

2018 Annual Report  
Overland Park Community Garden, Inc.



**Waiting Patiently.....**



**Sweet Eight Pound Cantaloupe!**



**Young Swallowtail Caterpillars**



**A Week Later**



**The Bounty of the 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.

**2018 Highlights**

**Growing!**

- ❖ Garden fully leased out by the end of March.
- ❖ Over 55 gardeners participated in the garden.
- ❖ Second year for the Giving Grove fruit trees saw good growth and the process of pinching blooms and removing fruits continued to support strong root formation.

Mother Nature took its toll on two of the apple trees when a strong storm snapped them at the graft points. They were replanted with the same variety of apple in late fall. This is a slight set back since they won't be ready to produce fruit in 2020 with the other trees.

**Supporting Our Community!**

- ❖ For the second year a plot was provided to the library. It was maintained by Oak Park Librarian J. Bucey who was grateful to be able to "bring our community garden to the community!" Beyond one educational program for children, the garden produced vegetables for library staff, Ms. Bucey's story time families (a crowd of over 70 one week) and various other library patrons who were delighted by this most welcomed surprise.

Ms. Bucey's favorite response to the garden so far....if she had to pick one....would be the little girl who came up to her and said, "excuse me, thank you for the mamatoes.....I LOVE MOMATOES!" to which she replied take as many as you would like.

- ❖ 162 plus pounds of produce was donated to various food pantries and shared with neighbors and friends of the gardeners. The majority was grown by the Grace Garden plot, a project of the environmental ministry of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. They planted twelve types of vegetables.

**President's Note**





It was another productive year at the garden. Each year the rhythms of the growing season are reassuring and grounding. It brings joy and beauty to all that participate or stroll through the garden. Sure there is frustration that you can't beat or control Mother Nature but the lesson to be learned is we need to work with her and with some toil and a little luck, the soil will produce.

As always, my note is not complete without thanking our land partner, the Johnson County Library and the Overland Park Parks Services department who provide operational support. Without the strong collaboration and backing of both organizations the garden would still be an idea on paper only.

With much gratitude,  
**Bev Jaderborg**

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**Donors**

Level	Donor
 \$ Priceless!	Johnson County Library
 \$1,000	City of Overland Park, Park Services Department
 \$100+	D. and L. Jordan
 Under \$100	D. Stephens M. Jakobe AmazonSmile Foundation

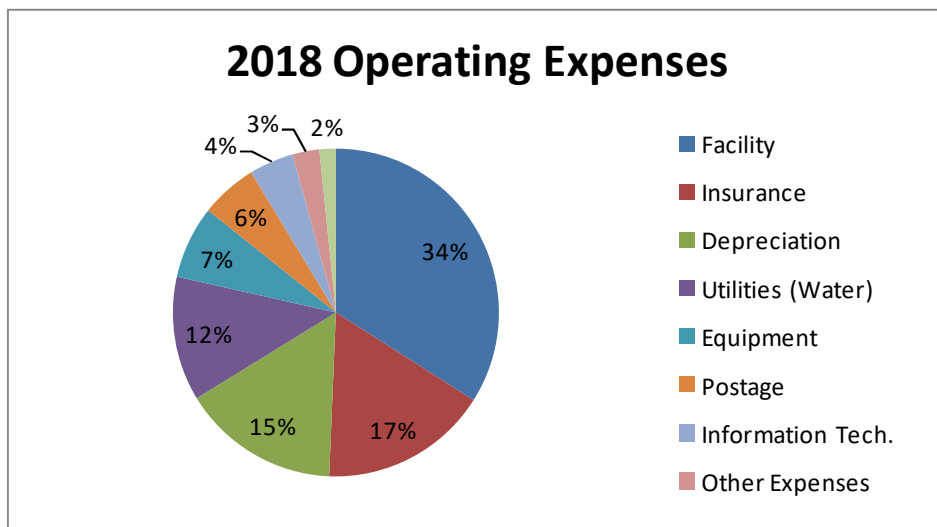
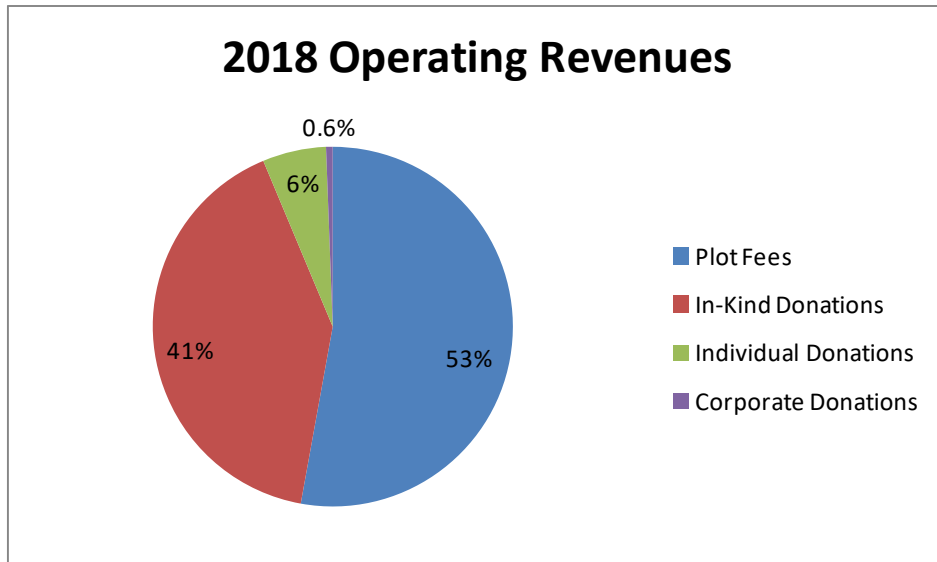
**2018 Board of Directors**

Bev Jaderborg	President
Ginny Williams	Treasurer
Bill Mace	Garden Manager
Barry Bailey	Giving Grove Steward

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**Financials**

For year ending 12/31/2018  
 Operating Revenues = 2,441  
 Operating Expenses = 2,489  
 Net = (48)



**Balance Sheet**

	As of 12/31/2018	As of 12/31/2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	5,886	5,549
Gift Card	119	119
Fixed Asset - Shed	2,326	2,326
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,032)	(647)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,299</b>	<b>7,347</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted Net Assets	5,374	5,422
Board Restricted Net Assets	1,925	1,925
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>7,299</b>	<b>7,347</b>