We envision vibrant cities where underutilized spaces are transformed into productive urban farms and enable equitable access to healthy food for all.
URBAN HARVEST STL

BUILDS COMMUNITY AROUND INCLUSIVE AND RESILIENT LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS.

GROW FOOD. GROW COMMUNITY.

WE VALUE
COMMUNITY. HEALTH. EDUCATION. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY. SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Volunteers replant the living wall at the FOOD ROOF Farm.
In St. Louis, where you live impacts your health.

Many neighborhoods of St. Louis are less likely to have access to simple amenities like supermarkets and have high concentrations of poverty due to institutional racial and economic segregation. In fact, 23.3% of St. Louis City residents are food insecure.¹ Urban Harvest STL collaborates with local partners to grow and distribute healthy food in these communities. With our partners, we aim to generate a more equitable food system through food access, advocacy, and education.

2019 RECAP

- 4,740 pounds of food grown and gleaned, valued at $21,285
- 2,094 healthy meals distributed to families in low access communities

GLOSSARY

Food insecurity
The lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate food.²

Low food access
Limited access to healthy food as measured by the distance to and number of available grocery stores. Low vehicle access, low income, and lack of transportation also contribute to limited food access.³

³ Low food access.
Our FOOD ROOF Farm, the first rooftop farm in St. Louis, is a model for urban agriculture, sustainable building, stormwater management, and community development. It is a living laboratory of urban agriculture techniques and a valuable educational platform for the community. This innovative project can be replicated to increase resiliency in local food systems worldwide, further positioning urban environments for climate adaptation while growing healthy food for the community.

1 Living Wall
2 Milkweed for Monarchs
3 Hydroponic Towers
4 Community Garden
5 Community Hub Space
6 Raised Beds
7 Smart Pots
8 Greenhouse
9 Chicken Coop
10 Edible Wall
11 Railing Planters
12 Farm Rows
At Urban Harvest STL, we don’t just grow plants, we aspire to create a healthy city immersed in living and thriving gardens. We have seven farms in our network...and we’re still growing!

Additional Farms

OUR FARM LOCATIONS

KERR FOOD ROOF
North Riverfront

FLANCE SCHOOL GARDEN
Carr Square

FRESH STARTS COMMUNITY GARDEN
JeffVanderLou

STADIUM GARDEN
Downtown

SALLY'S ROOFTOP GARDEN & TERRACE
Midtown

ARMIN ORCHARD
Carondelet
Preparing food at a Harvest Dinner using ingredients freshly picked from Urban Harvest STL farms.

Community Engagement

We welcome people to participate in our mission through volunteer opportunities and events ranging from harvest dinners to happy hours. We encourage all curious citizens to join us on the farms as volunteers or patrons.

HARVEST DINNERS & HAPPY HOURS

We collaborate with local chefs and mixologists to host dinners and happy hours throughout the growing season. Chefs harvest hyper-fresh produce from our farms and serve exquisite multi-course meals and elaborate libations. These events are opportunities for the community to support our mission and engage in conversations about food justice and health in the community.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We offer 10 garden plots on the FOOD ROOF to local residents on a sliding payment scale. By integrating a community garden into an established urban farm, community gardeners have improved access to resources, mentorship, and a community of farmers.

VOLUNTEERS

We offer open volunteer days every weekend throughout the growing season for people to experience rooftop farming firsthand. We also host Master Gardeners from the Missouri Botanical Garden, as well as volunteer groups from local businesses, schools, and social groups.

FOOD ROOF MURAL

Our flagship location, the FOOD ROOF Farm, is a mission-minded oasis hidden atop a self-storage building straddling the Delmar Divide. Working with local mural artists Robert and Liza Fishbone and local volunteers, we overhauled this building with a vibrant mural to beautify the streetscape, attract additional St. Louisans to participate in our mission, and resist our city’s stark socioeconomic, racial, and class divides through the unifying power of public art.

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Urban Harvet STL empowers the community to grow their own food through our urban farming initiatives. Our farms are educational platforms for sustainable food systems, food security solutions, green buildings, and innovative forms of urban agriculture.

**INTERNSHIP**

Urban Harvest STL’s Leadership in Urban Agriculture Internship program nurtures leadership skills in community development with an emphasis on urban farming. Our interns learn how to grow food in various urban contexts and are advocates for food justice locally and globally while contributing to our impact.

**FIELD TRIPS & TOURS**

We offer field trips and tours throughout the growing season to share the possibilities of urban agriculture with students, community groups, local businesses, and more. These guided farm experiences expose visitors to gardening, food security, sustainable building, and the importance of healthy, local food.

**FLANCE EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

In 2016, we built the Flance School Garden and have since provided weekly lessons to their preschool classes throughout the growing season. These lessons give students hands-on experience and exposure to planting, growing, and harvesting healthy produce from their schoolyard garden. Our goal is to motivate them at a young age to source fresh food and improve their health throughout their lives.

**2019 IMPACT**

- 37 interns graduated
- 47 educational lessons created
- 1,075 people toured the FOOD ROOF
- 120 young learners educated at Flance School Garden

Community Engagement & Education Coordinator Arielle Wright teaches young learners at Flance Early Learning Center.
GET INVOLVED!

VISIT
the FOOD ROOF Farm

VOLUNTEER
your time for a good cause

LEARN
how to grow your own food

SUPPORT
food security in St. Louis

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