

FISCAL YEAR 2021

Annual Report

September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021





LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a whirlwind this year has been! SGP is proud of the work we've accomplished and the children we served in 2020/21. 3,400 children received services from SGP during the last year - the largest number of children in our history!

We are so grateful for our community's support throughout this journey!

For the 2021/22 school year, SGP is focused on delivering in-person garden lessons. Despite ever-changing Covid-19 safety and sanitation protocols in schools, SGP is actively hard at work creating, purchasing and distributing all new and covid safe learning materials to students.

Tools such as hand trowels, garden gloves, sit spots for outdoor learning and additional materials ensure our programming is delivered safely and effectively in outdoor classrooms.

As School Garden Project of Lane County comes to the close of 2021, we find ourselves deeply reflective of the past two years that we have endured as a community, a nation and as global citizens. Despite all of the challenges, so many organizations in our community have united together to build a better world - the collaborative efforts born out of this pandemic have been inspiring and powerful.

SGP is confident that coupled with creativity and a desire to learn, we can continue to thoughtfully reimagine how to provide children with the opportunity to learn and experience the natural world - even from a home without access to a yard or garden.

We have shown that we can rise to new strengths, to new challenges, to new ideas. We hope you will join us in continuing to plant new hope for the future of our community.

Mindy Bell, Executive Director



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Thank you Board of Directors for your continued leadership and support!



"IF WE WANT CHILDREN TO FLOURISH, TO BECOME TRULY EMPOWERED, LET US ALLOW THEM TO LOVE THE EARTH BEFORE WE ASK THEM TO SAVE IT."

— DAVID SOBEL

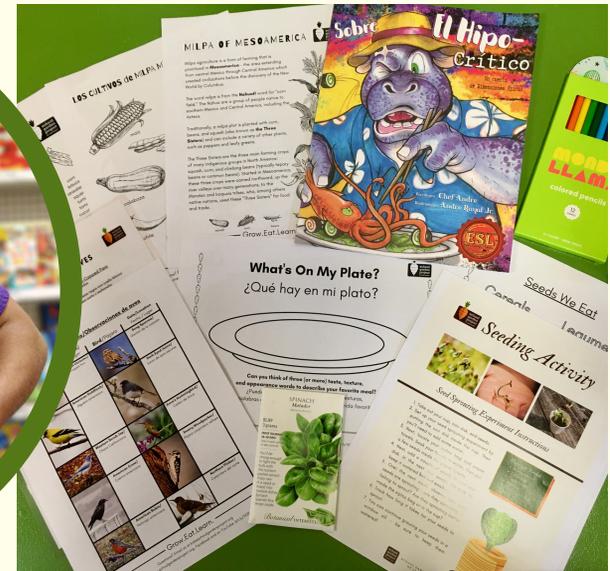
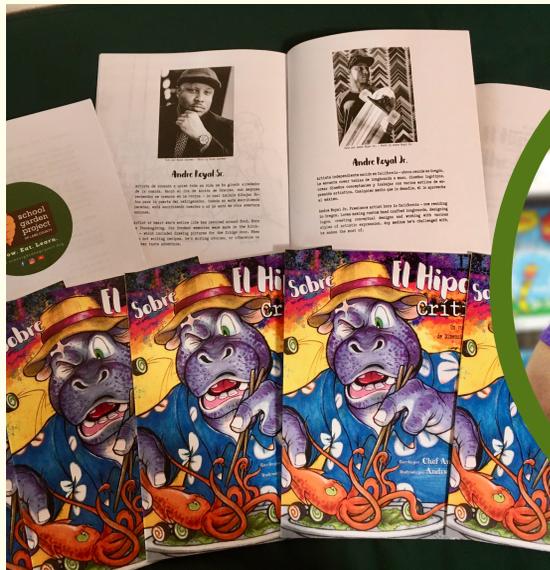
School Garden Project strives to help Lane County schools develop onsite vegetable gardens where we teach children science in the garden and the basics of growing food, using the garden as an outdoor laboratory. We also provide material and curriculum resources; professional development for educators; volunteer recruiting and training; and maintenance support to sustain and expand educational gardens

throughout our region and beyond. We are committed to a future in which children become knowledgeable healthy adults who understand the basics of growing food, can apply science principles to garden ecosystems, steward the natural world, eat fruits and vegetables, and contribute to a thriving community.



NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Chef Andre Royal



Have you heard about **The Hipo-Critic: A Tale of Epic Proportions**? Written by local Chef Andre Royal (and illustrated by his son!), this fun taste-adventure coloring book was published bilingually for the first time for SGP. We're delighted to include it in all of our newly created activity kits for children in our community.

Chef Andre Royal is a storyteller, an artist and a local advocate. In addition to The Hipo-Critic, Andre has written a second book- Little Big Bear - a book written to raise sleep disorder awareness. Chef Andre is committed to bringing resources and connection to our community and SGP is so grateful for the opportunity to partner with him.

You can find Chef Andre's books at Chefandreroyal.com or www.ecojusticepress.com





2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

WE'RE GROWING OUR COMMUNITY ONE GARDEN AT A TIME.



Due to Covid-19, programming at SGP looked a little different this school year. As the world shifted, we are delighted to have had the opportunity to continue to excel at our commitment to providing educational programming, resources, and hands-on gardening and science activities to local students in our community.

CHILDREN SERVED

In 2020/2021,

3,400



students received services from SGP. In addition to in person instruction and at-home activity kits, SGP created exciting new video resources and a new way of delivering programming for educators and students. These video lessons, created by our experienced garden educators, can be found on our YouTube Channel.

REMOTE LEARNING

2,070

Lane County school children received Science in the Garden and Tomato Plant Activity Kits this spring!



NUMBER OF SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITY KITS

1,200

In the summer of 2021, School Garden Project of Lane County delivered no cost activity kits to children in our community.

RETURN TO THE GARDEN

355

students returned to the garden and received in person garden and science instruction.





CONTINUING PARTNERSHIPS



Envisioning new ways of learning



PARTNERSHIP WITH DANEBO ELEMENTARY

SGP was delighted to be on-site with students at Danebo Elementary during the Spring of 2021.

Danebo Elementary has been transitioning to a project based learning approach to instruction. Our partnership was a collaborative effort between SGP's garden educator, Danebo classroom teachers, and Danebo students. The students were responsible for selecting the focus of the projects and chose to repair the raised garden beds in their garden, perform garden cleanup of the garden, and to plant crops for the next year's students to enjoy in the Fall. Considering these students were all 5th graders, they championed their work as their legacy for younger peers. It was extraordinary to see the students assume the role of a teacher and mentor the youngest students in the garden.

FINANCIAL & DONOR INFORMATION

INCOME

\$282,436



thank you!

DONOR INFORMATION

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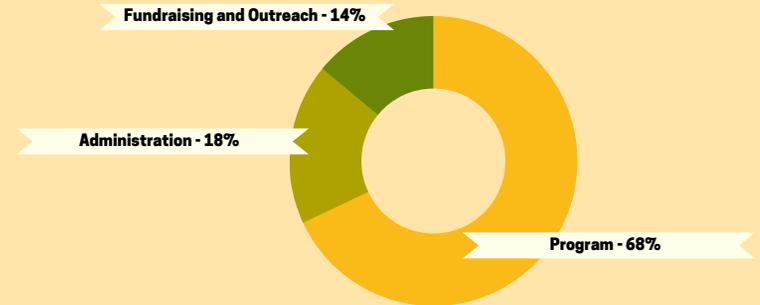
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