CULTIVATE CHARLOTTESVILLE

City Schoolyard Garden
Urban Agriculture Collective
Food Justice Network

Being a member of Cultivate Charlottesville has provided my family and me with a wonderful opportunity to mix service with passion. Moving to Charlottesville a few years ago has been one of the best decisions we've ever made, because it's truly a wonderful place to live. This town has provided us with so much joy that we felt compelled to give back.

I have always been a proponent of healthy living and a balanced diet is foundational! Once I was made aware that there was an organization that not only advocated for general wellness by working together to grow gardens, and advocating for food and racial equity through championing policy change for just systems, but also helped support an outdoor space that could function as an extension of the classroom by providing learning opportunities, I couldn't wait to sign up!
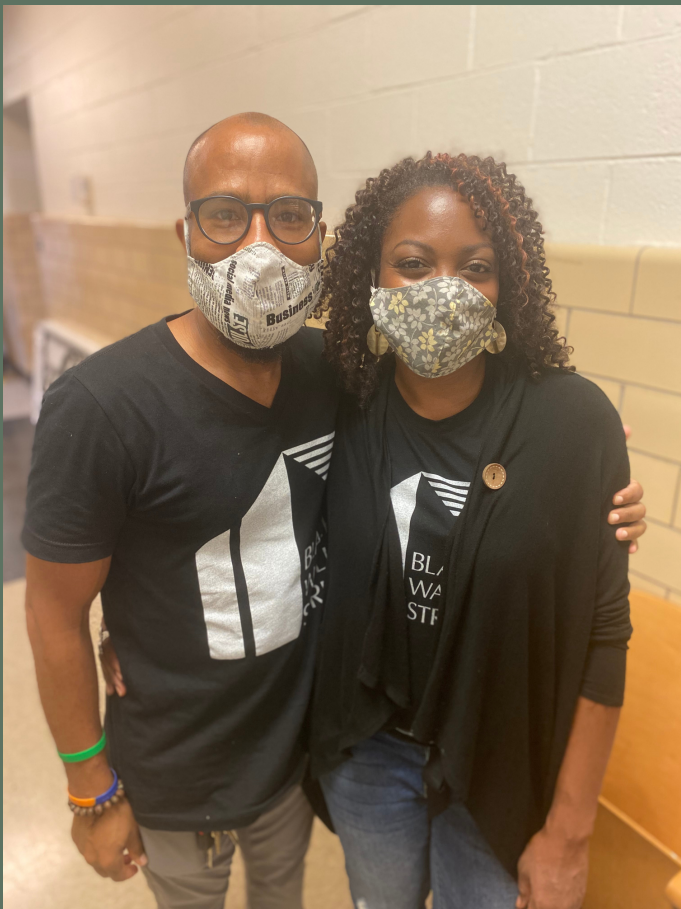
I've been fortunate now to have rolled up my sleeves and gotten my hands dirty on several occasions to support the good work we are doing at Cultivate Charlottesville. Plus I bring my family along because it creates another meaningful family activity for us and the grounding that comes with our hands all sunk in the soil.

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Being exposed to gardening through Cultivate Charlottesville has inspired us to create our own garden at home. We are now growing our first crop of red and yellow onions, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, collard greens, and okra. We are looking for to the harvest in the next few weeks. Now we can recreate that amazing feeling of planting by allowing life to bloom in our own backyard.

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