



Fiscal Year 24

# ANNUAL REPORT



SEPTEMBER 1, 23 TO AUGUST 31ST 24

# A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friend,

As the the end of the year unfolds, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible journey traveled during the 2023/24 school year. In Lane County, over 1,900 children and community members received garden education and hands-on learning opportunities.

You are supporting critical systems that grow healthy food, healthy habits and thriving kids.

**Hands-on Science:** Hands-on learning, particularly in science, has many benefits. It's been shown to increase retention, build engagement, confidence, independence and promote inquiry-based thinking.

**Outdoor Education:** By inviting students into the garden we help them find calm and the ability to focus - improving behavior, boosting overall academic performance and even improving mental health.

**Academic Success:** It isn't just in the research, our teachers see improvements beyond the garden. The learning environments we foster help to create inclusivity for all learning types - creating an easy entry point for children with barriers to traditional learning.

Your generous support is an investment into a proven educational system that reduces barriers, invites children to do what they do best and has a long-term benefit to their overall academic success. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support!

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

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The background image shows a school garden with several raised beds. The beds are made of wood and some are painted in bright colors like yellow, red, blue, and green. The garden is filled with various plants, including tall stalks and leafy greens. In the background, there are large green trees and a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent green box is overlaid on the middle of the image, containing the text.

# OUR MISSION

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.

# VOLUNTEERING IN THE GARDEN

A big "Thank You" to our amazing volunteers from the Eugene Metro Rotary, Eugene Delta Rotary and SGP Team for a successful work party! Over 430 bags of soil were filled from our "Mountain of Soil" in preparation for Spring Celebrations.

1,400 children received an SGP tomato up-potting to tend during the summer due to the efforts of our volunteers and garden educators.

You are simply fabulous!!!



Thank you to Eugene Metro Rotarians - Laura Macagno-Shang, Paul Shang, Mark Sayler, Ruben Garcia, Chris Hazen, Eugene Delta Rotarians - Colleen Garrity and SGP Board member, Kevin Riley, and SGP garden educators, Sarah Hopfensperger, and Graham Shields.

# OUR IMPACT

**CHILDREN  
SERVED**  
IN 2023/2024

**1,900**

Students in Lane County joined SGP in the garden and received in person programming and gardening resources this school year!

**1,400**  
**SPRING  
CELEBRATION  
TOMATO KITS**

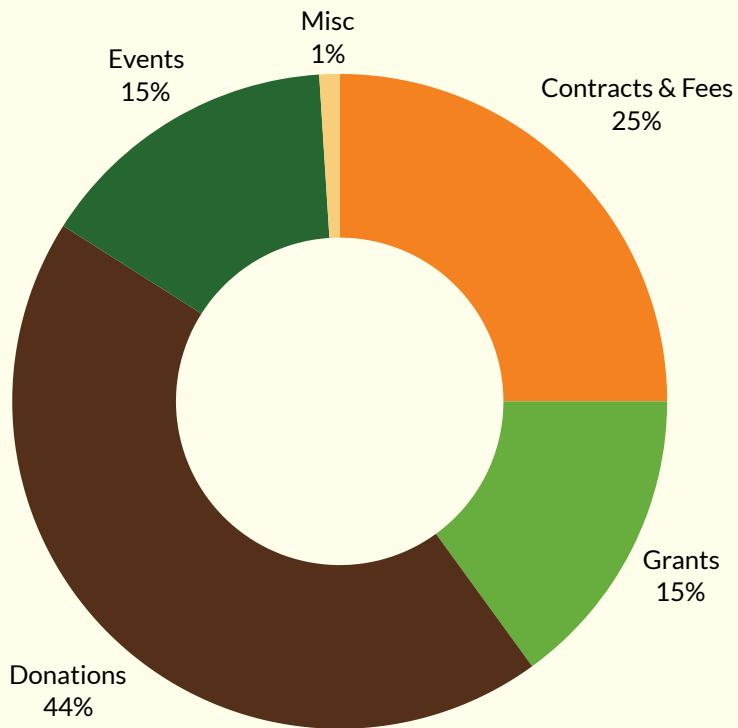
Each summer we distribution take home tomato starts for the children in our garden education programs.



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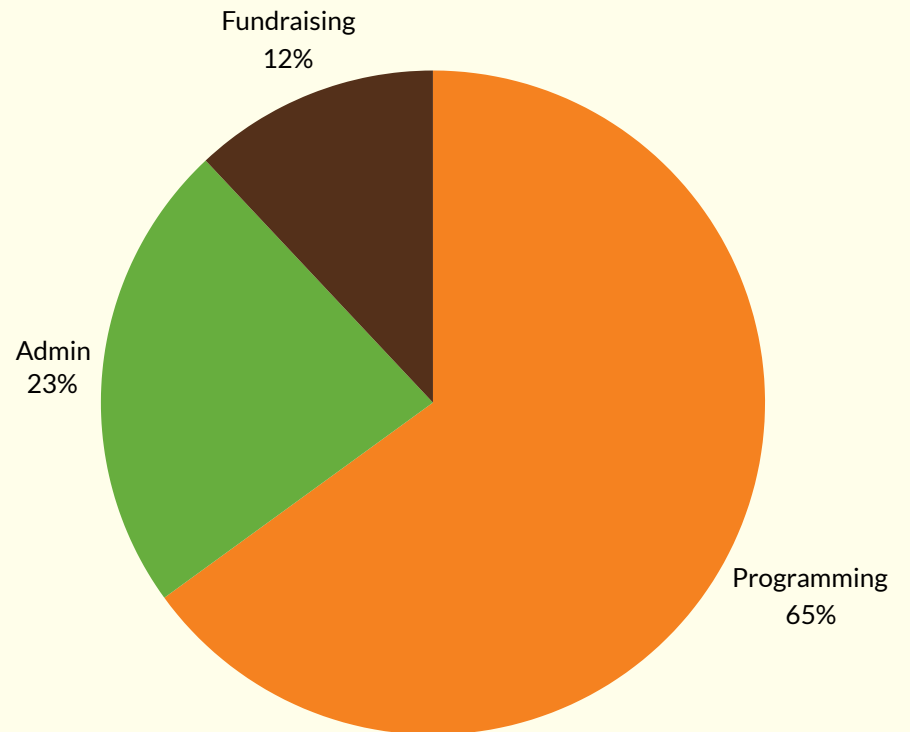
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\$216,246



EXPENSE

\$251,528



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The Perennial Leadership Circle helps to grow deep roots in our community with thriving children for generations to come.

These donors provide gifts of \$1,000 or more as a strong investment in our future.

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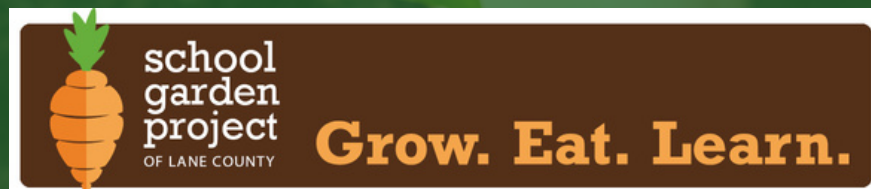
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