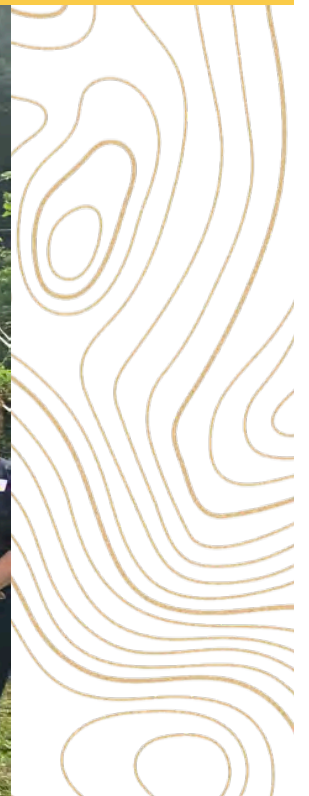




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CHARLOTTESVILLE



City Schoolyard Garden | Urban Agriculture Collective | Food Justice Network

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Cultivate Charlottesville

Engages youth and community in building equitable, sustainable food systems through garden-based experiential learning, growing and sharing healthy food, amplifying community leaders and advocating for food justice.

FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT

We believe that working together to grow gardens, share food and power, and advocate for just systems – cultivates a healthy community for all.



City Schoolyard Garden

- Hands-on experiential garden and nutrition education
- Understanding where our food comes from and trying fresh foods
- Positive youth development and leadership skills



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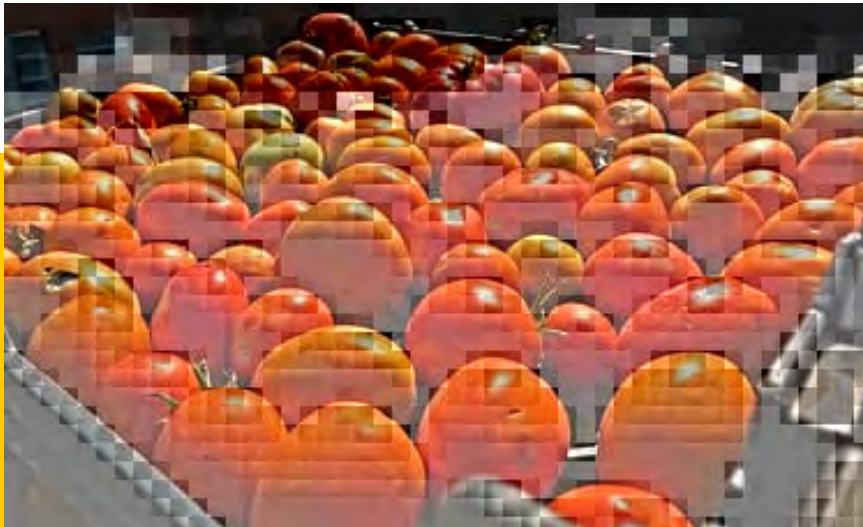
GROW

In the garden I feel like I am actually taking care of a life. Preparing the garden beds, doing the physical work makes me feel useful and confident about my strengths.

-Garden Aide

Urban Agriculture Collective

- Building equity by growing and sharing food
- Weekly resident community market
- Land is liberation – Black and brown farmer initiative



SHARE

*Food is just one of those things
that always brings people
together. Food tells a story. Food
is love. Food is a form of healing.*
-Community Advocate

Food Justice Network

- Network of 35+ organizations working along the food system
- Explore opportunities & barriers; Amplify community voice & choice, Mobilize combined impact; Implement strategies to transform inequities



Food Justice & Emergency Food Relief

- Understanding what hunger and food insecurity truly looks like in America
- Having access to your own land to grow food
- Healthy nutritious food for youth to perform their best



RACIAL EQUITY

What is Food Justice?



“ **Food justice** starts with understanding what hunger and food insecurity truly looks like in America. It **demands us to create a world where everyone has opportunity to nourishing, fulfilling food at any time.** ”

MAKAYLA HOWARD
YOUTH FOOD JUSTICE INTERN
CHARLOTTESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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“ Food justice is about **having access to your own land to grow food.** It's about owning the food you grow and eat at all times. ”

ROSA KEY
COMMUNITY FOOD JUSTICE ADVOCATE
CHARLOTTESVILLE FOOD JUSTICE NETWORK



“ **Food justice** is about establishing equal opportunity to **nutritious foods.** In our schools, it's about **youth's right** to the food we need to perform at our best. ”

AMYAH LIMBACHER
YOUTH FOOD JUSTICE INTERN
CHARLOTTESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



City Schoolyard Garden Initiatives

- Nine Gardens-School/Neighborhoods
- Harvest of the Month
- Farm to School & Fall Harvest Festival
- Healthy School Foods -5 Year Plan
- Spring Seedling Project
- Youth Food Justice Interns



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DISCOVER

These carrots are amazingly delicious! I didn't know they could be different colors. They are sweet and I like how I can take home fresh foods I grew myself.

