



2019 2020 LOUISVILLE GROWS Annual Report

MISSION

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OUR MISSION

**GROW GREENER, HEALTHIER
NEIGHBORHOODS**

OUR VISION

**FOSTER GREEN, JUST, AND
SUSTAINABLE
NEIGHBORHOODS IN
LOUISVILLE**



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LOUISVILLE grows

"Celebrating 10 years!"

Dear Friends,

To say Louisville Grows has been growing is an understatement! Over the past year, every program and aspect of Louisville Grows has flourished. From the largest tree planting ever to the most prosperous Seeds & Starts Sale, it has been an exciting time.

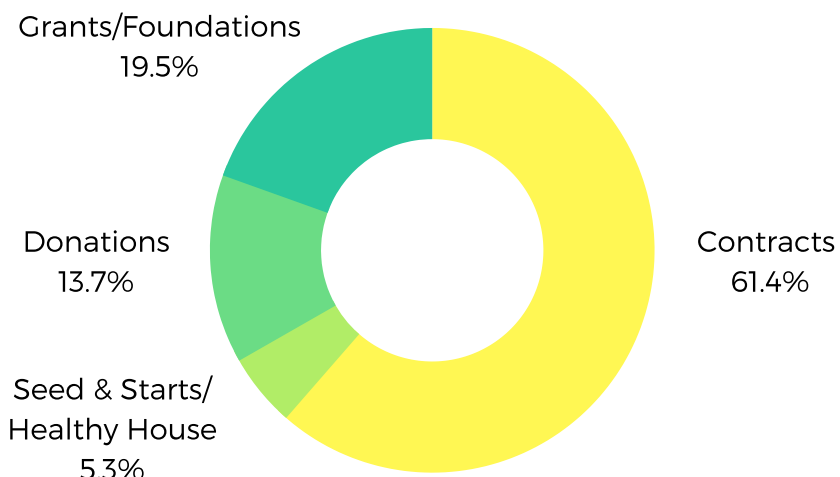
The tremendous work of our mighty LG team including our AmeriCorps VISTA members has helped us grow our capacity beyond expectations. We focused on refining and improving the process of program activities to increase efficiency. The results made us better at achieving our mission to grow greener, healthier neighborhoods! Our resilience was on full display during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; when the economy and business shuttered, Louisville Grows nimbly adapted and continued to provide much needed services and community assets during the turbulent time.

Our Citizen Foresters, volunteers and Friends of Louisville Grows dug in to help us make the difference! Together, we helped to preserve and improve Louisville's urban tree canopy, established and supported community gardens, and provided Healthy House programming to introduce young cooks to delicious and healthy meals and offer supportive techniques to build healthy habits for people in recovery. Although we have the best team in the world and believe we can move mountains, we could not do this without you, our supporters and partners. The entire Louisville Grows' team appreciates the time and donations that our community so provides to us; your generosity is an integral to our achievements.

Louisville Grows has risen to the challenge to safely continue our important work – we are excited for what the remaining months of 2020 and 2021 hold for us. Now, more than ever, we must go forward as a leader in cultivating just and sustainable communities through urban agriculture and urban forestry.

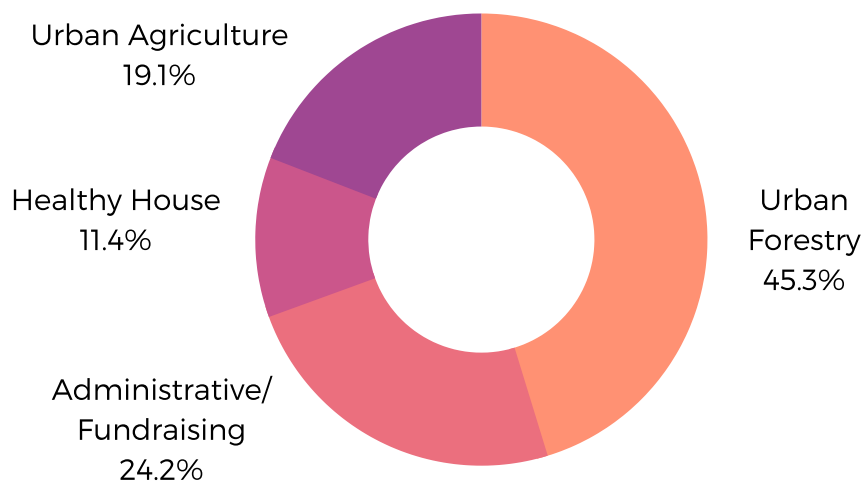
Thank you for being there with us!
Ked Stanfield
Executive Director

Revenue \$ 447, 552.12



**11
Major
Sources of
Funding**

Expenses \$379, 302.34



**81%
directly
funding
programs**



URBAN FORESTRY

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**We increased
Louisville's urban
tree canopy!**

1,131 Trees
Planted



535
Households
Served

1,540 Trees
Given Away



5
Neighborhoods
Served

317
Citizen
Foresters!



Green Heart (October)



Green Heart (November)



Schnitzelburg/Meriwether



California



**LARGEST
TREE
PLANTING
EVER!**

Fall 2019

Hosted in the
Schnitzelburg/
Meriwether
neighborhoods
with over
250 volunteers
planting 266
trees!

