

Every month, Warren-Sharpe Community Center provides healthy food, mentoring/tutoring, youth empowerment programs and safe recreation to over 600 low-income families. Our Green Sprout Urban Farm grows fresh vegetables and herbs for families in this food desert.



Donations are the sun, soil and water of our work. Help us plant the seeds of change by giving generously. Our community depends on us. Can we depend on you?



## WE GROW THE FUTURE!

We'd like to share an amazing story with you about one of the hundreds of families for whom we have planted the seeds of change. *This is the story of Barb and Lonnie.*

*Barb and Lonnie are senior citizens who have worked hard all their lives. Barb, now in her 70's, spent her entire working life as a nurse caring for others. 2 years ago, their youngest daughter died suddenly during routine surgery, leaving Barb and Lonnie to raise her 3 young children. It was a severe financial and emotional strain on them, especially since Barb has multiple chronic health issues.*

*Barb first came to the Center to use the food pantry, to help supplement her shrinking food budget. She soon began volunteering in the kitchen, helping prepare meals for the After School kids, and bringing her grandchildren for tutoring and sports. The children, struggling with the loss of their mother, were not doing well in school, and showing the beginnings of behavior problems as well.*

*One of the boys discovered he loved working in the garden, and spent hours outside watching things grow. He eventually joined us on our trip to the White House. The other two also started to get their homework done, so they could participate in other fun activities.*

*Today, all three kids are doing well in school, and are finishing up grief counseling. They participate in summer camp and all the garden projects; the oldest loves to cook. Barb volunteers at the Center every week, and uses the pantry regularly. The family has been able to process their loss, and work on building a future together, with a little help from Warren-Sharpe Community Center.*

Healthy food and life changing activities are only some of the annual expenses we incur at the Center along with the cost of supplies, utilities, facility operations and staffing.

This past year we served over 600 families; many of whom went on to serve others. We are asking you to join us and help make sure every family gets the love and care they deserve.

Please help us plant the seeds of change by giving generously today!

Sincerely,

Kay Bolden  
CEO & Accidental Farmer

Lita Holmes  
Board President

**\$25** provides art supplies for our After School & Mommy & Me Programs

**\$50** provides a week of gas for transporting food to the Pantry & kids to Activities

**\$75** provides one month of girls' empowerment activities for 15 girls

**\$100** provides raised beds and organic greenhouse materials for the garden

**\$250** provides a field trip for 25 kids

**\$500** provides 6 months of mentoring, leadership development & violence prevention training for 40 high risk teens led by professional counselors



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