





435 LEARNING GARDENS IN US PUBLIC SCHOOLS

255,000 STUI

STUDENTS REACHED EACH YEAR

## BUILDING A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR KIDS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

- We grant Learning Gardens to underserved schools in seven cities
- Our landscape architects design and construct a beautiful, functional outdoor classroom and edible garden.
- Big Green works with the entire school community to create a plan for using and caring for the Learning Garden

- Big Green Garden
  Educators host
  workshops to enable
  teachers to integrate the
  Learning Garden into the
  school day.
- Students receive a real food education woven into their existing curriculum.
- Big Green leverages the garden to increase kids' knowledge of healthy food choices and increase their preference for and consumption of fresh veggies.

## **HOW WE CONNECT KIDS TO REAL FOOD**

Big Green is building a healthier future for kids by connecting them to real food through a nationwide network of Learning Gardens and food literacy programs.

With our food literacy programs, we increase kids' knowledge of nutrition, where their food comes from, and how to make healthier food choices. We make sure Learning Garden veggies are consumed at school, by the same kids that helped to grow them. Students who participate in growing vegetables are more likely to take, taste, and enjoy eating them.







## BIG GREEN WAS FOUNDED IN 2011

In September 2011 Big Green made our debut with the first-ever Learning Garden at Schmitt Elementary in Denver. Since then, we have expanded our work to a total of seven cities (Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Memphis, and Pittsburgh) and over 250,000 children.

Big Green is building a national school food culture that promotes youth wellness. In partnership with schools, communities, and donors, we are ushering in the cultural shift needed to nurture community through real food, creating a future where every student has the opportunity to learn, play, and grow in a healthy community

"For us, it's been a great way to get kids involved in the community. Not just planting seeds and watching them grow, but also learning what we can do with that food, and learning how to better the community. it's been a great way for them to learn not just about gardening, but about service."

-Teacher, Roosevelt High School

## **KEY SUPPORTERS**

Wells Fargo Brin Wojcicki Foundation The Chipotle Cultivate Foundation Walton Family Foundation Piton Foundation
The Walmart Foundation
USDA
...and many more





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