

COMMUNITY RE-INTEGRATION?

Plenty of **housed-homeless & homed-houseless** wander our streets... unified by an intrinsic hunger for purpose, dignity, & **community**.

Common means of addressing superficial hungers over plastic wrapped tables merely intensify stereotypes, reiterate self/social mis-perceptions, and feed into the the root causes of despondency.

God's Garden engages diverse individuals in a shared mission, utilizing hydroponic gardening as a median to cultivate fresh nutritious produce and organic relationships through which all may partner in paving and pursuing unique pathways out of homelessness.

SCALABLE, REPLICATE-ABLE, SUSTAINABLE

Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells a parable of seeds sown on rocky soil... It is easy to focus our attention where we see the most potential and most abundant resources; however, the scalable nature of 'God's Garden' literally transforms 'rocky' soil (parking spaces or rooftops) into flourishing gardens that allow the potential of the despondent to flower.

Gardens: Our gardens range from 3x3 - 12x24ft and solarized and set up for indoor or outdoor use. Whether a small apartment garden or a full cafe/food pantry source of fresh produce and herbs, our participant built gardens transform rooftops/parking spaces/etc into sources of aesthetics, nutrition, opportunity, & income.

More Info: www.sweatysheep.com

Housing: Our partnership with R3 housing has opened doors (literally) to new tiny home options in compliance with city HUD vouchers and Section 8 (creating a potential income stream for host sites). We are ready to assist our mentor sites in housing options ranging from shared rooms of members to full eco-intentional tiny home villages. **Info:** <http://www.r-three.org>

Employment: Individuals enroll as God's Garden trainees at various times in their journeys. Our direct partnership with Bright Vision Solar offers supportive and flexible paid employment that promotes long-term self sustainability and environmental edu & stewardship.

More info: <http://www.his2offer.org>

Collaboration: Simplify, Amplify, Multiply

Outreach agencies fight tirelessly, stretching limited resources across the incessant emergency needs of at risk, victimized, and neglected neighbors with. God's Garden inspires collaboration between agencies, focusing on the "quality" of the lives our partners seek to serve by providing purposeful pathways that promote longterm participant and programatic sustainability... **We multiply 'restricted' resources through community-minded resourcefulness.**

God's Garden supports & amplifies the missions of a variety of partner agencies by providing their participants opportunities to overcome personal & communal root causes of homelessness as they challenge debilitating self & social mis-perceptions by growing fresh produce to serve the agencies that once served them.



Addressing Wellness Holistically through COMMUNITY

Hungers for social advancement, justice, & equality offer a **"COMMON-UNITY"** that supersedes housing status.

Thus, no one group can end "houselessness,," each community is uniquely positioned to provide an authentic experience of 'home' through which we all find healing.



Produce-Paved Pathways Providing a "hand out-of" not "hand-out to" our Houseless neighbors

Cultivating dignified relationships and fresh nutritious produce that reveals the intrinsic value of our diverse neighbors in promoting Self, Social, and Ecological sustainability.



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Sow a seed of hope in the misperceived 'hopeless' to feed our communal hunger for purpose, address the nutritional needs of the body, & promote self/social/ecological sustainability.

THE RANCH

Sanctuary:

Opportunities for reprieve are few and far between amidst a life of transiency, not knowing not where the next meal will come or where you'll rest your head that night.

Our 28-acre ranch offers a safe refuge where individuals can abandon debilitating stereotypes, paralyzing uncertainty, and false social/self perceptions while cultivating new beginnings in their own lives by growing fresh produce for others in need.

Training:

We offer community, school, church, & corporate groups a unique opportunity to learn about hydroponic farming in a therapeutic setting **ALONGSIDE** participants.

The ranch provides

- personal/professional development opportunities
- horticultural training
- paid employment opportunities
- fresh grown foods
- a supportive community.
- Therapeutic riding
- Small business development consultation



Let us host you & your group

We have a variety of interactive and formative opportunities for hosting corporate team building, hydroponic training, formative cross socio-economic interaction/dialogue, volunteer days, church mission retreats, etc.

Let our crew share their wisdom of hydroponics, homelessness, and hospitality as your team joins in authentic dialogue, a shared meal, and common mission. We work with your team to create a retreat to complement your team's unique goals and context in awareness of the invaluable gift that diverse interactions add in our social development program.

Each of the following donation levels:

- includes a hydroponic growing system (built, delivered, and set up by a participant vet) and fully stocked with organic starter plants/nutrients specific to you or your organization's situation.
- The option to purchase another unit at cost to gift to a local nonprofit of your choice.
- Training by one of our program participants and/or an invitation to you or your group for a training session/retreat at our ranch.
- Options for long-term organic plant delivery and routine gardening upkeep.
- Knowledge you've supported one gardeners on their path to sustainability & community re-entry.

Donation of \$1,000:

3x3- 25 plant unit (additional unit to gift for \$450)

Donation of \$1250

3X6 50 plant unit (Additional unit \$550)

Donation of \$2,000

3x6 Garden + 3x6 to a participant upon graduation and full year organic starter and care package.

Donation of \$7,500

12x12 (additional units \$5000)

Donation of \$10,000

12x24 (additional \$7500)

This unit is perfect for a small business/cafe/etc

*** units can be solarized & set up for indoor use***

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Tax deductible donations made to:

"Presbytery of San Jose: God's Garden"
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 Santa Cruz, CA 95061

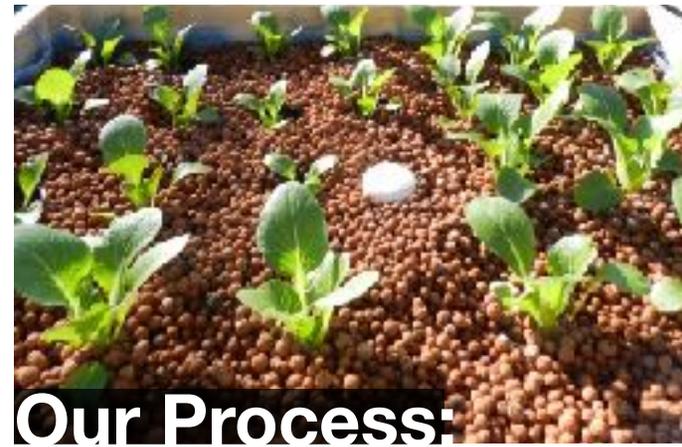
Veterans: Our service members possess a unique yearning to serve; however, too often our service men find themselves homeless and purposeless in the 'homeland' they fought to protect.



Conditions such as PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, sexual

assault, etc increase the risk of homelessness & depression in Vets who are less likely to seek shelters than the broader population.

Not exclusive to vets, our program seeks to satiate a hunger for purpose by providing meaningful opportunities to serve.



Our Process:

This initiative promotes social and environmental sustainability by training homeless participants in hydroponic gardening, then intentionally placing them into supportive communities (churches, nonprofits, etc) that provide mentorship, dignified social engagement, transitional housing, etc to address the needs and amplify the gifts of their new friend as they partner to pave & pursue paths out of homelessness.

Mentor sites take on a garden and choose a charitable recipient they and their trainee grow food for. Meanwhile, each community accesses their existing resources and those available through their network that complement the unique situation and goals of their new gardener.

