

Community Market Days Across the City

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The UAC team is incredibly proud of its progress since April when the bulk of our transplants went in the ground together. And those spring transplants have produced summer harvests for 39 city-wide Community Market Days. So far, with just about 1/3 of the season in the books, UAC has distributed about four thousand pounds of fresh produce, with 340 individual contacts to provide our neighbors with access to high quality, nutritionally dense food for their families.

This year UAC hosted sessions with Teens GIVE, our youth food justice interns, and a summer camp class of teens to share lifelong skills they will carry into the future as they step into being leaders in their own right in our community and beyond.

→ UAC is also stewarding endangered cultivars from our nation's original people at both our 6th Street, and West Street Gardens. So far we have successfully saved seeds from both Bachi Kajera squash, and Hopi Casaba melons to give an endangered gift to future growers, and to help preserve biodiversity in our food system.

For thousands of years, Indigenous Tribes have been planting for the future with yields of biodiversity and a more climate-resilient food supply, and a movement is sprouting in BIPOC communities across North America to save heirloom seeds and preserve culture as well. Saving seeds helps that cultural legacy to live on, not only in traditional planting & culinary practices and ceremonies, but also in the forms of food sovereignty and healthy bodies.

And those same seeds also contain a genetic legacy—traits that allow plants to thrive without the artificial inputs of toxic chemicals and a diversity of genes that could help them, and us, survive the climate crisis. UAC's goal is to learn from this year's success, and challenges to cultivate a greater impact in years to come.