-2nd Grader

Urban Agriculture Collective Initiatives

- Urban Farms at Public Housing
- Weekly Community Markets
- Black and Brown Farmer Group
- Farm Workforce Development
- Volunteer Engagement
- Urban Farm Park Initiative



ENGAGE

I pick up and deliver food to several of my elderly friends who are so grateful. They say, "I can hardly wait until Friday to see what goodies I will be receiving."

-UAC Community Volunteer

Food Justice Network Initiatives

- Network Collaboration
- City Council Food Equity Initiative
- Community Advocates
- Local Food Local Places
- City Comprehensive & Strategic Plans
- Ignite Dialogue & Thought Leadership



PARTNER

This work has helped me to use my voice and share my opinions. It's been a safe space to practice being a leader because I know I'm cared about and together we can grow something beautiful.

COVID-19 Response

- School & Community Meal Deliveries
- Communication and Coordination
- Emergency Food Calendars
- Establish Principles for Equity
- Regional Food System Resource Map
- Wrap Around Services

JUNE WEEK 8-14 Food Access Resources City of Charlottesville 	MONDAY 8 CCS Student Meal Pick-Up: 11AM-12PM will include breakfast snacks and full lunch for 2 days DAILY: M-F Breakfast @ Haven & Salvation Army: 7AM Breakfast & Lunch @ Keenliko: 8AM & 12PM Lunch @ The Haven: 12-1PM Dinner @ Salvation Army: 5:30PM	TUESDAY 9 Holy Comforter Catholic Church Food Pantry: M, T, W, 10:00AM-12:00PM 208 E. Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902	WEDNESDAY 10 CCS Student Meal Pick-Up: 11AM-12PM will include breakfast snacks and full lunch for 3 days New Beginnings Food Pantry: 1:00-4:30pm 1130 E. Market St. Loaves & Fishes Family Groceries Pick-Up: 2-4PM 2050 Lambs Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22901 (on site pickups)	THURSDAY 11 Loaves & Fishes Family Groceries Pick-Up: 6:30-8:30PM 2050 Lambs Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22901 (on site pickups)
	FRIDAY 12 Episcopal Church of our Savior Food Pantry: 10:30AM-12PM (Mondays & Wednesdays 12:30-2PM) 1165 Rio Rd, 8201, Charlottesville, VA 22901 Ministerios Profeticos Palabra Viva - Food Pantry 5-7PM 1827 A Semurle Trail	SATURDAY 13 Loaves & Fishes Family Groceries Pick-Up: 10AM-12PM New Beginnings Food Pantry: 10AM-2PM 1130 E. Market St. Breakfast @ Haven & Salvation Army: 7AM Lunch @ Salvation Army: 12PM Dinner @ Salvation Army: 5:30PM	SUNDAY 14 Church of the Incarnation Food Pantry: 1:30-4:00PM 1485 Incarnation Dr, Charlottesville, VA 22901 Bethany Seventh Day Adventist, Food Pantry Second Sunday (June 14) 3-5pm 401 Harris Street Breakfast @ Haven: 7AM Breakfast @ Salvation Army: 9AM Lunch @ Salvation Army: 1PM	NOTES: Call Emergency Food Network: 434-979-9180 for 3 days of shelf stable food. Order between 9am and noon on a Monday or Friday and pick-up food that afternoon between 1:30 and 3:30pm at 900 Harris Street CCS families text 434-595-0275 to receive weekend grocery bags.

RESPOND

Cultivate became a central stakeholder in COVID-19 response because of their partnerships and ability to adapt to changing situations. –City Partner

Strategies for Building Food Equity



- Practice Anti-Racism
- Center People Affected
- Build & Engage Partnerships
- Work at Multiple Levels & Intersections
- Embrace Learning
- Cultivate Broad Base Support

Practice Anti-Racism

JOIN CULTIVATE CHARLOTTESVILLE FOR A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP by SOUL FIRE FARM UPROOTING RACISM IN THE FOOD SYSTEM

Thursday, November 19
from 1 to 4 p.m.

