



Nevada Council on Food Security
COVID-19 Response Efforts Update
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The Spring/ Early Summer Family Report

Response Summary

Supported by the generosity of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, the KT Grace Foundation, and the support of many individual donors' monetary and time contributions we have gifted the following to food insecure families:

1. Over 500 seed packets and over 100 locally grown, organic seedlings alongside information to start home gardens
2. 77 pounds of fresh, pesticide free and locally grown fruits and vegetables to food insecure families
3. Over 315 combined free hours of high desert gardening training to teach others how to grow their own food
4. Over 130 hours of free phone, in person and email support to the community to answer questions about farming and gardening how to's for our area

Resolutions/Successes

We identified hungry people desperate for community, isolated, lonely and with much time and desire to garden. We have been successful in being able to create Family with these folks while maintaining social distancing.

As we lost our ability to teach kids as a result of Covid, we were able to turn our gardens into production sites that fed many families as well as serving as training grounds for folks who were interested in getting their hands dirty and their minds filled with gardening knowledge.

Our staff was able to expand all of our gardens and even help some of our senior farmers like Custom Gardens Organics with projects that will increase all of our ability to teach and produce more local, organic food.

Barriers/Needs/Gaps in services

There is an unlimited appetite for urban gardening and we are in need of more land and funding to create large-scale gardens/farms that will supply fresh food to our local pantries while also giving many local residents a huge, healthy and fulfilling purpose!