



Annual Report **2021**

Our mission is to inspire kids to eat their vegetables. We teach children in low-income elementary schools cooking, nutrition, gardening, and active play to improve lifelong wellness.





CEO Letter Annual Report 2021

In 2015, SCUSD asked if Food Literacy Center would be interested in running a farm at Leataata Floyd Elementary. I asked if they would also build a cooking school. To my delight: they said yes! The 2.5-acre vacant lot has since transformed from dream into reality. On September 1, we officially open!

I'm grateful to our project partners: SCUSD, the City of Sacramento, Northwest Land Park, LLC, and many dedicated donors and volunteers.

Now, we must deliver on the promise we made to the community. This project was created for them. From this space, we will offer more hands-on cooking classes, take-home recipe kits, gardening classes, family dinner nights, and so much more!

This historic day also falls during the 10-year anniversary of Food Literacy Month! For a decade, we have inspired kids to eat their vegetables—and now, we have the space to reach even more students!

At Food Literacy Center, we prevent diet-related diseases by inspiring our children to eat healthy. Sac City Unified is the 13th largest school district in California. 58% of their students are food and nutrition insecure, and at high risk for diet-related disease. This cooking school represents a deep commitment to improving student health.

We're grateful to SCUSD for trusting Food Literacy Center to carry out the mission of this space. We can't wait to inspire more kids to eat their vegetables here!

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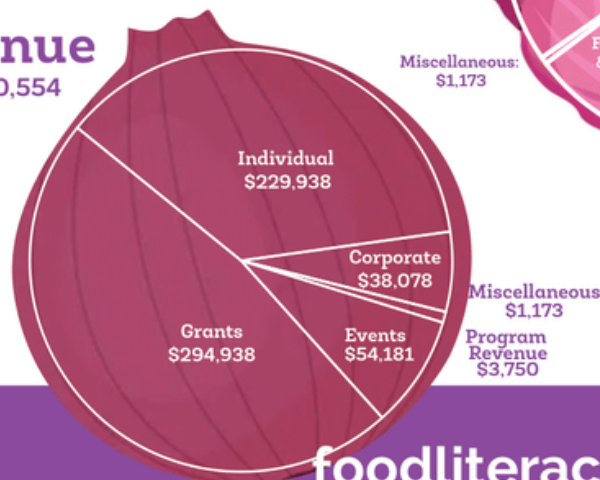
Expense

Total: \$733,964

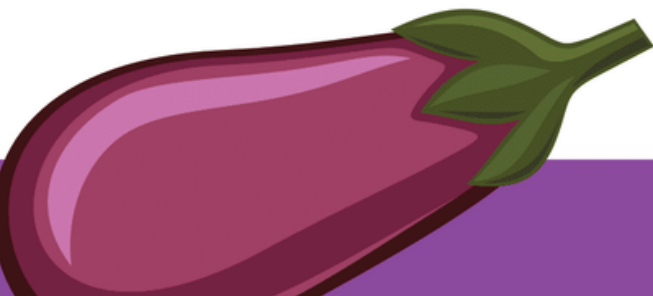


Revenue

Total: \$970,554



In-kind Contributions:
\$142,251

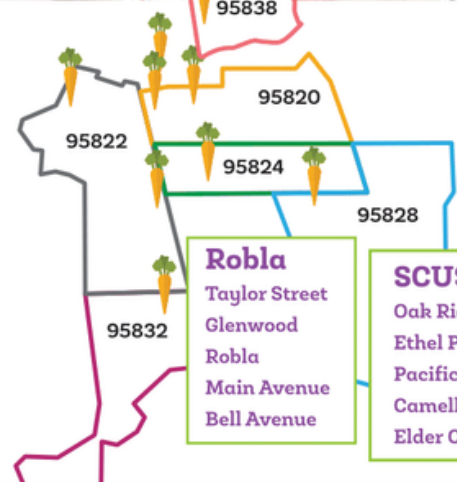




Inspiring Food Adventurers

In the 2021-2022 school year, we accomplished the following:

- Moved into our new cooking school (opening soon!)
- 2 school districts served: Robla Unified & Sacramento City Unified
- 747 students received FREE, hands-on cooking & nutrition classes
- 5,248 meals were delivered through take-home Veggie STEM Box recipe kits
- 9,993 lbs of fresh produce distributed to combat food & nutrition insecurity
- K-6th graders in Title 1 schools in South Sacramento & North Sacramento targeted
- 90-100% on free or reduced lunch programs



Robla
Taylor Street
Glenwood
Robla
Main Avenue
Bell Avenue

SCUSD

Oak Ridge	PS7
Ethel Phillips	Woodbine
Pacific	New Joseph Bonnheim
Camellia	Ethel I. Baker
Elder Creek	John Sloat
	Leataata Floyd

1,041 Volunteer Hours

THANK YOU volunteers!

