



**JOVIAL
CONCEPTS**

**Annual Report
2019**

“ I always thought it was ridiculous to spend resources on lawns, which were initially a status symbol to say, you don't have to grow your own food. We're talking 100's of years ago. Instead of wasting resources and I could not plant my own gardens, so when Jovial told me about their program I was like "YES!" because I would rather plant food than lawn! ”

- Janet Spangenberg

*Jovial Garden Member since 2014
and Edgewater Homewowner.*





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

As of December 31, 2018

Assets

Current Assests

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Checking - Jovial | \$1,903.07 |
| Checking - Co-Op | \$468.89 |
| Total Checking/Savings | \$2,371.96 |

Fixed Assets

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Furniture/Fixtures | \$100.00 |
| 1st Ave Building | \$546,231.00 |
| 1st Ave Improvements | \$254,921.17 |
| 1st Ave Land | \$60,500.00 |
| Computer | \$3,289.08 |
| Trailer | \$300.00 |
| Truck | \$1,150.00 |
| Loan Fees | \$10,834.00 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | -\$29,166.12 |

Total Fixed Assets **\$848,159.13**

Total Assets **\$850,531.09**

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Long Term Liabilities | |
| CHFA Loan | \$450,000.00 |
| N/P Monacal | \$299,107.21 |
| N/P Trustee | \$22,000.00 |
| N/P Soupis | \$436.06 |
| Total Long Term Liabilities | \$771,543.27 |
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Net Assets

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|---|---------------------|
| Net Assets without Donor Restrictions | \$105,006.18 |
| Total Net Assets | \$105,006.18 |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | \$876,549.45 |

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

January - December 31, 2018

Support and Revenue

Unrestricted

Total

Support and Revenue

Contributed Support

Individ, Business Contribution

\$17,458.92

\$17,458.92

Corporatate Contributions

\$17,455.00

\$17,455.00

Foundations/Grants

\$95,101.51

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Total Contributed Support

\$130,015.43

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Rents/Lease Income

\$53,413.00

\$53,413.00

Program Income

Jovial Gardens

\$8,513.84

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Total Program Income

\$8,513.84

\$8,513.84

Total Support and Revenue

\$191,944.27

\$191,944.27

Gross Profit

\$191,944.27

\$191,944.27

Expenses

Expense

Program Expense

Jovial Gardens

\$76,929.05

General and Administration

\$12,358.70

Fundraising

\$2,457.74

Plant the Seed

\$13,216.99

Facilities and Equipment

\$58,442.61

Total Expenses

\$163,405.09

Change in Net Assets

\$28,539.18

Net Assets at Beginning of period

\$76,628.05

Net Assets

\$105,167.23

2018 Impact Overview

Volunteers

1250

2018

730

2017

Volunteer Hours from Adults and Students with Disabilities

840

Volunteer Hours

7,800

4,670

Pounds of Food Donated

5,114

5,120





Project Helping

Everyone should have an opportunity to improve their mental wellness every day. That's why we built kyndfulness – a daily practice that improves mental well-being through volunteering, intentional acts of kyndness, and gratitude.

Helping others, making an impact, and being a part of a community. These are foundational elements to who we are and what drives happiness. When we lose any of these elements, our mental wellness suffers. We provide an engaging and meaningful way to build these elements and improve mental wellness.

First, we carefully select partner organizations that allow us to provide impactful, social, and easy to join volunteer events. Next, we provide these events at different times and locations for a variety of essential causes. Finally, you get involved, making a lasting impression on your community and your own mental wellness. Find a project and sign up today!

Kyndfulness for Kids

It is hard to find volunteer opportunities for kids. We created Kyndfulness for Kids so families would have an easy, meaningful and social way to get involved in volunteering. These wellness experiences are specifically designed with all ages in mind and are available year-round as a way to make volunteering a part of your family values.

Thank you Wolcott Family Foundation for a \$5,000 grant to launch our summer camp program!

Co-op at 1st - ***NOW OPEN!***

Jovial Concepts 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.

Although still under construction, we hosted a partial soft opening late 2018 and are excited about the wealth of programs and partnerships now housed at the Co-op. We are grateful to over 500 community members who have spent time making this project a success. We hope to have the market complete by spring. Our building is already offering many health and wellness services as well as a commercial kitchen, event space. Our tenants host a Donation Based community Clinic the 1st Sunday of each month with Dental, Mental, Financial, and Physical health support.

This building has taken Jovial to the next level of providing education and garden services as well as introducing a larger scope of economic opportunity and wellness for our community.



Looking Forward

1. Increase our harvest to 7,000 lbs donated to families in need.
2. Activate The Co-op at 1st in the Barnum Neighborhood as a food and sustainability hub.
3. Expand our Gardens into the Barnum Neighborhood.
4. Continue to hold an annual Fall Festival or Food Day Event with community meals.
5. Continue to Participate with Lakewood's Earth Day Event and continue our expanded partnership to include 5 other annual events in partnership with the city.
6. Have regular nutrition, cooking, canning, food preservation, freezing, and food processing classes with enough equipment to create access for our Barnum neighbors.
7. Have 2 more participants from the launch of our workforce development program find gainful employment.



Residential Gardens

Jovial Concepts started the garden initiative with just 7 gardens in the Eiber Neighborhood in 2013. Last year we boasted 75 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 Garden Manager Nikyla Wilkes

Special Thanks to Our 2018 Garden Leaders:

Elizabeth Gangware

Teri Connolly

Andrew Gillette

Julie Ethington

**Thank you Front Range Organic Gardeners
for the generous donation and the
beautiful organic tomato starts!**

**Thank You South Jeffco Rotary Club for
donating 60 fruit trees and helping us
plant them across Metro Denver.**



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| Athmar Park Active Living Coalition | Feeding 5000 | Rocky Mountain Independance |
| BBB Seeds | Front Range Organic Gardeners | Safeway |
| Bill Bowen, Plumbing | Global Giving | Sandie Schafer |
| Botanical interests | Great Works Montessori | SeedMoney |
| Brown's Nursery | Green Team Accelerator Lab | South Jeffco Rotary |
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| Colorado Rapids | King Soopers | |
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