

A man with dark curly hair, wearing a black face mask and a black t-shirt with a yellow graphic that says "HU-TANG CLAN 1992", is watering a lush green garden. He is holding a red hose and a spray wand, with a powerful stream of water being directed towards the plants. The garden is filled with various green leafy plants and some yellow flowers. In the background, there is a chain-link fence and several multi-story residential buildings in different colors (blue, green, orange).

grow TOGETHER

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

**Yuav Tiv Thaiv Koj Tus Kheej Los Ntawm
Tus Kab Mob Sib Kis (CoronaVirus)
Thaum Koj Tuaj Ua Teb.**

1. Yog koj muaj mob, los yog nyob ze cov tib neeg muaj mob, ces koj yuav tsum tau nyob tsev bhoob mus ua teb! Tsis tag li ntawv xwb yog thaum zoo li no lawm thov kom koj bix lwm tus mus saib koj cov teb thiab de koj tej khoom noj tuaj rau koj

2. Koj yuav tsum nyob nrug deb li 6 kauj ruam ntawm ib tug hauv kauj rau hauv kauj dawm teb. 6 kauj ruam ces tib neeg coob coob thaj li 5 kauj nyob hauv kauj muaj tib neeg coob coob kom muaj ib tug mus tsev lawm

OUR MISSION

Southside Community Land Trust provides access to land, education and other resources so people in Rhode Island can grow food in environmentally sustainable ways and create community food systems where locally produced, affordable and healthy food is available to all.

**Jinsi ya kujikinga na CoronaVirus
kwenye mashamba**

- Ikiwa wewe ni mgonjwa au umekuwa karibu na mtu mgonjwa, kaa nyumbani! Unaweza kuomba mtu atunze bustani yako na alele chakula nyumbani kwako ikiwa inahitajika.
- Kaa angalau mita 2 mbali na watu wengine kwenye bustani. Mita 2 (Miguu 6) ni sawa na mtu mrefu anyoosha mikono yake.

Ikiwa kuna watu zaidi ya 5 kwenye bustani, tafadhali subiri mtu atoke kabla ya kuingia ndani.

Leta vifaa vyako mwenyewe na uvae glavu za kuosha au za kiondsha kwa kugusa mlango na bomba.

Shika mikono yako na sabuni kwa angalau sekunde 20 kabla na baada ya kuja kwenye bustani!

**Ukuntu kwo kingira corona virus mu
murima.**

- Nimba urwaye canke woba wegeranye n'umu' tu arwaye, guma muhira! Ushobora gusaba ur ugenzi agufashe kw' itaho umurima wawe, kandi anakuzanire ibirirwa muhira nimba bikene ire.
- Guma ku metero 2 hagati yawe nabandi bantu m' umurima. Imetero zibiri zingana numugabo muremure yagoroye amaboko.
- Nimba harabantu barenze batanu, mu murima, rindira umwe asohoke kugira ngo nawe winjire.
- Zana ibikoresho vyawe ukuye muhira, kandi wambare amaga ushobora kumesa canke ayo guta mbere yo gukora kumuryango canku gukora kw'ibomba.
- Karaba amaboko yawe amasukunda 20 mbere yo kwinjira m' umurima nigihe ushotse mumurima.

**How to protect ourselves against
CoronaVirus in the Garden**

- If you are sick or have been near someone sick, stay home. You can ask someone to care for your garden and bring to your house if need be.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people in the garden. Feet is the same as if a tall man stretches his arms out.
- If there are more than 5 people in the garden, please wait for someone to leave before going in.
- Bring your own tools and wear disposable or washable gloves for touching the gate and water.
- Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds before and after you come to the garden!

FOOD. COMMUNITY. COVID.

The events of 2020 focused attention on the inadequate health and food systems that led to the tragic loss of so many Black, Indigenous and people of color to the COVID pandemic. They forced SCLT board, staff and supporters to view our work from a new perspective. We doubled down on our efforts to increase racial equity in the day-to-day work of the organization. These changes included recruiting more staff and board members from the communities where we manage land and implement programs.

They also included a lot of hard work to redesign programs and events to keep people safe and sustain the organization's vital role in our community. For instance, when job losses skyrocketed, SCLT kept the gardens open and continued to help people grow food for their families. When restaurants closed, we helped farmers sell produce into community-based food programs. We connected other farmers with COVID-relief funds needed to help keep their businesses afloat.

As COVID continues to take its toll on our families and communities, we are more determined than ever to build an equitable food system. We know that when people have control of their own local food system - the farms, the stores, the distribution networks - they make sure their communities get fed. The gardeners and farmers we work with have been making this happen day in and day out for decades. SCLT will continue to make strategic investments that help more people grow fresh food for their families and for sale to their neighbors in the coming years.

We have a lot of work yet to do. Thank you for your continued support.



