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An Edible Education places the child at the center of their learning and uses food to engage all aspects of the child's education. Through growing, processing, cooking, eating, studying, talking, and thinking about food, students develop skills, knowledge, and behaviors that enrich their academic and nonacademic lives, bolster their growth as individuals and in relationships, and cultivate meaningful engagement with their own health, the health of their communities, and the health of the planet.



A UNIQUE APPROACH

Rather than prescribing a one-size-fits-all methodology, we support communities as they work to develop strong, sustainable programs rooted in shared values and standards of practice. Edible Education programs at all stages of growth benefit greatly when given opportunities to learn from our model and to build relationships with others facing similar questions or challenges. We invest in leaders who are creating exemplary programs, thus advancing Edible Education as a vital force for change.

OUR PRINCIPLES

Food is the perfect teacher.

Every discipline—math, science, the humanities—comes to life in the learning laboratory of a garden or kitchen classroom. In the lunchroom, teachers and cooks alike use daily meals to feed students' minds as well as their bodies.

Children learn by doing.

The hands-on experience of growing and preparing food teaches students the value of real work, collaboration, and caretaking. Stewardship and social responsibility become deeply personal, and students feel empowered.

Children learn with all their senses.

When children's senses are awakened and educated—and they can taste, smell, touch, hear, see—they experience the world around them with new richness and complexity.

Children thrive in nature.

When children grow, cook, and eat food together, and return nutrients to the soil, they come to respect and appreciate their interconnectedness with the cycles of life.

Good food is a right, not a privilege.

When public schools make a free, delicious, organic school lunch for every student, we not only address the critical social inequities of hunger and obesity, we truly nourish every child.

Schools and farms support each other.

A set of criteria for buying school food from sustainable farms means investing in the local economy and community. This reinforces children's understanding of where their food comes from and how important it is for human beings to take care of the land, for the future of the planet.

The cafeteria is the heart of the school.

Every day, students discover how the ritual of eating together at the table expresses the essential values of nourishment, stewardship, and communication.

Beauty is a language of care.

Beauty communicates to students that we value them. An environment where careful thought has gone into everything, from the colors on the walls to the plates on the tables, communicates to children the practice of noticing and cultivating beauty in their lives and the world. They feel valued and understand what it means to give others that gift.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

The Edible Schoolyard Network includes:

5,508 programs in

64 countries and

52 U.S. states and territories.

Educators downloaded our online tools and resources 57,400 times in 2017.

6 case study trips

Our evaluation team visited programs in Salmon, Idaho, Chicago, Illinois, New York, New York, Washington, DC, Birmingham, Alabama, and Seattle, Washington—conducting case studies and learning how Edible Schoolyard training alumni are putting edible education into action.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Last year our Edible Schoolyard trainings welcomed:

