



GROWING HOME

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Often times the thing that prevents people from achieving their goals and dreams is opportunity. Growing Home believed in me and provided the opportunity for me to thrive.

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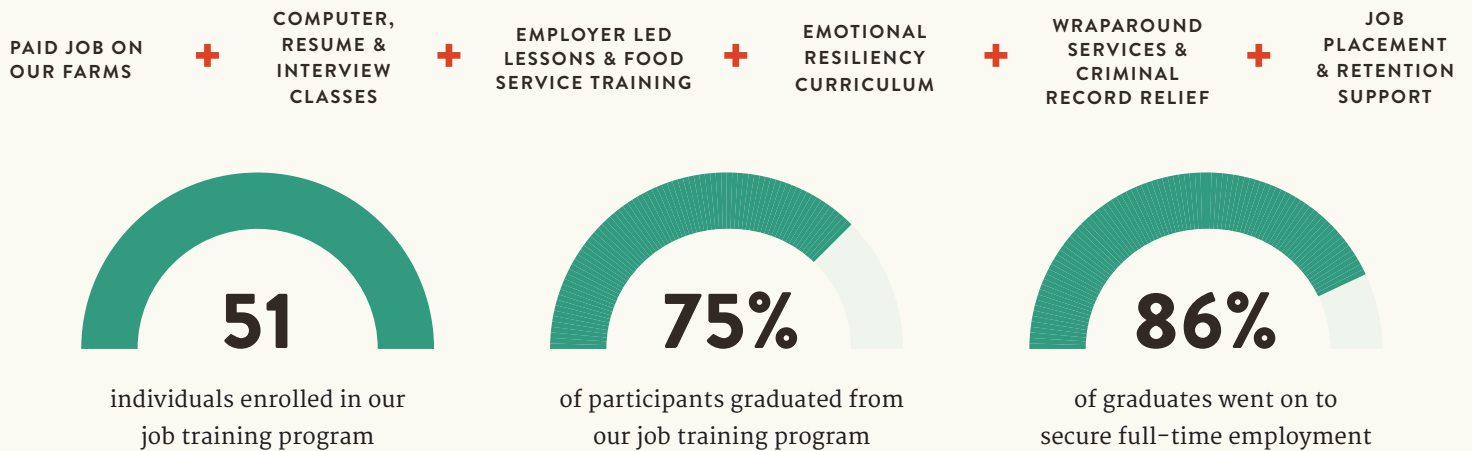
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Growing Home's mission is to operate, promote, and demonstrate the use of organic urban agriculture as a vehicle for job training, employment, and community development. Our unique employment training program uses farming to teach transferable skills to individuals with barriers to employment. To date, we have empowered over 500 individuals with the tools, connections, and confidence to find and keep stable jobs, providing a path out of poverty and towards self-sufficiency.

Through our USDA-certified organic farms, Growing Home makes fresh, affordable food and food education available to our neighbors in Englewood, where access to healthy food remains limited. By promoting fresh food consumption, increasing food choices, and disseminating information about local food systems, nutrition, and wellness, we aim to improve the health of our entire community.

JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

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100% of graduates earned ServSafe Food Handler certifications



81% of graduates retained their new jobs for at least 30 days



\$13.16 was the average starting wage for graduates, above Chicago's minimum wage

FOOD ACCESS & EDUCATION

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Growing Home deepened our commitment to providing access to healthy food and food education in 2018

26,217

pounds of certified organic produce were harvested, sold, and reinvested back into the program

4,339

pounds of produce were donated or sold at reduced prices in Englewood

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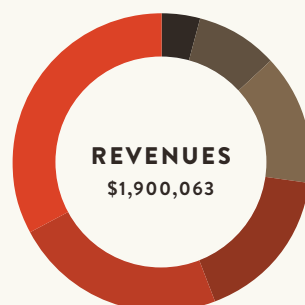
healthy cooking demonstrations were offered to residents

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youth connected with fresh food in our Learning Garden

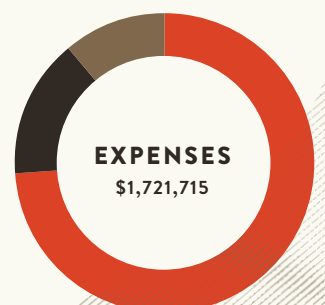
FINANCES

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- 33% GRANTS — \$633,605
- 23% IN-KIND DONATIONS — \$440,037
- 17% CONTRIBUTIONS — \$319,048
- 14% SPECIAL EVENTS — \$256,876
- 9% GOVERNMENT — \$175,010
- 4% FARM & PROGRAM — \$73,247

- 74% PROGRAM — \$1,274,580
- 15% FUNDRAISING — \$265,356
- 11% MANAGEMENT — \$181,779



Growing Home believes everyone deserves a good job and good food.

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