



Keep Farming. Feed People. Build Community.

2018 Accomplishments

- Expanded to 10 acres of reclaimed fallow land under cultivation with nearly 50 different types of crops;
- Initiated a summer youth employment & skill building program, employing five youth from the surrounding community;
- Welcomed more than 100 volunteers who put in 600 volunteer hours, planting, weeding, distributing produce, maintaining garden areas, and providing marketing and office support;
- Greeted more than 3,400 visitors for tours of the farm, events, and workshops;
- Renewed our commitment to host a FoodCorps service member (an AmeriCorp™ program), which provides more than 800 intensive instructional hours of nutrition education in nearby schools where enrollment in government meal programs is >50%;
- Supported Valley United Way's effort to expand its Grow Your Own community garden program, which added eight new locations this year;
- Partnered with Beecher Road Elementary School on a pilot composting project to reduce food in the waste stream;
- Maintained commitment to donate at least 10% of each week's harvest, diverting thousands of pounds of food to agencies including Woodbridge Human Services, Ansonia Salvation Army, Spooner House, and FISH New Haven;
- Educated an average of 150 school children each week through field trips, after school programs, FoodCorps™, and summer camp;
- Secured a multi-year operating grant from the Valley Community Foundation, which supports our expanding educational efforts; and
- Partnered with Valley Shakespeare Festival for performances of Charlotte's Web for the community.