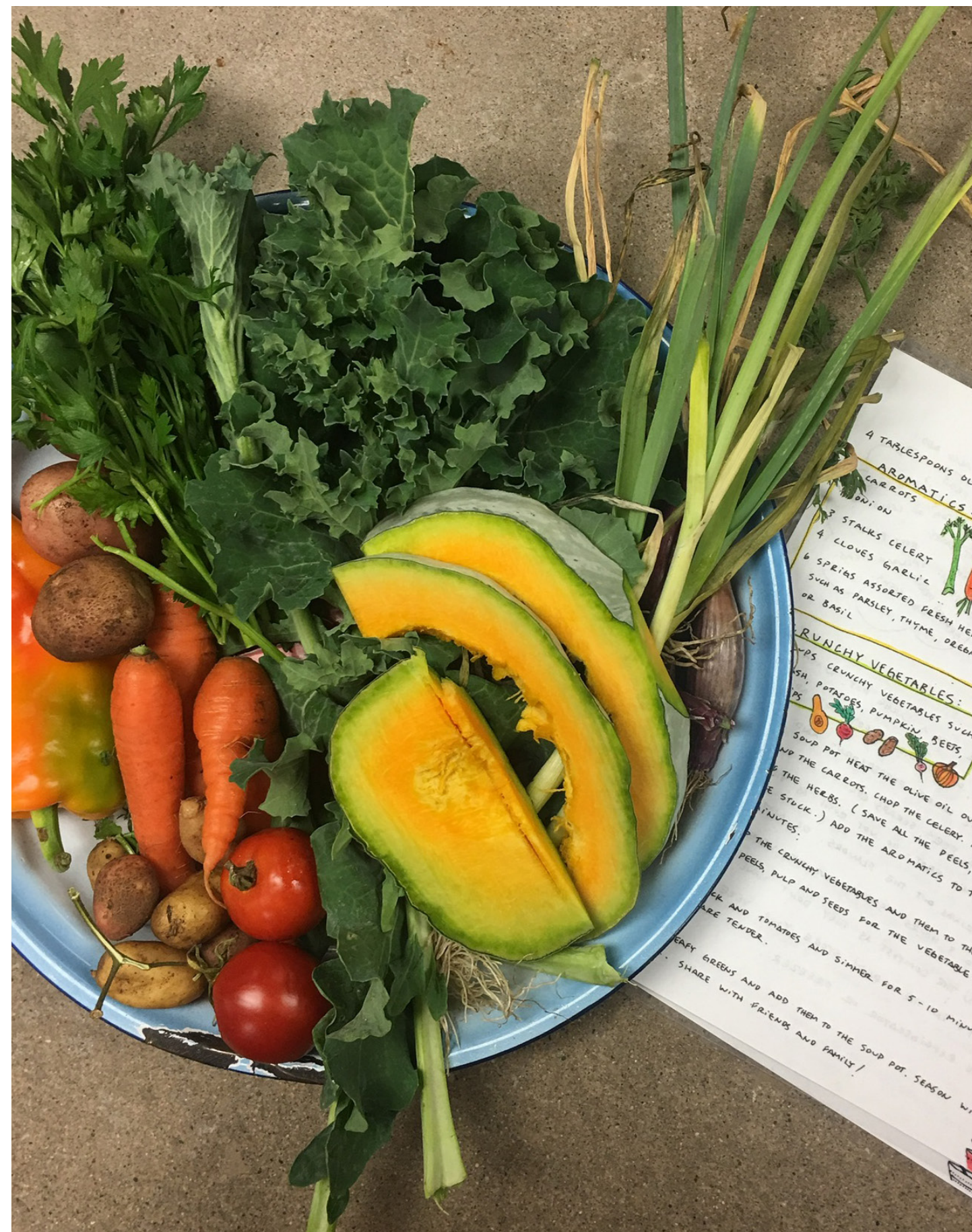
163 educators from

58 programs in

20 U.S. States and DC

representing 250,000+ students.

97% of 2017
Edible Schoolyard Intensive
attendees would recommend the
training to a friend.





WE ARE GRATEFUL

Every year we take a little leap of faith, counting on the many people, communities, partners, organizations, and leaders that help us grow our movement and deepen our dedication to gardening, cooking, and eating together. And each year, your support allows us to deepen our approach and expand our reach.

We look back with true gratitude and respect for all the ways that our supporters, allies, and partners for change come through. Thank you for strengthening our shared movement for edible education!

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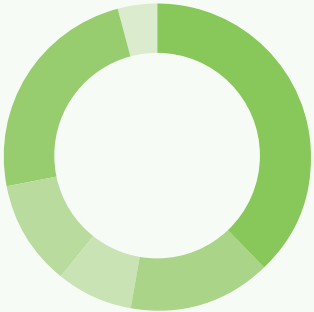
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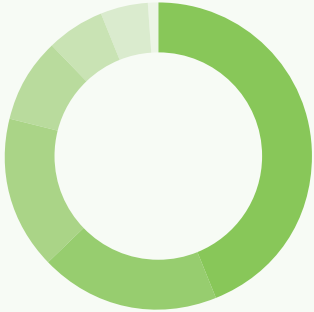
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EXPENSE BY PROGRAM



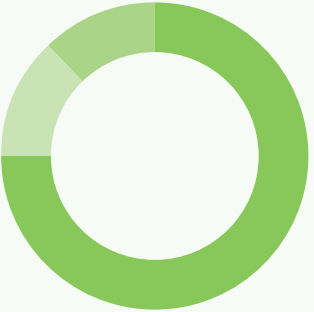
- 38% Edible Schoolyard Berkeley
- 24% Edible Schoolyard Academy
- 15% Edible Schoolyard Network
- 11% Curriculum Development
- 8% Partnerships and Policy
- 4% Family Nights Out

REGULAR INCOME BY CATEGORY



- 44% Foundations
- 19% Individuals
- 16% Events
- 5% Dividend & Interest
- 9% Corporations
- 6% Program Revenue
- 1% Royalties

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY



- 75% Program Services
- 13% Fundraising
- 12% Management & General

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

As of June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Current Assets

Operating	90,352
Investments	2,975,947
Receivables	510,384
Prepaid Expenses	30,253
Total Current Assets	3,606,936
Total Fixed Assets	81,703
Total Assets	\$ 3,688,639

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Payables	106,131
Accrued Liabilities	66,749
Total Liabilities	\$ 172,880

Equity

Unrestricted	3,231,259
Temporarily Restricted	284,500
Total Equity	3,515,759
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 3,688,639

PROFIT & LOSS

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017

INCOME

Donations

Individuals	321,962
Foundations	749,262
Events	263,889
Corporations	157,960
Total Donations	\$ 1,493,073
Program Revenue	92,674
Royalties	19,656
Dividend & Interest	85,965
Unrealized Gain/Loss	183,139
Total Income	\$ 1,874,507

EXPENSE

Program Services	1,559,609
Management & General	319,588
Fundraising	262,054
Total Expense	\$ 2,141,251

ABOUT THE EDIBLE SCHOOLYARD PROJECT

Alice Waters created the Edible Schoolyard Project in 1996. Our mission is to build and share a national edible education curriculum for students in pre-kindergarten through high school. We envision gardens and kitchens as interactive classrooms for all academic subjects, and a free, nutritious, organic lunch for every student. Integrating this curriculum into schools can transform the health and values of every child in America.

“To spend time in an Edible Schoolyard is to realize how much more is going on here than teaching kids how to garden or cook. Kids begin to learn about food in all its dimensions—as an edible medium of culture, science, ecology, and even social justice. How can we best restore the soil? Improve our health? Rebuild community? Heal families.”

The Edible Schoolyard is an eloquent and practical answer to some of the most pressing questions facing us as a society.” —**MICHAEL POLLAN**

“The Edible Schoolyard Project takes literature politics, biology, history, and science out of the classroom, and lets young people cultivate their disciplines in a garden, stew them in a kitchen, and discuss them over a table together with love. The result: some of the most joyful, committed, and thoughtful young people I’ve ever met.” —**RAJ PATEL**





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