manager
Angie Scharnhorst	Member
Barry Bailey	Member

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Financials

For year ending 12/31/2015
 Operating Revenues = 2,555
 Operating Expenses = (2,135)
 Gain on Fixed Asset = 706
 Net = 1,126



Balance Sheet

	As of 12/31/2015	As of 12/31/2014
ASSETS		
Cash	4,883	4,037
Gift Card	119	119
Prepaid Asset- Replacement Shed	2,326	
Fixed Asset - Shed		2,643
Accumulated Depreciation		(597)
TOTAL ASSETS	7,328	6,202
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets	5,403	4,277
Board Restricted Net Assets	1,925	1,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	7,328	6,202