



**JOVIAL
CONCEPTS**
Annual Report
2016

“ I absolutely love Jovial and cannot say enough about the amazing things they have done with and for my family over the last several years. I have one of their first homeowner gardens, in which I have learned a tremendous amount of gardening and sustainability practices through them. I always enjoy working with them and their amazing volunteers. Jovial contributes enormously to our community in so many different ways! ”

- Mandy Scott
February 2017 Testimonial





Vision

Jovial Concepts addresses the problems of food scarcity in low income neighborhoods by converting lawns and other public spaces into garden classrooms. We use the gardens to provide classes and job training which support overall community growth. We use the produce we grow to feed local families in need.



Mission Statement

To empower under-served communities to thrive, by offering sustainable solutions and educating future leaders.

Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)

As of December 31, 2016

Assets

Current Assets

Checking / Savings	\$10,494.76
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Fixed Assets

Furniture / Fixtures	\$100.00
Computer	\$1,791.76
Trailer	\$300.00
Truck	\$1,150.00
Accumulated Depreciation	-\$2,698.21

Total Fixed Assets	\$643.55
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Total Assets	\$11,138.31
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Liabilities & Net Assets

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$11,138.31
Liabilities	\$0

Total Liabilities % Net Assets	\$11,138.31
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (UNAUDITED)

January through December 2016

Support and Revenue	Unrestricted	Total
Contributed Support	\$54,636.27	\$54,636.27
Grants - Corporate / Business	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Program Income	\$24,787.98	\$24,787.98
Total Support and Revenue	\$83,924.25	\$83,924.25
Gross profit		
Expense		
Awards and Grants	\$129.74	\$129.74
Program Expense	\$70,951.14	\$70,951.14
General and Administration	\$5,744.18	\$5,744.18
Fundraising	\$1,680.00	\$1,680.00
Facilities and Equipment	\$459.40	\$459.40
Total Expense	\$78,964.46	\$78,964.46
Change in Net Assets	\$4,959.79	\$4,959.79
Net Assets at Beginning of Period	\$6,178.52	\$6,178.52
Net Assets	\$11,138.31	\$11,138.31

2016 Impact Overview

Volunteers

625

2016

484

2015

Student Participants

1,140

120

Pounds of Waste Diverted

68,400

53,000

Volunteer Hours

3,870.5

2,703



Waste Diversion

As we move our focus to creating sustainability in low-income areas, we are rapidly developing new programs to support our work. Through our EPA partnership Jovial Concepts aims to lead local residents, schools, and businesses in taking a more responsible and sustainable approach to organic waste through compost, animal feed, and donations to food banks.

2,880 lbs - Jamba Juice

41,350 lbs - Rosie Acre Farms

18,500 lbs - Regis University

1,500 lbs - Joy Ride

1,100 lbs - Local Coffee Shops

3,470 lbs - Jovial Garden Hosts

Total Waste Diverted from landfills = **68,400 lbs**

Garden Classrooms

By having school gardens, greenhouses, or garden clubs students are empowered to learn where their food comes from and how to make healthy food choices. This program is designed to help curb the increase in diabetes and diet related illness among youth living in low-income households while increasing students relationship to their school, education, peers, and the environment.

In 2016 we partnered with Feeding Many and Plant the Seed Project to offer low-income elementary schools affordable, beautiful, fully irrigated, cinder block garden beds with STEM focused curriculum.

26 teacher and adult volunteers

2 seed to table programs

470 hours of student enrichment

1,140 Student participants

5 partner schools

**883 lbs of produce grown that was donated
and consumed by the students families**

**Thank you to Colorado Garden Foundation
for the \$10,000 Greenhouse Grant to grow the
seedlings for our Elementary School Gardens.**



Residential Gardens

Jovial Concepts started the garden initiative with just 7 gardens in the Eiber Neighborhood in 2013. Last year we boasted 47 gardens in 5 neighborhoods from Arvada to Littleton and Lakewood to Denver. We have changed our past model to incorporate more sustainability via irrigation, compost, poly-culture, and perma-culture practices. We also made changes to increase the emphasis on education for our garden hosts and volunteers by having garden leaders run each neighborhood team.

Special Thanks to Our 2016 Garden Leaders:

Jill and Andrew Gillette

Teri Connolly

Brian Rose

Seth Mund

Will Davis

Garden hosts diverted 3,470 lbs of organic waste to their gardens that would have ended up in their trash cans. Over 588 volunteers visited our residential gardens, putting in 2,670 volunteer hours!





Looking Forward

Goals for 2017

1. Increase our harvest to 12,000 lbs donated to families in need.
2. Activate the Barnum Neighborhood as a food and sustainability hub.
3. Expand to 3 more garden neighborhoods and 2 new partner schools.
4. Hold a Fall Festival or Food Day Event.
5. Participate in Lakewood's Earth Day Event.
6. Have regular nutrition, cooking, canning, food preservation, freezing, and food processing classes with enough equipment for Barnum neighbors to borrow.
7. Have 2 participants from the launch of our workforce development program find gainful employment.

A Building in Barnum West

Jovial Concepts and Cynthia Monical of Jun-Key SuperFoods purchased the old food bank at 5045 W 1st Ave. This building was donated in the late 70's by Rose Gates and her twin sister. These were two women who dedicated their lives to feeding those in need and offering services to the least of these in the Barnum community. Our goal is to reactivate the building as a food and sustainability hub. We hope to offer many of the services that use to be housed in the building as well as a commercial kitchen, event space, and SNAP friendly co-op run grocery store. It will house space for interns to come to learn and work, and storage for all of our garden equipment acquired over the years. It allows us to more efficiently operate out of one location and have a consistent space for community involvement. This building will take Jovial to the next level of providing education and garden services.



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Partners and Donors

THANK YOU!

5280 Burger Bar	Colorado Gives	Jamba Juice	Rosie Acre Farms
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Ace Hardware	Cultivate Colorado	Homesteading Group	Sandie Schafer
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Alpine Lumber	DISH Cares Partners and	King Soopers	South Jeffco Rotary
AmeriCorps	Donors	L'eagle	Tagawa Gardens
Apple	Eagleton Elementary	Living Learning Community	Taja Indian Restaurant
Arvada Food Bank	Eagleton Elementary School	Lowes	Telephone Pioneers
Ball Corporation	Edgewater Collective	Lumberg Elementary School	The Hydrostore
BBB Seeds	Edgewater Elementary	MSU of Denver Dept	Third Way
Brown's Nursery	Eiber Resilience Circle	of Health Professions	Thrivent Financial
Children's Hospital of	EPA	One Brick Denver	T-Mobile Belmar
Colorado	Feeding Many	Overhaulics	Vista Peak Elementary
City of Edgewater	Global Giving	Piefer Elementary School	VM Ware
City of Lakewood	Great Work Montessori	Plant the Seed Project	Yard Busters, LLC
CO Garden Foundation	HEALthy Edgewater	Project Helping	
CODA Coffee	Home Depot	Rainbow Lightning	
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