Why It Matters...

"Louisville Grows has been working for many years to support Louisville's tree canopy in neighborhoods of the most need—the environmentally overburdened neighborhoods that have received the least investment...to have a partnership with Louisville Grows means a lot...They have built trust with their model and the community."

Chris Chandler

Urban Conservation Program Director



The Nature Conservancy 



URBAN AGRICULTURE

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\$31,000

The past 2 years have been very successful, but but **Seeds & Starts Sale 2020** has brought in the most funds to date! The health and safety of our staff and community members was our top priority, so we offered online ordering with curbside pickup. Our staff worked tirelessly to pot thousands of plants to fulfill over 500 orders to support our community Garden Grant program.

Congratulations Community Garden Grant recipients!

Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church

Shively Library

Black Acre Community Garden

Garden of Joy

**Opportunity Community Garden
(Vision Russell)**

173 Gardeners Assisted

Capacity Built

New irrigation system

Raised garden beds

Tools and materials

Educational programs

Plant fruit trees and berry bushes

Rain collection setup

Community shade pavillon

Results: extended growing period, more crops, healthy food for food insecure communities and food pantries.



"Every one of our gardeners has exactly what they need to tend their crops and maintain the common areas of our garden. This was a transformative year for us. We could not have done it without Louisville Grows. We are so grateful – thank you!"

**-Rachel Peterson, Shelby Park Community
Garden, Community Garden Grant Recipient**



HEALTHY HOUSE

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Community Space | Community Garden Workshop | Better Me, Better Life: Nutrition Through Recovery | Art



Sprouting Cooks | Cooking with Kin | Urban Homesteading Course | Preservation & Canning Workshops



On Saturday, August 24, 2020 Louisville Grows celebrated its **10 year anniversary!** Citizen Foresters, volunteers and Friends of Louisville Grows gathered at Healthy House to commemorate a decade of growing greener, healthier neighborhoods. We look forward to the next 10 years as we march forward to create just and sustainable communities.

578
individuals attended
Healthy House events,
workshops and programs.

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Environmental Equity

Healthy Living

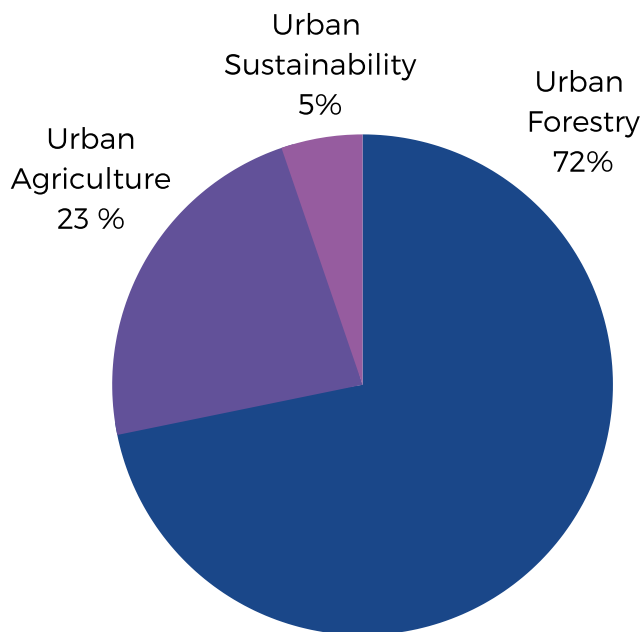


Healthy Eating

Environmental Education

VOLUNTEERS

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New Citizen Foresters after planting their first trees in September!

1276 Volunteers

5,976 Service Hours = \$126,511.92 Value

Our VOLUNTEERS made the difference!



Volunteer Spotlight

Auma Esther Lakang

Meet Esther (right), a Campbellsville University student and Louisville Grows Citizen Forester! Esther was interested in getting involved with Louisville Grows because she was concerned about the state of Louisville's tree canopy. She has a passion for helping others, and her experience as a Citizen Forester has provided her with the skillset to act as a leader in Urban Forestry. Thank you, Esther!

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Thank you to this year's donors and
community partners!

