

CGT Enhanced Program Descriptions

Kids in Gardens Program

A youth (K-6th) garden education program conducted in partnership with Homer Davis Elementary School (Flowing Wells School District) which serves low-income communities. The program introduces students how to successfully grow, harvest and prepare fresh food for the table, better understand the desert's ecological systems and services, and inspire the "next generation" of gardeners.

Family Gardening Camp

Through a family-based camp program, we provide parents, children, siblings and their relatives with the instruction and resources to become lifelong gardeners and stewards of our Sonoran Desert environment. This program compliments the Kids in Gardens Program by expanding its reach to parents and siblings who, in turn, broaden our impact, deepen our connections, and diversify the communities we serve.

Food Resiliency Program

This important program funded by CGT provides low-to-no cost gardening opportunities primarily for economically marginalized individuals and families, many who are refugees and immigrants. Through the financial generosity of CGT's donors and supporters who contribute thousands of dollars to the program each year, we are able to annually subsidize nearly 40 percent of our gardeners.

Desert Gardening Program

This program is the heart of CGT's public gardening program. Supported by annual fees, CGT administers 20 community gardens throughout Tucson that provide hundreds of individual plots, as well as irrigation water, tools, equipment, workshops, training, and general support. We welcome everyone to our gardens - regardless of age, race, ethnicity, experience, socioeconomic status, or gender - to create shared experiences that bring enjoyment, friendships, and a greater sense of community.

Adopt A Garden Program

This program was created to provide business sponsorships that allow merchants to underwrite CGT's costs to administer and operate selected "adopted gardens." By bridging our work into the local business community we not only amplify our impact and strengthen our programs, but foster deeper connections with local businesses to help improve the lives of all Tucsonans.

Garden Stories Program

Program to collect, preserve and share gardeners' stories. Similar to NPR's StoryCorps, gives gardeners opportunity to share their gardening successes and failures, tips and suggestions, experiences and memories of special times spent in gardens.