

Cincinnati Food Congress

Get Involved

Cincinnati Chefs and Growers Collaborative

MISSION: A group of Cincinnati chefs, growers, and educators who advocate the purchase and use of local, sustainable cuisine. They promote and encourage the use of local, seasonal produce in the Cincinnati restaurants.

Contact: www.chefgrowers.com

Greenacres Foundation

A private, non-profit operating foundation formed to preserve the historic Nippert Farm as a historical woodland and farmland settlement open to the public. It encourages conservation through various educational and recreational opportunities and facilitates music and art appreciation events.

Contact: Carter Randolph 513-891-4227

Greater Cincinnati Dietetic Association Hunger Panel

MISSION: The hunger Panel was formed in 1994 in response to growing concern among area nutrition professionals about the problem of hunger and food security. Our vision is that all people have access to adequate, nutritious food. They have developed a food guide for those living without heat or refrigeration. They sponsor the annual "National Nutrition Month Build a Pyramid Food Drive" benefiting the Free Store/Food Bank, and educate emergency food providers on food safety and nutrition issues.

Contact: Hollis Bass Cincinnati Nutrition Council at 513-621-3262

Civic Garden Center Neighborhoods Gardens Program

MISSION: This organization was established in 1981 to assist community groups convert vacant lots into productive community food gardens and parks. They provide groups with technical assistance, leadership training, horticulture education and start-up materials to help organize, plan, build, and sustain gardens.

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The Community Shopping Assistance Service

MISSION: This service is dedicated to increasing the level of independence and improving the quality of life for low-income residents of Hamilton County, Ohio, who have difficulty managing their shopping needs. They work on the establishment/maintenance of CSAS co-op branches, Free Store/Food Bank Partnership, Counseling Services, Nutrition Classes, Self-Actualization Activities.

Contact: 513-242-4747 ext. 4

Nutrition Council

MISSION: The council is a non-profit agency helping tri-state residents achieve healthier lives through better nutrition. Our program provide the knowledge, skill, and motivation people need to make healthy food choices and help reduce their risk for chronic diseases. They provide prevention focused programs include school based programs, community outreach, and public information services.

Contact: Lauren Niemes 513-621-3262 or <http://www.nutritioncouncil.org>

Free Store /Food Bank

MISSION: This program helps provide food products and services to help people overcome barriers to their basic survival needs, and to further their self-reliance. They provide food, social services, housing opportunities, and health/first aid opportunities.

CINCINNATI COOKS: Is a job training program and the cornerstone of the Rosenthal Community Kitchen

KIDS CAFE: is a soup kitchen and safe haven for children living in high crime neighborhoods where they have the opportunity to participate in educational and recreational activities.

Contact: Julie Smith Morrow 513-241-1064

The Impact Over-The-Rhine Eco Garden Program

MISSION: The purpose of this year-round project is to develop self-reliance, entrepreneurship, environmental awareness and community service in at-risk youth, through urban gardening. It is a youth planned, planted and managed, enterprise offering fresh produce for direct sale at Findlay Market in Over-the-Rhine

Contact: Jackie Thomas 513-241-8934 or email: Impactotr@cincir.com

Farm to Cafeteria

MISSION: To improve the health of the community through: increasing awareness of the benefits and consequences of lifestyle choices, particularly food choices that affect children; empowering individuals with resources for implementing those choices; and exploring additional opportunities to enrich the community as a whole.

Contact: Mary Ida Compton 513-561-1205

The Village Green Foundation

MISSION: To bring together diverse members of the community around a common commitment to community building, urban agriculture and access to healthy food.

Contact: Peter Huttinger 513-541-0525 or huttinger@fuse.net

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