







Annual Report 2012-2013























Green Mountain Farm-to-School's mission is to restore and strengthen local food systems in Vermont by promoting positive economic and educational relationships between schools, farms, and communities. Our vision is to build local food systems in Vermont that promote environmental stewardship, create sustainable local economies, and nurture the health and wellbeing of our children and our communities.

A Letter from the Executive Director and Chair of the Board

Dear Friends:

he vibrant local food system in Vermont brings benefits to people across the state. But some Vermonters are getting left behind. In the Northeast Kingdom region alone, 17% of the population lives in poverty and one in four children are food insecure.

At Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS), we envision a state where everyone has access to healthy, affordable, sustainably produced foods. We seek to foster a food system that will:

- Produce safe food that promotes good health
- Support sustainable farming practices
- · Provide livable wages for food and farm workers
- Provide affordable food for all



Katherine Sims

Thanks to your support, GMFTS has made extraordinary progress towards achieving our vision. For the past five years GMFTS has helped to rebuild Vermont's food system from the ground up. With school gardens, Farm to School Programs, a food hub, and a mobile farmers market, we're creating healthy and thriving communities through food and education. In this past year, we planted 25 school gardens, educated 5,000 kids, worked with 45 farmers, and provided food for 14,000 people.

Our work would not be possible without the generosity and efforts of our many partners and friends in the community. We are excited to share our successes in this Annual Report and look forward to continuing our work with you in the coming year.



David Stackpole

Katherine Sims Founder and Executive Director

David Stackpole Board Chair

2012-2013 Staff

Sincerely,

Katherine Sims, Founder and Executive Director Amy Crank, Education Director Jessie Griffen, Farm Direct Coordinator Karina French, FarmCorps Coordinator Caitlin Lorenc, Education Coordinator Kristy Scott, Customer Sales and Office Assistant Meghan Stotko, Mobile Market Manager Janice Therrin, Vermont Associates Trainee Lily Anderson, AmeriCorps Farm-to-School Coordinator Maia Bernstein, AmeriCorps Farm-to-School Coordinator Maegan Brown, AmeriCorps Farm-to-School Coordinator Anya Gedrath-Smith, AmeriCorps Farm-to-School Coordinator Fran Kearfott, AmeriCorps Farm-to-School Coordinator Grace Costin, Intern Danielle Nathanson, Intern

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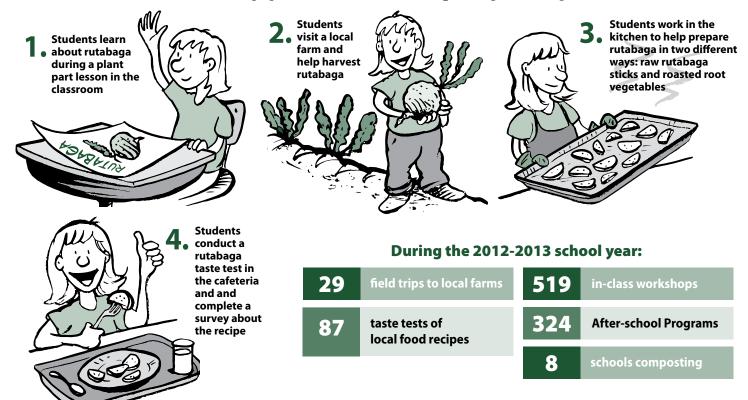






Farm-to-School: Changing the Way Kids Eat and Think about Food

Through inquiry-based activities in the classroom, kitchen, garden, and farm, we can engage students in interdisciplinary learning.



School Gardens: Engaging Kids in Growing Food

When students are actively engaged in planting, maintaining, and harvesting a garden, they are more likely to make healthy food choices.



