Annual Report 2021
ROOTED IN RESILIENCY

Looking back on this last year, there is much to reflect on. Our hearts grieve for the communities and ecosystems lost to the Dixie Fire. During this time, our farm, Rugged Roots, shifted gears and donated more than 5,000lbs of produce to local food banks, shelters, community members preparing meals, and individuals and families impacted by the fire. We collaborated with those on the front lines to provide immediate food relief. We quickly saw the farm transform into a place of reprieve for those needing a healing space.

The challenges of 2021 outdid those of 2020, but we are happy to report, so did the successes of our organization. We are entering our fourth year and there is a lot brewing behind the scenes. Our mission continues to hold true and we are committed to nurturing a healthy and resilient community. We are looking forward to the 2022 season, running successful and empowering programs, and expanding our local partnerships.

Leslie Pace & Jessie Mazar, Co-Directors
We are committed to providing nutrient rich, local produce for ALL. We serve our community through a weekly farm stand (we accept CalFresh/EBT!) and our honor system farm fridge, open 7 days a week. We offer subsidized produce to underserved populations, along with free healthy cooking classes and nutritional education. You will also find our produce in the Plumas Unified School District cafeterias throughout the county, at the natural food store, and at several restaurants in the county.

**Dixie Fire Relief**

Since our inception, community food security has been at the heart of our mission. This mission was put to the test during the Dixie Fire when overnight our farm transitioned into an emergency relief distribution center, which was available for 10 weeks until the close of our season. We hosted several free community events to bring light to a very dark time for our community.
**EDUCATION**

In 2021, we more than doubled the number of students who visited our farm and received education in local food systems, healthy cooking and regenerative farming.

**JOB TRAINING**

We completed our third year of the Transitional-Age Youth Program, a job training program for youth who are experiencing emotional, psychological, or behavioral problems that are interfering with their well-being. We hosted the Food Smarts program on the farm, in partnership with Rethink and Alternative Sentencing, teaching healthy cooking and nutrition.
GROW FOOD, GROW COMMUNITY

5,000+lbs of produce donated to local food and crisis shelters during Dixie Fire

5,000 volunteer hours on the farm and over 120 volunteers

1,200 visitors to our educational and production farm, Rugged Roots

150 hours of programming on the farm with our educational and workforce development programs

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Ecological Farming Certificate @ Feather River College
Plumas Charter School
Plumas County Behavioral Health
Rethink Industries | Alternative Sentencing
Plumas County Public Health
Wild Mountain Herbal Collective
Sierra Nevada Journeys
With your support, we successfully broke ground on a NEW interactive, hands-on farm classroom. We planted a perimeter of native plants, laid drip irrigation, and built a shaded outdoor classroom area. This year we will build an outdoor kitchen for cooking classes, create a worm compost and create playscape spaces for younger kids. We cannot wait to welcome you in 2022!
"I was on my way home from the Westwood area about a week and a half ago and was carrying a heavy heart after driving through the higher severity burn areas. Without really thinking, I turned into the farm and went out to pick some berries. No one else was there and it was that magical time of evening - the soft light of the sinking sun bringing out the warm colors of the garden, honeybees and other pollinators busily gathering food, the gentle breeze carrying bird stories, the sounds of laughing children lingering in the garden - it was the soothing my spirit needed at the moment and a gentle (but powerful) reminder of the cycle of life."

-Terri Rust, September 2021
Reflections during the Dixie Fire
MEET THE TEAM

Jessie Mazar,
Co-Director
Jessie brings to LSFP over a decade of experience farming, teaching, and learning in regenerative food systems. Her favorite vegetable from the 2021 season was shishito peppers and her favorite all time vegetable is cabbage. When not on the farm she loves exploring, creating, and having fun.

Leslie Pace,
Co-Director
Plumas County has been Leslie’s home since 2015. She has spent the last 10 years working in food justice, education and on regenerative farms. She loves beets - raw, cooked, and fermented (kraut and kvass.) When not growing food, you can find Leslie adventuring in the desert in search of red rocks and strange encounters!

Lilah Washburn & Ella Sweeney,
Plumas Charter School Interns
Lilah and Ella joined our farm crew this season, helping with all aspects of the farm. We were so impressed with their dedication and positivity, even through smoky, 90°F days. Not only were they compensated for their time, but they also received 5 high school credits.

Lindsey Gaspers,
Feather River College Apprentice
Lindsey completed a full year paid apprenticeship with LSFP and is a student of the Ecological Farming Certificate at Feather River College. We are so grateful for her enthusiastic curiosity and love for the natural world around her.
A HUGE THANK YOU to Darla DeRuiter and Paul Mrowczynski for your services as Directors for two years!
Thank you Labor of Love for the beautiful cedar raised beds & Gary Dyrr for the soil!

We are immensely grateful for all of our farm volunteers this season! We could not have done it without you!

Our SUPER Volunteers
Susan Allen, Wayne Cartwright, Tom Wood, Carol Sheller, & Nance Reed

To the Dyrr's, Thelma, Diane, Cristine, & Dane - your generosity is astounding! And, Elizabeth Powell, we appreciate your continued mentorship.

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Our mission is to increase access to local foods for Plumas County residents, prioritizing underserved populations, provide workforce development programs, and create educational food and farming opportunities.

Our 2022 Goals:

- Deliver regenerative farming education
- Guarantee food access and food security
- Deepen and expand partnerships in our community
- Progress as a community hub and healing space
- Cultivate long-term organizational stability