



Impact Report



GROW. HEALTHY. TOGETHER.

2025

Our Founder and Executive Director, Beth De Vries, grew up where food came from the ground, not the grocery store. In the rural farming community where she was raised, families fed each other with food grown in the yard and preserved in the pantry. Hunger wasn't something people talked about — because it rarely needed to be.

That changed when she moved and became a Nurse Practitioner.

Exam after exam, she counseled patients on healthy eating and heard the same response: "I can't afford that food." In Midland County, 1 in 3 households are forced to choose between keeping the lights on and feeding their families. Beth had seen what food security looked like. She knew this community deserved it too.

So in 2018, she started growing nutritious food for the community.

Eight years later, Phoenix Community Farm (PCF) has donated 132,575 pounds of fresh produce to neighbors in need — distributed through Hidden Harvest, United Way of Midland County's ReGrow Together, and two Pay What You Can stands right here in Midland. Healthy food, grown locally, reaching the people who need it most.

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But PCF has never just been about pounds.

Across more than 50 varieties of crops, the farm has become a living classroom. At Windover High School, students grow, harvest, and cook through the Agriscience and Culinary Arts Programs – leaving with more than recipes. They leave understanding where food comes from, why it matters, and how it connects to the health of the land and the community around them. That knowledge goes home with them. It reaches their families.

Delta College Agriscience students step onto the farm as interns – building real skills and strengthening their career pathways. They leave with hands-on experience and the kind of knowledge that comes from working the soil.

Community members, program participants, volunteers, and school field trip participants experience, taste and learn on the farm year round.

Every seed planted here grows into something larger. And the harvest keeps growing.



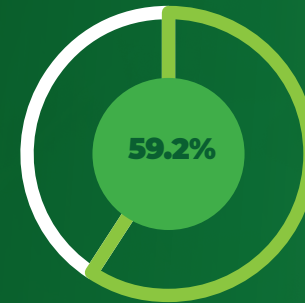
Mission & Vision

Our mission is to meet the basic need for nutritious food by growing and sharing produce along with education to empower a healthy community.

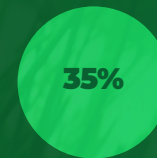
Our Vision is a vibrant community with equitable access to healthy food and knowledge.



Statistics



According to the United Way of Midland County, **59.2% of ALICE households are considered food insecure.**



35% of households in Midland County are below the ALICE threshold.



Getting help with food is one of the top 3 reasons people call our resource help line (211) in Midland County.

www.uwmich.org/alice-report
www.211nemichigan.org/media-reports.html

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2025 Impact Highlights

Your donations help to provide:

26,596

pounds -
donated produce

360

hours - Agriscience class
at Windover High School

5

community
education- classes
on gardening, food
safety and recipies

3

meal sharing
- community
building events

1st

Garden Party
featuring hor
douvees, live
music, and more!

2,160

square feet - greenhouse
space established
extending healthy produce
and education year round

20

raised beds -
educating and
empowering
housholds to grow
their own food

16

weekly farm shares -
a share of nutritious
produce provided weekly
for 16 households with 4
provided a full scholarship

1,650

hours- volunteer
service

499

side salads - donated
fresh greens and
vegetables to
ReGrow Together

1,238

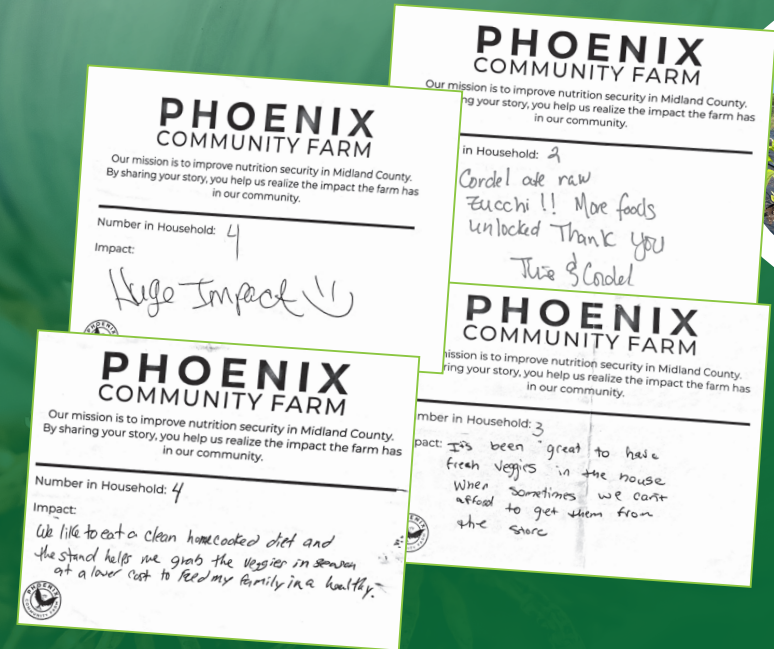
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Total
132,575 Pounds

**grand total 132,575
pounds donated since our
founding 662,875 servings
of nutritious produce**

To Midland County through
Hidden Harvest, United
Way of Midland's ReGrow
Together program, and two
Pay What You Can stands

The Power of Food: stories of hope



Farm Share Scholarships Stories

Having access to fresh produce would be such a blessing to my family of 5. Inflated cost of living has already impacted our ability to make healthier (often more expensive) food choices and now my husband and I are at risk of losing employment due to government cutbacks. Knowing that we have food this summer will be **one less worry** in an uncertain time. Thank you for offering this to our community and for your consideration.

The CSA scholarship would help us learn to eat a more healthy variety of food and allow us to expand our culinary horizons and experiment with new flavors and foods. **Our family eats too much processed food** and our health is suffering because of it, for example, our 17 year old son is being watched for prediabetes. Having fresh produce would help us become a healthier family.



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