The Nature
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Maplewood Foundation

Against the Grain Brewery

Kentucky State University

Texas Roadhouse

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Kentucky Colonels

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Ale-8-One	Norton Children's Prevention and Wellness	
Amazon Smile	Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District	
Beargrass Thunder	Bridge Kids International	Extension Agency
Oscar's	Rainbow Blossom	Portland NOW
HardwareSchneider	Sacred Heart Middle School	Kroger
Electric	Forward Radio 106.5fm	Limbwalker
Estate Products	Manual High School Young Earth Activists	The Table
Heine Brothers' Coffee	Jefferson County Cooperative	Louisville pure tap
	Shelby Park Neighborhood Association	Sign-a-Rama
	Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness	Nancy's Bagel Grounds
	Urban Ag Coalition	



Amanda Abel
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Elizabeth Adams
Joshua Adams
Cindy Adelberg
Vickie Aebersold
Lesley Ailiff
Audrey Alen
Dawn Alexander
Carrie Alles
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Sherry Arconti
Keith & Penny Auerbach
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Kevin Bailey
Lashanda Barber
Beverly Barringer
Andrew Bartlett
E Susan Baugh
Amelia Baylon
Jamie Beard
Brett BeGole
Connor Bell
Karen Bell
Judy Berger
Nicholas Berry
Lindsey Bishop
Kari Blanas (Smith)
Joan Block
Ashley Bohn
Jean Borger
Nicholas Bourgeois
Phillip & Susan Brannan
Christopher Brashear
Robert Breedlove
Nadine Brewer
Judith Buckler
Faith/Mark Bushnaq/Yearly
James Bushong
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Brian Caudill
Sara Ceresa
Jennifer Chappell
Louis Christopher
Patricia Clare

Dani Clifford
Bryan Cole
Brittany Colliersmith
Adam Colvin
Ben Conway
Nick Covault
Kevin Cowherd
Simon Cozzens
Alex Crume
Mary Curnutte
Anthony Curtis
Stefani Dahl
Joe D'Ambrosio
Matthew Darling
Gordon Deapen
Natalie DeRatt
Lisa Dettlinger
Maxwell Dettlinger
Nancy Diaz-Metz
Melissa Jean Dillinger
Paula Do
Dawn Dones
Shana Farmer
Brett Farris
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Chris Glasser
Luke Gnadinger
Benjamin Goldman
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Nathaniel Green
Aaron Griffin
Caroline Guthrie
Edwin Brian Hamblin
Frederick Hannah
Brandon Harder
Rose Harper
Gwen Harris
Nick Hart



Ray Hart
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Gary Heine
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Shari House
Regan Hunt
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Nathaniel Johnson
Nickolas Johnson
Christine Jones
Caitlin Kannapell
Jordan Kavuma
Gerald Keane
Tess Kessinger
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Kathleen Lagreek
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Kyle Whitenack
Blake Williams
Larry Williams
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Tim Worthington
Jesi Wright
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Faith Yearly
Susan Yee
Heidi Zbella
Tina Zeller
Jim Zoeller

WHAT'S NEXT?

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Join us for a new race along the river in Jeffersonville, IN! This inaugural 5K event will support Louisville Grows' mission to grow greener, healthier neighborhoods by reducing the urban heat-island effect, increasing our community's urban tree canopy, and supporting recreation along shady routes! We prioritize the health of our community, above all else. See COVID-19 updates and find out more at plant5k.org.

PLANT 5K represents a new collaboration for Louisville Grows with Jeffersonville, Indiana. In the fall of 2020, we will partner with the Jeffersonville Planning and Zoning Department to plant trees in their residential areas to improve the urban tree canopy with our Indiana neighbors.



Over the next year, Louisville Grows will continue its partnership with Green Heart Louisville in a first-of-its-kind healthy study into the human health benefits of urban greening. We will continue to engage community members in South Louisville, conduct volunteer tree plantings, and assist with contracted plantings of larger trees. For more information about Green Heart Louisville, see greenheartlouisville.com.



The COVID-19 Pandemic

The Louisville Grows' team has been plowing through the challenges brought on by the coronavirus. We have adjusted to #HealthyAtHome and #HealthyAtWork by adopting new protocols for being in the field together and working at Healthy House.

Along with the support of our Board of Directors, we are currently discussing how we can safely and effectively begin working with our Citizen Foresters and volunteers again while following CDC guidelines, proper social distancing and recommendations from state officials.

Please be patient with us as we move forward to find a new normal. We miss you and look forward to working together to grow greener, healthier neighborhoods sooner than later.

QUESTIONS?

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WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

- **Donate:** Become a Friend of Louisville Grows...
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- **Volunteer:** Check out louisvillegrows.org or contact volunteer@louisvillegrows.org
- **AmeriCorps VISTA:** Current openings posted on louisvillegrows.org
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