OVERVIEW

Since 2012, we have committed to regenerative farming practices and an environmentally holistic, equity-focused approach to promoting food sovereignty. This includes support for burgeoning farmers through formal training and mentoring; grants to catalyze a more equitable and community-centered food system; and food access partnerships - 100% of food produced on-site is donated to community partners in our collective effort to achieve long-term solutions to food insecurity.

Farmer Fellowship Program:

Sky High Farm launched its first in-depth Farmer Fellowship Program, a paid opportunity for beginning farmers to receive hands-on agricultural training. In 2022, we welcomed four Fellows to our livestock and vegetable teams, where they gained experience in no-till market gardening; harvest and distribution; livestock care; and multi-species rotational grazing and pasture management. As part of the full-season experience, the Fellows were offered:

- on-site housing
- full-time, hourly pay
- professional development stipends
- skill-building workshops
- visits and tours of other farms
- participation in the Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training (CRAFT), Cornell Small Farms Program, and the Black Urban Growers Conference (BUGS)
Sky High Grants Program:
This year, we redistributed $250,000 to farmers and food justice advocates whose work is rooted in their communities and our shared values. The goal of the grants program is to build equity in our extended agricultural circle by supporting a range of mission-aligned projects. Please see the Acknowledgments section for the full list of projects funded in 2022. Special thanks to our grant committee members: Linda Goode Bryant, Raina Robinson, Ron Finley, and Yemi Amu.

SHF X Forge:
In 2022, Sky High Farm spearheaded a seasonal programming calendar of experiential educational events rooted in group activity, community support, and practical skill-building, located at Forge Project in Taghkanic, NY. Situated around the Community Learning Kitchen—designed by Sky High and built with the generous support of Forge Project—the programs share a food justice-centered approach, falling on a spectrum of themes spanning arts, culture, culinary exploration, hands-on craft, and knowledge-sharing. This first year of programming, initiated throughout the summer and fall of 2022, included a sundry of special guest educators including chefs, herbalists, artists and crafters, seed keepers, and farmers. For a list of these program partners, see the Acknowledgments section.
2022 DONATIONS

- Produce = 13,317 lbs.
- Eggs = 3781 lbs. (2521 dozen)
- Meat = 11,760 lbs.

Total = 28,858 lbs.
Sky High Farm works to ensure that everyone has access to the resources they need to sustain themselves, including high-quality, culturally appropriate food. As part of this commitment, we focus on raising nutrient-dense food for donation including herbs, berries, microgreens, eggs, chicken, lamb, beef, pork, chicken feet, and organ meats. Since our founding, we have donated over 150,000 pounds of vegetables and animal protein!
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

2022 Sky High Grantees:
- Angelina Montez (New Paltz, NY)
- Ashokra Farm (Albuquerque, NM)
- By Hand Farm (Newfane, VT)
- Cultural Roots Nursery (northern CA)
- dièdiè textile farm (Piedmont, NC)
- Dr. Manuel Lopez Community Garden (Oxnard, CA)
- Ever Growing Family Farm (Esopus, NY)
- Fantasy Farm (Delaware County, NY)
- Feed Asheville Farm (Asheville, NC)
- Gifted Grass Farms (northeast OH)
- Iridescent Earth Collective (Charlottesville, NY)
- NativeWomanshare (Rogue Valley, OR)
- NDN Bayou Food Forest (Rayne, LA)
- Palenque La Marea (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)
- Popsie & Vivian’s Lowland Garden (New Orleans, LA)
- South Mountain Catering (Waitsfield, VT)
- The Underground Center (Saugerties, NY)

Program Partners:
Alysia Mazzella, Amirah Mitchell, Antonia Perez, Food Education Fund, Judd Foundation, Kite’s Nest, Lucille Burr, Naomi Lawrence, Nate Cox, North East Community Center, Perfect Ten, Place Corps, Sammi Gay & Tri-Corner Nutrition Security Coalition

Our Volunteers:
This season we welcomed dozens of volunteers from all over New York State to help feed their neighbors by working in our vegetable gardens. We are so thankful for their generous hard work and the warm spirit everyone brought to the farm.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS CONTINUED

★ 2022 Fellows:
Ash Rivera, Kathryn Camacho, Madeline Franklin & Yadira Silva Rios

★ Our Board:
Carolina Saavedra, Dan Colen, Daphne Seybold, Eric Costello & Jon Gray

★ Our Staff:
Deborah A., Ellie Youngblood, Joshua Bardfield, Lexie Smith, Nina Tucker, Phillip Haynes & Rosa Donaldson

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SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS OF THE FARM:

WE ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED US IN 2022 AND FOR THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO HELP SHAPE AND INFORM THE MISSION AT SKY HIGH FARM. VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION AND STAY INVOLVED IN OUR WORK:

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