

# *THE* NASHVILLE FOOD PROJECT

## Our Mission

Bringing people together to grow, cook & share nourishing food, with the goals of cultivating community and alleviating hunger in our city

## Our Vision

A just and sustainable food system where all Nashvillians have access to the food they want and need

## THE NEED:

- **1-in-7** Nashvillians are food insecure
- In Nashville, BIPOC neighborhoods are **1.1 miles** farther from grocery stores than white neighborhoods
- **40%** of food in the U.S. goes to waste



## What is the Community Agriculture Network (CAN)?

A citywide network of gardens, farms, and orchards led by local stewards, supported by The Nashville Food Project. We provide compost, seeds, irrigation, training, and volunteer coordination.

## The Community Agriculture Network

- **Community Farm at Mill Ridge (Antioch):** 3.5 acres | 64+ affordable rental plots | Low-income growers & immigrant families | 14+ languages spoken | Demonstration food forest
- **Growing Together Farm (South Nashville):** refugee growers, CSA, Farmers Market
- **McGruder Garden (North Nashville):** at McGruder Family Resource Center
- **Southend United Methodist Church (Crieve Hall)**
- **Our Hands Community Garden at Alameda Christian Church (Bordeaux)**
- **Farm in the City (John Henry Hale):** with MDHA, early-stage community leadership

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# What Impact100 Makes Possible

**With Impact100 support, TNFP will:**

- **Launch 2–3 gardens in low-income neighborhoods**
- **Plant 3–5 community orchards, including a food forest at Mill Ridge**

**Grant funds will:**

- **Provide stipends and training for Garden Leaders and refugee growers**
- **Cover tools, safety gear, harvest supplies, EBT systems, and SNAP signage for the Farmers Market**
- **Support seasonal workshops, multilingual training, and translation services**
- **Fund coordination and planning through CAN and Orchard staff.**

**Together, these investments strengthen Nashville's community-grown food system.**

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# OUR HANDS GARDEN MINISTRY



**Land is not neutral; access to it reflects inequity. The Community Agriculture Network aims to create a future of shared abundance, community leadership, and equitable food access for all Nashvillians, regardless of ZIP code.**

**This model has spread to cities nationwide, and now it's Nashville's turn.**

**With your partnership, we will:**

- **Reclaim underused land for community growing.**
- **Restore belonging through culturally rooted gardens and shared harvests.**
- **Foster leadership in communities historically denied land and nutritious food.**

**Thank you for supporting this initiative. Impact100 Nashville will be recognized at all Community Agriculture Network sites, honoring a food future shaped by women, for the city we all call home.**

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