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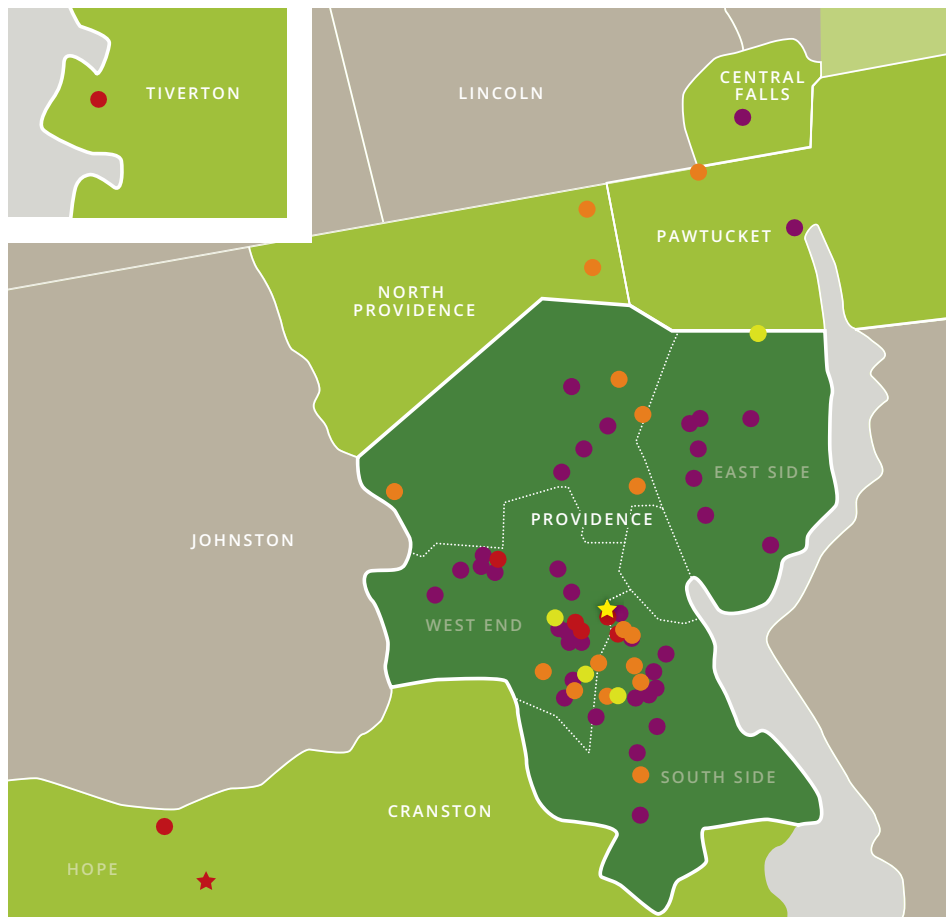
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCLT

OUR RANGE

- **SCLT COMMUNITY GARDENS**
Land we own and/or manage
- **PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY GARDEN NETWORK SITES**
Gardens we support with agricultural resources and/or services
- **SCLT-OWNED AND/OR MANAGED FARMS**
- **FARMERS MARKETS**

NEW & NOTABLE

- ★ **THE GOOD EARTH**
leased in 2020 but now owned by SCLT
- ★ **FUTURE HEADQUARTERS OF SCLT**
Under construction: completion in 2022



Breaking NEW GROUND

In 2020, SCLT launched an urgently needed pilot—VeggieRx—to offer produce prescriptions to low-income individuals experiencing, and at risk of developing diet-related diseases. Clinicians at the Family Care Center in Pawtucket chose 28 patients (and their families) to participate in the pilot, which was funded by Integra Community Care Network, a division of Care New England. SCLT staff bought fresh food directly from farmers in our Produce Aggregation Program and delivered it to the clinic from July through November. VeggieRx is among the few ways Rhode Islanders in poor health can obtain free, nutritious produce from providers who also oversee their care.

The concept aligns particularly well with SCLT's mission; It helps people on both ends of the transaction—Rhode Islanders who love to farm and their neighbors who can't afford the high cost of healthy food.



Building to GROW

Three years after the purchase of the 12,000 sf two-story building at 404 Broad Street and the launch of our GROW! capital campaign, construction is underway for SCLT's new headquarters. Demolition and structural work is being done to shore up the 1850's building that will house our new offices. The new Farm-to-Market Center is a much-needed food processing facility for small-scale farmers in our network that can better store, prepare and distribute their produce to farmers markets, retailers and restaurants. The Youth Enterprise Center will provide space for our growing staff of young adults being mentored in food systems work. A fully-equipped commercial kitchen along with three leased spaces on the first floor will support local food entrepreneurs to grow their budding businesses. Completion of construction is slated for spring of 2022.