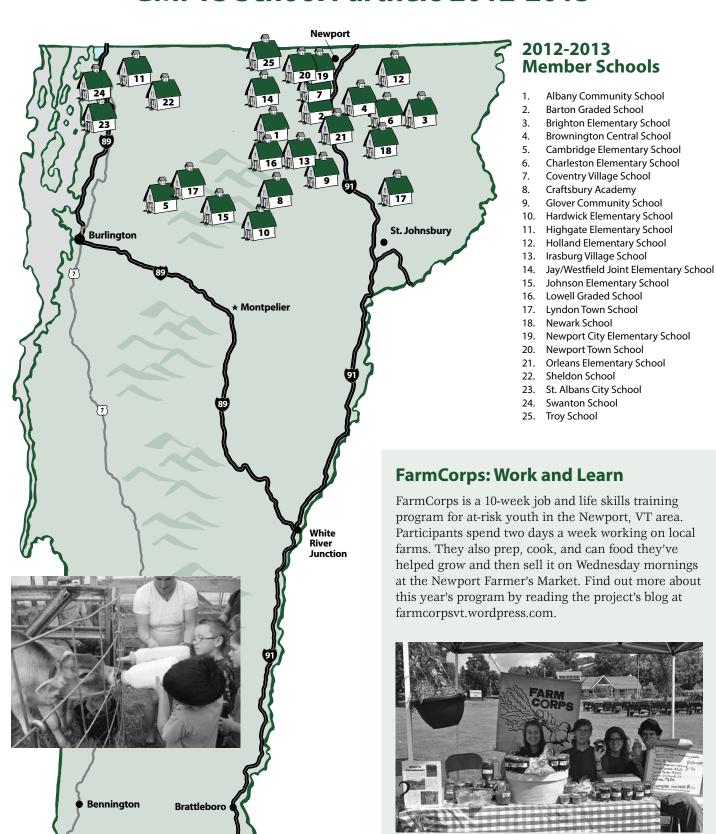
During the 2012-2013 school year:

25	school gardens planted
3,938	Pounds of food produced for school cafeterias
5,316	students involved in planting gardens

In addition to working directly with students, over the past year GMFTS provided mini-grants, curriculum training, on-going support to School Garden Coordinators to implement successful garden programs at their schools.



GMFTS School Partners 2012-2013





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Celebrating Our First Five Years as a Nonprofit

2010

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2012

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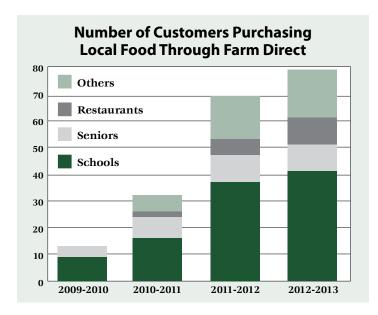


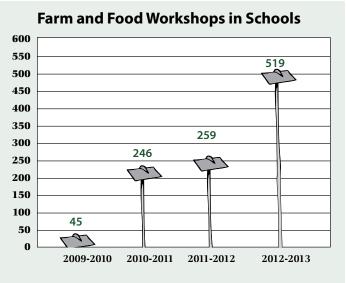


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Katherine Sims,
 Executive Director







Training the Next Generation of Leaders

In the five years since GMFTS was founded, we have hosted **22 AmeriCorps members** for a year of public service in school food systems. Many have gone on to forge careers in education, food and sustainable agriculture. A few examples of these include:



Maia Bernstein
2012-2013 AmeriCorps Member
"I [have] been able to experience firsthand the power
that we all have to mutually improve and
bring light to the lives of others."



Caitlin Lorenc 2011-2012 AmeriCorps Member

Candidate for Masters of Arts in Environmental Education at Goshen College

"Being at GMFTS helped me focus my professional goals. Working in school gardens, taking classes on field trips to farms, and working extensively in the local food movement has developed my passion for cultivating my relationships with communities and schools. After completing my Master's program, I plan on developing a sustainable, organic, educational farm that will work extensively with teachers at a local elementary school."



Khristopher Flack 2010-2011 AmeriCorps Member

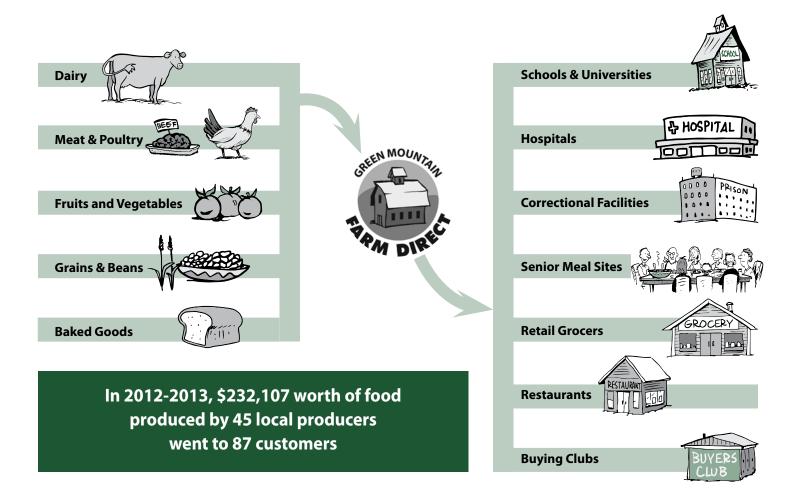
Just finished season as co-manager of Four Acre Farm in Barton, VT