Registration is on a sliding scale
and is open through
Wednesday, October 19 at
WWW.CULTIVATECHARLOTTESVILLE.ORG/UPROOTINGRACISM



LEAH PENNIMAN, SOUL FIRE FARM

- <https://cultivatecharlottesville.org/uprooting-racism/>
- <https://cultivatecharlottesville.org/what-is-food-equity/resources/>

Charlottesville Food Justice Network

White Paper on Building a Healthy and Just Local Food System

*Identifying and understanding disparities in food access, defining food justice,
and a call to action to craft equitable practices and policies that uphold food as a
basic human right*

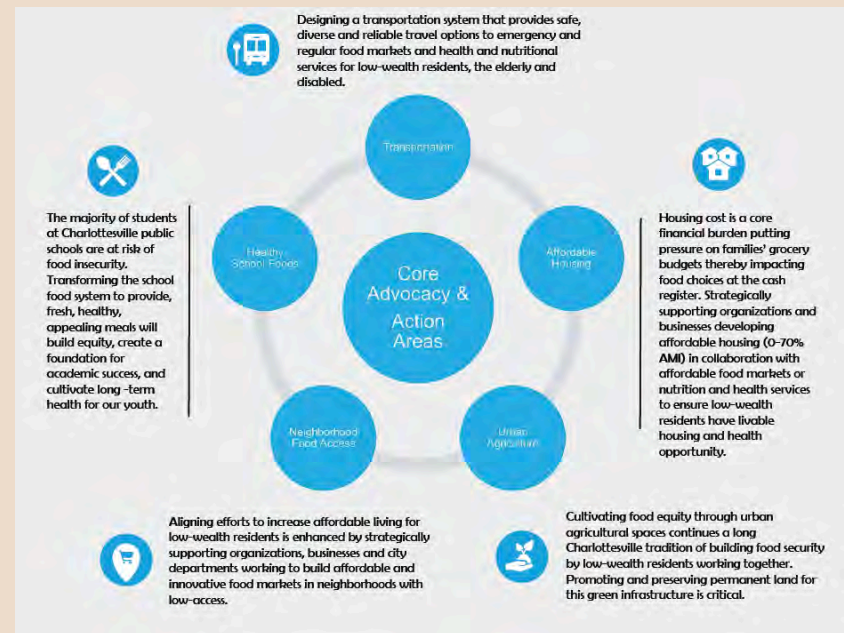
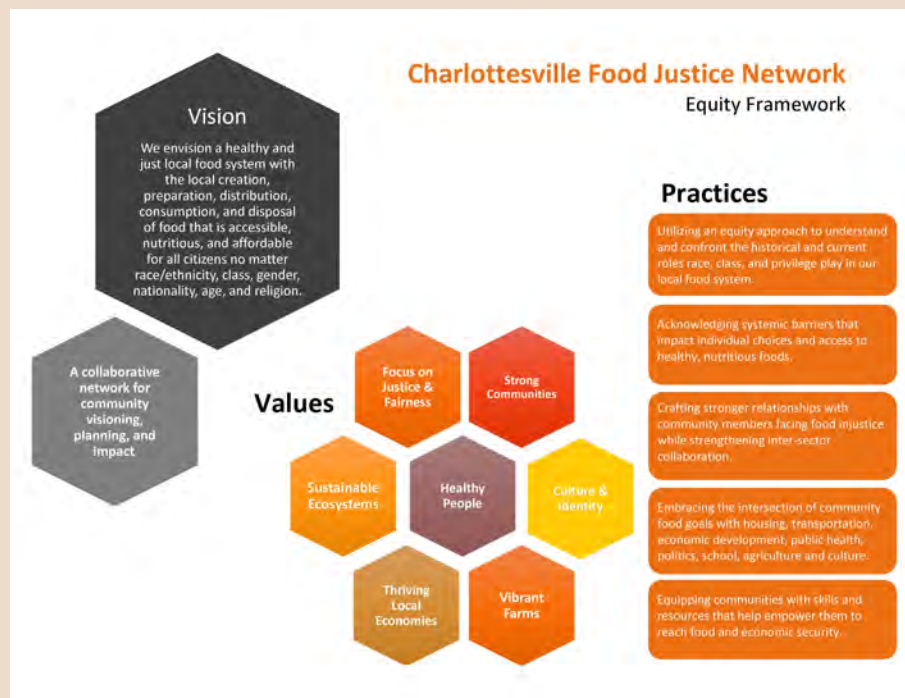
Center People Affected



Build & Engage Partnerships



Work at Multiple Levels & Intersections



Embrace Learning & Adapt



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Thank you from the Cultivate Charlottesville Team



"I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits." -Martin Luther King Jr. on Food Justice