BELOW & LEFT: On-site construction progress



RIGHT: Images from Union Studios' concept design of 404 Broad Street





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*The most important component of this
project is connecting people with food,
connecting people with jobs,
and becoming an integral part of this neighborhood.*

• Carol Ventura, Executive Director RI Housing •
on investing in 404 Broad Street

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Our Community BY THE NUMBERS

15,000+

PEOPLE ate food
grown in 65 COMMUNITY
GARDENS & FARMS

36

URBAN AND RURAL
FARMERS grew full or
part-time on SCLT land

570

GARDEN PLOTS
in use at SCLT-owned
properties

114

NAMES ON THE WAITING
LIST for garden plots or
additional farmland

34+

LANGUAGES spoken
in our gardens

85%

OF SCLT GARDENERS
living below the
poverty line

5

FARM APPRENTICES
trained with partner
farmers around the state

55

COMMUNITY-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS
partnered with SCLT

30+

YEARS OF PRODUCE SALES
at Hope Street Farmers Market,
16 at Parade Street and
12 at Broad Street



267% INCREASE

IN PRODUCE SALES through the aggregation program

400+

POUNDS of produce donated to the RI Food Bank in 2020



1,200+

HOUSEHOLDS bought more than 14,000 VEGETABLE AND HERB PLANTS through the annual Rare & Unusual Plant Sale (which was reinvented as an online event because of COVID)



3,000

FREE VEGETABLE PLANTS were donated to food pantries and distributed in partnership with Hope's Harvest



2,500+

MEDICINAL, HERB & VEGETABLE PLANTS were donated to community gardeners, farmers, herbalists and produced for SCLT programs



Our programs build a better local food system, **FROM THE GROUND UP**

FARMER TRAINING

Since 2007, SCLT has offered farmer training, technical assistance and business services. In 2015, we increased the number of on-farm apprentices from one at City Farm to up to six per season at partner farms around the state. In 2020, these included Pat's Pastured, Wild Harmony, Red Planet Vegetables and Moor Food Farm. The program increases the supply of locally grown food and the viability of farm businesses: 60% of apprentices have gone on to start or manage a farm or work in other agriculture-related jobs.

FARMLAND ACCESS

When COVID broke out in early 2020, staff posted safety precautions at all properties, installed hand-washing stations and distributed free face masks. SCLT continued to offer affordable land to farmers at the 50-acre Urban Edge Farm (UEF) in Cranston. Two new farmers were moved from small urban plots onto larger ones at UEF, where three others expanded existing parcels. Nearby, we partnered with the Good Earth Farm, a 20-acre property, to lease plots to five farmers seeking to grow their businesses.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

To prioritize safety, we adjusted our afterschool and summer jobs program. In all, 34 young people from Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls underwent training in urban farming, nutrition and cooking, environmental resilience and health equity. They learned about workplace expectations and practiced leadership skills. They were inspired by guests from politicians to artists who described their careers and career paths. In Pawtucket, eight youth earned ServSafe food handler certification with program partner Harvest Kitchen.

LARGE: Bishnu Poudel organizes produce at aggregation drop off.

SMALL (From top): City Farm staff starts seeds while adhering to COVID protocol. Food on the Move truck picks up produce for distribution. Jazandra Barros leads a cooking demo for Youth Staff via ZOOM.

PRODUCE AGGREGATION

When restaurants closed in March and in-person shopping at farmers markets dwindled, farmers in our network faced big challenges. SCLT staff reached out to new and existing wholesale buyers in our network, who sourced large quantities of fresh food for low-income Rhode Islanders in several cities. Customers included Food on the Move, Produce in the Park and VeggieRx. This program not only helped seniors who were afraid to go into stores and people who were food insecure, it threw a lifeline to small-scale farmers in our network—whose earnings almost tripled in 2020.





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FINANCIALS

INCOME

Contributions	\$1,499,489
Government	\$684,203
Earned Income	\$218,128
Total Income	\$2,401,819

EXPENSE

Programs	\$956,057
Administration	\$321,558
Development	\$188,016
Total Expenses	\$1,465,631

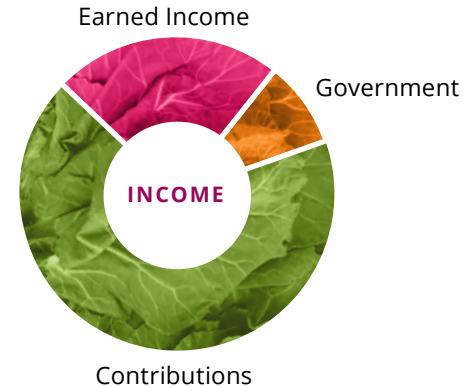
NET INCOME	\$936,188
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TOTAL ASSETS \$4,447,016

Current Assets	\$1,701,899
Fixed Assets	\$2,158,104
Investment and Other Assets	\$587,013

LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$4,447,016

Liabilities	\$551,843
Equity	\$3,895,173



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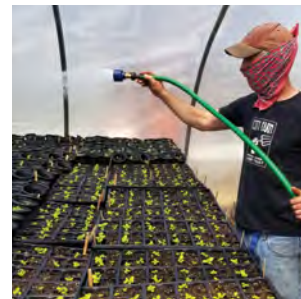
Black Health MATTERS

Across the nation the pandemic's tragic effects on low-income people of color generated long-overdue reckonings with the inequities and injustices that permeate every part of our social and economic lives, including our food systems.

In August, SCLT's Race Equity/Social Justice Committee hosted a public virtual conversation with Rashid Nuri, an international leader in the food justice movement. Rashid shared his vision of a healthier future for Black, Indigenous and people of color – one that includes nutritious food and good jobs – when marginalized people obtain control over their food supply. His Truly Living Well Center in Atlanta is demonstrating how urban agriculture can empower communities from the ground up.

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