



Organizational Profile

Our mission is to inspire Louisville residents to make food choices that sustain their bodies, their communities, and the earth through educational programs and technical assistance offered in partnership with a local vegetable farm.

Who We Are: A nonprofit, 501(c)3 education partner to a working farm, founded in 2006.

What We Do: Farm-based experiential education and entrepreneurial youth development programs that bring the field-to fork experience to life for local youth.

Our approach: We take a hands-on approach and encourage youth to get dirty, taste new foods fresh from the field, and be involved in the work of the farm and the food system. *Our inquiry-based group programs emphasize real experience, and participants are encouraged to use all their senses to explore the farm.* The farm is our living classroom, and students can learn by discovery, cultivating a sense of wonder about where our food comes from.



Who We Serve: Public and private school classes and faculty, community groups, youth and after-school programs, summer camps, special needs groups. *87% of the students we served in 2009 qualified for free or reduced lunch at school.*

Where: At Field Day Farm, a vegetable operation based on a subsection of one of Louisville's oldest working farms, Oxmoor Farm. Located at 9001 Limehouse Lane.

About the farm: Our partner farmer, Ivor Chodkowski, makes his living raising eight acres of vegetables for local farmers' markets, restaurants and stores (through the farmer-owned Grasshoppers Distribution) and for shareholders in a Community Supported Agriculture program. More information about the farm and the food grown here is available at www.fielddayfamilyfarm.us

How You Can Help: Get involved by volunteering time, sponsoring a Field-to-Fork experience for low-income students, or helping create an outdoor kitchen on the farm. You can make a donation online by visiting our website at <http://www.foodliteracyproject.org> or sending a check to the Food Literacy Project at the address below. Food Literacy Project is an IRS 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

"I love that it's a real farm...not a new, shiny venue just for field trips."



How You Can Bring the Field-to-Fork Experience To Life for Louisville Youth:

Volunteer Time. Our goal is to engage over 2,000 youth in the work of the farm this year. We rely heavily on volunteers to facilitate farm experiences with youth and maintain our Youth Learning Garden on the farm. Opportunities also exist to utilize special skills in website and publication design, fundraising, and program evaluation.



Sponsor a Farm Field Trip for Low-income Youth.

Many youth who participate in our programs qualify for free or reduced lunch and live in neighborhoods identified as “food deserts,” meaning that their families face limited access to fresh produce and over-exposure to fast food.

- \$35 covers the cost of one student to get their hands dirty and taste new foods on the farm
- \$150 pays for a bus for 50 students to visit the farm
- \$1,500 provides a full scholarship for a whole class to participate, including transportation and pre-and post-visit curriculum



Underwrite a Professional Development Session for JCPS Personnel. FLP delivers in-service training, giving teachers strategies for infusing themes of food and agriculture into their classrooms. Help ensure that the farm is a community resource for public and private school educators by underwriting a PD session.

- \$250 delivers a half-day farm experience to JCPS employees



Create an Outdoor Kitchen on the Farm.

Adding an outdoor kitchen to our program site is one of many ways we plan to incorporate critical life skills into our program. We have plenty of space and delicious farm produce—now we need an outdoor kitchen so that we can prepare healthy recipes with kids and transform “edible leaves” from the farm fields into recognizable and delicious dishes. Help young people experience how fun and simple cooking healthy food is.

- \$5,000 builds a structure for the kitchen
- \$100 provides pots, pans, and cooking utensils.

Foster Leadership and Community Action among Local Youth.

FLP’s Entrepreneurial Youth Development Program gives local youth hands-on experience: planting, cultivating and harvesting vegetables, preparing fresh recipes, staffing a neighborhood farmers market, and becoming leaders on addressing food security and hunger in the Metro area.

- \$75 provides seeds and other supplies for young growers and food entrepreneurs
- \$1,000 gives one Louisville youth a season’s worth of experience on the farm



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