UPCOMING EVENTS AT GROWING HOME:

Every Thursday 11am:
Growing Home Farm Stand

Every Friday 3pm:
Englewood Village Market

Every Saturday 7am:
Green City Market

Saturdays & Mondays:
Volunteer Days

August 19: Family Grilling & Cooking Class

September 10: Cohort 3 Graduation

APRIL-JULY: BY THE NUMBERS

25
Up to 25 hours per week of paid farm-work & classroom training for each of our PA's

3
cohorts of PA's in or graduated from our program and 1 more to enroll!

60K
square feet of outdoor beds & hoop houses planted on our farm!

2,000+
door-to-door deliveries of organic, locally grown vegetables to local families in need – and still delivering!

15
Growing Home Kitchen cooking demos & workshops with free samples in Greater Englewood

300+
hours of volunteer work from our amazing volunteers
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:
CONRAD, CEO OF JUST ICE

"I’m grateful for Growing Home, for what they gave to me and what they give to a lot of people. People with employment barriers – they see past that. They just see a human being and they give them an opportunity for a job."
- Conrad Burnett, 2015 Graduate

We've started a new video series, Growing Home Alumni spotlights! In each episode, we'll highlight a Growing Home graduate, the work they are doing and their connection to Growing Home.

First up we have Conrad Burnett, a 2015 Alumni and current CEO of Just Ice, a craft cocktail ice company in Chicago.

Click here to watch Conrad's Alumni Video Spotlight showcasing the behind the scenes of Just Ice.

And go to growinghomeinc.org/conrad to read more about Conrad's path to Growing Home.

PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

During our 12-week Employment Training program, we partner with a multitude of expert organizations to expand our skill-based services. Exciting partnerships this year have included: Amazon, Olive Harvey College, Accenture, Fifth-Third Bank, Bel Brands, Rights & Restoration Law & Depaul University, EQLP Workforce Development Taskforce and CGLA.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHT

It's our 2nd year teaching the Roots of Success Curriculum – and it's quickly become a core part of our program.

Read about our partnership at: https://rootsofsuccess.org/partner-spotlight-growing-home
NEW PARTNERSHIPS ON THE FARM!

We're excited to announce our work with Greater Chicago Food Depository! A unique farm-to-pantry partnership that brings local, fresh produce directly to an Englewood food pantry. Continuing throughout the year.

GOOD FOOD & GOOD COOKING WITH GROWING HOME KITCHEN

Growing Home Kitchen, our food education programming led by Community Engagement Coordinator LaQuandra Fair, has been sharing the love of good cooking! Every Thursday at Farm Stand LaQuandra showcases a different recipe with our farm-fresh produce. And, we just finished up Part 1 of our Summer Cooking Series baking Garden Foccacia with Primo Center & Englewood Community Kitchen!

Don't miss the recipes and online cooking demos. Go to growinghomeinc.org/recipe.

FARM SPOTLIGHT: VEGGIE RX & FOOD AS MEDICINE

"The doctors or health professional can write a plan and prescribe not pills, but beets, or greens or carrots. A prescription for vegetables."

Hippocrates’ famous quote, “let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food,” has been used for hundreds of years to acknowledge the role food can have on your health and wellbeing. Growing Homes’s new Veggie RX program, in partnership with UI Health, hopes to apply that saying literally.

"Getting fresh vegetables right into people’s hands is important. It helps people realize that vegetables aren't just a piece of their diet or an addition – but a focus of it ” said Ezra Lee, Growing Home's Farm & Program Coordinator. UI Health also believed in the food as medicine approach, and the partnership started there.

To read the rest of the blog post and learn more about our Veggie RX partnership, visit: growinghomeinc.org/blog–veggierx/

Blog post written by Growing Home Volunteer Hannah Tate
WE ARE RESILIENT: OUR 19TH ANNUAL BENEFIT

“Growing Home offers a space to come down here and actually connect – to stand on the same ground, to pull sustenance from the same ground, and to grow together.”
- Stew Weiss, Board President

There’s something called “collective effervescence.” It’s the fancy name for that glowy, joyful excitement you feel when you’re gathered with others for a common cause. Our brains need regular doses of this togetherness, but during the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s been tough to come by.

That feeling was everywhere at Growing Home’s 19th Annual Benefit on May 6th. A small group of sponsors, staff, and special guests gathered for a farm-to-table dinner at the Wood Street Urban Farm, while virtual viewers tuned in from coast-to-coast, from Boston to Utah. In all, over 300 attendees joined the celebration.

To read the rest of the blog post, visit: growinghomeinc.org/blog-benefit19/

Blog post written by Growing Home’s Hope Gundlah

GROWING HOME AROUND TOWN

Rebuilding Black Chicago
We were featured on WVON's Rebuilding Black Chicago in July! Click here to hear the full interview with Janelle, Zenobia and co-hosts Cleo & Bruce.

RiseKit Webinar Series
Our Employment Training team shared key points to a successful alumni program. Read more at on RiseKit's blog by clicking here.

Farm Stands on Chicago Eater
An article on the transition of Farmer's Markets from stay-at-home orders to in-person. Read more at Chicago Eater by clicking here.

Ribbon Cutting on NPR
Natalie Moore interview our ED Janelle St. John to learn about the opening of our 3rd Farm Site. Click here for more photos, including the one below.
For over 20 years, Growing Home has been a nonprofit leader in urban agriculture, serving the Greater Englewood community in Chicago with our holistic paid employment training and local, healthy food access. We believe Everyone deserves access to a Good Job and Good Food!

**VOLUNTEER & TOUR OUR FARMS**
Volunteers play a crucial role in our work at Growing Home! As a volunteer, you have an opportunity to help with events, lend a hand on the farm or in the employment training classroom, and assist with administrative projects. If you have a special skill, let us know! We will have a project that fits.
Scan to sign up for our Volunteer Corps! Contact volunteer@growinghomeinc.org for ?’s.

**PURCHASE OUR PRODUCE**
Support our employment training and community food programs...while enjoying delicious, organic, nutritious produce! Visit us at our Englewood Farm Stand Thursdays, Green City Market Saturdays or be a weekly/bi-weekly community supported agriculture member.
Scan to learn about our Farmer’s Market locations or to purchase a CSA! Or go to growinghomeinc.org/farm.

**JOIN OUR ASSOCIATE BOARD**
The Associate Board supports the overall mission and activities of Growing Home. Acting as ambassadors of the organization, Associate Board members engage the community through volunteering, fundraising, networking, & advocacy. Join a passionate group working toward a greater mission.
Scan to apply now! Or contact Marlene, Director of Development, at mceja@growinghomeinc.org to learn more about joining our Associate Board.

**BE A MONTHLY DONOR**
Monthly donors, for every amount, are essential to supporting the sustainability of our operations at Growing Home and the opportunities we provide our community. As a monthly donor, you are part of a special club with fun benefits and invitations throughout the year!
Donate now to Growing Home. Scan the code or go to growinghomeinc.org/donate

**SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL UPDATES**
There are always amazing events, spotlights and news going on at Growing Home! Sign up to receive monthly updates and this seasonal newsletter so you can follow all things Growing Home.
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