What can YOU do?

**SHARE THE WEALTH**
Invest in our community and the future of our kids. Consider financially supporting the Rothenberg Rooftop School Garden in its efforts to provide an interactive learning environment for all students. To make a financial gift, please contact us at rothenbergrooftop02@gmail.com.

**SHARE YOUR TIME**
Rothenberg Preparatory Academy and the Rooftop Garden are always looking for volunteers! Contact Bryna Bass at rothenbergrooftop02@gmail.com to learn how you can make a difference at our school.

**SHARE MATERIALS**
The Rothenberg Rooftop School Garden is collecting materials for program implementation, many of which you probably have around the house! For a list of needed materials, visit the Rooftop Garden’s Facebook page. Search: Rothenberg Rooftop School Garden
As part of its mission to ‘preserve, protect, and celebrate Over-the-Rhine, the historic heart of Cincinnati,’ Over-the-Rhine Foundation rescued historic Rothenberg Preparatory Academy from the wrecking ball in 2008 and convinced Cincinnati Public Schools to renovate the building. Since that time, it has been raising funds to establish the Rooftop Garden atop the beautifully refurbished building, with the goal of serving the students, students’ families and staff of the school as well as community residents and families.

This initiative is the dream of Over-the-Rhine supporter and activist, E. Pope Coleman. Mr. Coleman has inspired many partner individuals and organizations to support that dream with the result of the school’s reopening to students in 2013.

The neighborhood is humming, and Rothenberg Preparatory Academy, at the corner of Main Street and East Clifton Avenue, anchors the activity.

The Rothenberg Rooftop School Garden Program

Integrated with math, science, and language arts, the Rooftop Garden Program creates opportunities to **enhance students' learning**, develop **critical thinking skills** and **foster stewardship** of their surroundings and community.

The Rooftop Garden is more than growing things, or children getting their hands dirty – it is an innovative model that seeks to provide and sustain unique learning opportunities for students through hands-on garden-based lessons.

The Rothenberg Rooftop School Garden also serves as a **community gathering place** and a point of pride in this historic inner city neighborhood.

Each child has a plot of ground with his/her name on it, where they will demonstrate:
- **Cause & Effect**
- **Ownership & Responsibility**

**Program Impact**

Over the projected 30 year lifetime of the garden we estimate **16,500 or more children and their families** will be served, invigorating students’ education using hands-on gardening as an integrator for discipline specific learning.

The Rothenberg Rooftop School Garden will educate and influence almost **450 students annually**, as well as serve as a community cornerstone in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood.

The Rooftop Garden helps children engage with the natural environment first-hand to realize the importance of preservation and conservation.

Through service learning activities associated with the Rothenberg Rooftop School Garden, we can:

- **Facilitate better learning for students**
- **Provide free resources to engage students and improve their educational outcomes**
- **Create a culture of care where all citizens are active members of their community**

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