OUR STUDENTS EAT THEIR VEGGIES!

91% fearlessly tasted a new fruit or vegetable each week as Produce of the Day

80% learn to eat a fruit or veggie with every snack & meal

VEGGIE OF THE YEAR

Bok Choy, David Edgar, Executive Chef, Sacramento City Unified School District

Mushroom, Nina Curtis, Executive Chef, Adventist Health - **People's Choice!**

Eggplant, Rick Mahan, Executive Chef/Owner, The Waterboy & OneSpeed Pizza

Tomato, Santana Diaz, Executive Chef, UC Davis Health

Avocado, Pedro Depina, Executive Sous Chef, Hyatt Centric Sacramento

WINNER!



JOSIAH'S & DARTANIAN'S STORY



Josiah & Dartanian are 6th graders at Leataata Floyd Elementary. They got to spend an afternoon in our new cooking school. They planted a tree and fed the sheep on their visit.

We have put a great deal of intentionality into the space we've built.

The students at Leataata Floyd experience traumas at home, like food insecurity. They live next to a noisy freeway. Studies show that freeway noise puts your brain in "fight or flight" mode and can affect school performance. Our farm site is meant to help students experience the calm of nature, helping improve their overall health, including nutrition from growing healthy food. We asked these students about our new farm.

Q: This was your first time ever to Food Literacy Center. What do you think?

Josiah: It was great. I love the sheep!

Q: What do you like about the sheep?

Josiah: They're very calm and shy.

Dartanian: Crystal (one of the sheep) is the bravest.

Josiah: I like Missy.

Q: What are you doing now?

Josiah: Planting a tree. I forgot the name.

Q: What do you like about planting the tree?

Josiah: It's peaceful.

Dartanian: It's calming. And it cleans the CO2 out of the air.

Q: What do you think overall?

Josiah: It's great. Perfect.

Dartanian: I want to come back.



LEARN ABOUT OUR NEW COOKING SCHOOL

**RIBBON CUTTING
SEPTEMBER 1**



This first-of-its-kind project is in partnership with Food Literacy Center, Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD), City of Sacramento, and Northwest Land Park. We are excited that it's finally opening!

Why Does Sacramento Need this Project?

Rates of food and nutrition insecurity tripled during the pandemic, affecting 42% of Sacramento kids.

Hunger is directly linked to diet-related, chronic diseases like childhood obesity and type-2 diabetes.

These are preventable problems, and Food Literacy Center provides the solution.

Food and nutrition education creates food equity, especially in communities at highest risk for diet-related diseases. By teaching young students how to grow, cook, and eat their vegetables, we're establishing healthy habits that support a lifetime of success.

Phase 2

With the cooking school complete and ready to open, Food Literacy Center now has to raise \$500K to complete construction of the student farm and to provide new, expanded programs, reaching more kids.

\$200K – pledged in seed funding

Farm to School grants – application pending at CDEA

Community Project Funding – application pending with Congresswoman Matsui



Facts about the Site:

The property and cooking school are owned by SCUSD.

The City of Sacramento has two easements, creating a 1-acre student farm that also serves as a public park, plus a .5-acre community garden for local residents to rent plots.

Food Literacy Center is the operator of the 2.5-acre site, holding a 10-year MOU with SCUSD. We do not pay rent. We provide all of our programs to the district for free, thanks to our donors.

Northwest Land Park provides seed funding.

This state-of-the-art, green facility includes and supports:

Cooking School, with capacity for 30+ students.

Prep Kitchen, prep for after school programs across the district in Title 1 schools.

Training & Office Space, where we manage the day-to-day operations of this 2.5-acre site.

Community Programs, like family cooking classes, field trips and more!

The new center will allow Food Literacy Center to:

Serve elementary school students in afterschool programs throughout SCUSD.

Serve students at Leataata Floyd Elementary with school day curriculum in cooking and gardening.

Expand programs to reach more schools.

Provide cooking classes to the public.

Provide garden education.

Join the Rhubarb Revolution!

This new facility will allow us to keep expanding. Help fund new programs and healthier kids!



"We made the brown rice and kale salad, and I thought no one was going to eat it, but we finished. Then we made it 3 more times!"

-Parent from Oak Ridge Elementary

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We rely on supporters like you to bring free food literacy classes to more kids! Thanks to the following donors who supported Food Literacy Center between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

\$100,000+

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\$50,000 to \$99,999

SCUSD Sacramento City Unified School District (Farm to School grant)

\$20,000 to \$49,999

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