"Working at GMFTS was one of the most important professional experiences I've ever had. Through GMFTS I was able to gain skills in facilitation, networking, program management, and program development. Through GMFTS I was inspired to explore my own ways of affecting positive change through food. I'm looking to save for my own homestead and farm-to-table restaurant."



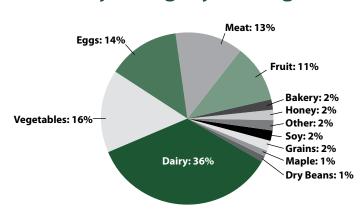
Farm Direct: Increasing Access to High-Quality Local Foods

By delivering local food to schools and institutions, we can make healthy food accessible and affordable for all while simultaneously supporting the local economy.



Products Sold by Category Through Farm Direct











Vermont Harvest of the Month

arvest of the Month is a statewide campaign that provides readyto-go materials for the cafeteria, classroom, and community that promote the use of local, seasonal Vermont foods and Farm to School best practices. Each month, the campaign features a different local food and provides materials for educators, food service staff, parents, and retail outlets including posters, recipes, menu inserts, lesson plans, and healthy eating tips. Find out more and join the campaign at www.Vermont HarvestoftheMonth.org.





Harvest of the Month (HOM) is a collaboration between GMFTS and Food Connects, a nonprofit organization in Brattleboro, Vermont.

The Lunchbox Mobile Farmers Market



The Lunchbox is a mobile farmers' market and commercial kitchen that brings locally grown food and food-based education to communities in northern Vermont. The market's mission is to improve fresh food access, provide a reliable outlet for new and small scale growers and value-added producers, and to create a gathering place for community activities and meals. Committed to making healthy food affordable for everyone, the market accepts EBT, Harvest Health Coupons, and Farm to Family Coupons. As a part of the Summer Food Programs, the market offers free meals to children under the age of 18. The 2013 market season started in June and will run through September.



Supporters

We are thankful to our community of new and long-time friends who have generously supported Green Mountain Farm-to-School between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 as we seek to promote the health of Vermont's children, farms and communities.

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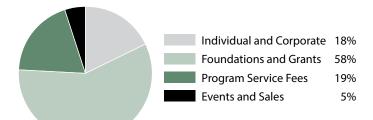
Financial Report

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

REVENUE

Total Revenue
Events and Sales
Program Service Fees \$62,236
Foundations and Grants \$189,085
Individual and Corporate \$57,812



EXPENSES

Total Expenses
Development
Management and General \$24,276
Program Services





SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

As of June 30, 2013

ASSETS

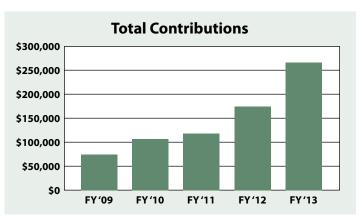
Current Assets

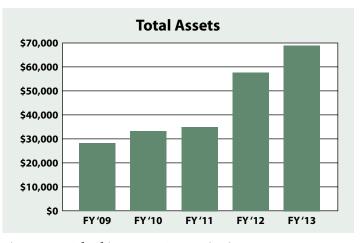
Total Current Assets \$69.397
Other Assets
Vehicle and Equipment \$52,882
Accounts Receivable\$1,014
Checking/Savings\$11,499

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	. \$3,588
Other Liabilities	. \$6,532
Total Current Liabilities	\$10,199
Total Net Assets	\$59,277
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$69,397





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— Katherine Sims, <u>Exec</u>utive Director

Invest in our children's future by

becoming a supporter of Green Mountain Farm-to-School and its efforts to promote the health and well-being of Vermont's children, farms and communities. Gifts of all amounts are appreciated.

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