

Quindaro Gardens Institute

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General Information

Contact Information

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At A Glance

Quindaro Gardens Mutual Aid Society

Mission & Areas Served

Statements

Mission Statement

Gardening as a group and learning to help each other to increase standards of living and quality of life.

Background Statement

I am a corporate attorney, business development executive, and technical product manager for a construction products company. Every Saturday for three years I built houses for Habitat for Humanity as a volunteer in the Quindaro area of Kansas City, Kansas. I noticed all the vacant lots and contacted a neighborhood association that was pursuing large-scale gardening on vacant lots. I volunteered for them every Saturday for two years. Their focus turned to commercial production for the benefit of a single family, so I bought the five lots and began a community collaborative garden. I've also purchased a house nearby for my retirement. My son lives there now.

Impact Statement

Accomplishments:

1. Acquired five vacant lots overgrown with trees and weeds and transformed two of them into a large urban mini-farm producing vegetables from 2,000 square feet of 14 planted raised beds accessed with wood-mulched, weed-free walkways. The garden will be featured in the Greater Kansas City garden tour in June.
2. Obtained neighborhood association's mailing list and mailed flyers about the free-picking garden to the 271 households in the neighborhood.
3. Provided vegetables to about 20 families who came to pick, and when the heat wave cut that off, delivered mounds of vegetables to the nearby low-income apartment residents.

Goals:

1. Transforming the remaining lots into the same visually pleasing and productive vegetable farm space as the first lots.
2. Getting more people from the Quindaro area involved.
3. Causing people from outside Quindaro to become interested in moving there and participating in the project.

Needs Statement

Almost any kind of in-kind donation will be put to use for some purpose or traded for something we need. Our scope extends to self-help: cooking of meals, house rehab, car repair, and virtually anything that could directly or indirectly increase the standard of living and quality of life of inner-city residents. Any material or equipment that could be used for such purposes is needed.

Currently I am funding everything. All cash will go toward expenses to maintain and increase the garden production. I take no salary or other compensation from this organization.

CEO/Executive Director/Board Chair Statement

So far, there is no Board. There is just myself. My main purpose in setting up a non-profit corporation and obtaining tax exempt status was to provide a basis for me to deduct the substantial expenses I have had. I am submitting this profile just in case there is anyone out there who sees the potential of this effort. Food is a very large component of low-income families' expenses. If we can help them help themselves reduce their food expenses, we are increasing their standard of living and their quality of life – not to mention providing highly nutritious food without the environmental and energy impact of bringing vegetables into Kansas City.

Service Categories

Food, Agriculture & Nutrition NEC

Areas of Service

Areas Served

Areas

KS - Wyandotte County Urban Core

Programs

Programs

Community Garden

Description	Gardening as a group and learning to help each other to increase standards of living and quality of life.
Category	Food, Agriculture & Nutrition, General/Other Agricultural Production
Population Served	Poor, Economically Disadvantaged, Indigent, ,
Short-Term Success	Acquaints or re-acquaints residents with gardening to produce fresh, nutritious food. Satisfaction from producing valuable goods independently without reliance on government programs or the ability to obtain employment.
Long- Term Success	Studies show an optimal organizational size is 150 people. The goal is to have that many local residents working together as volunteers without pay to maximize vegetable production, raise chickens, eggs, and Tilapia, prepare buffet-style meals for the group, can and freeze food, and provide each other house and yard rehab / maintenance, day care, auto repair, and other services – all on a volunteer basis without pay. This will allow cash normally spent on such things to be spent on other things and in doing both, raise the standard of living and quality of life in the neighborhood.
Program Success Monitored By	Meetings with neighborhood association.
Examples of Program Success	2,000 square feet x 0.39 pounds per square foot = 780 pounds of vegetables / 118 pounds per family = Vegetables for 6 families. We've had about a dozen neighborhood volunteers. None for the entire season, but very few people in the neighborhood know about us despite the flyers, so we look forward to increased participation in our second year.

CEO Comments

We need a neighborhood center like every small rural town has for seniors except this would be for all ages. By using a volunteer staff and offering a soup and salad bar based on the garden produce, the program will have more appeal than offering only vegetables from the garden.

Leadership & Staff

Executive Director/CEO

Executive Director	Paul Grahovac
Term Start	May 2012
Email	grahovac8@gmail.com

Staff

Paid Full-Time Staff	0
Paid Part- Time Staff	0
Volunteers	50
Retention Rate	0%
Paid Contractors	0

Plans & Policies

Organization Has a Fundraising Plan	Yes
Organization Has a Strategic Plan	Under Development
Management Succession Plan	No
Organization Policy and Procedures	No
Nondiscrimination Policy	Under Development
Whistleblower Policy	No
Document Destruction Policy	No

Government Licenses

Is your organization licensed by the government?

Board & Governance

Board Chair

Board Chair	Paul Grahovac
Company Affiliation	PROSOCO, Inc.
Term	May 2012 to May 2015
Email	grahovac8@gmail.com

Board Members

Name	Affiliation
Paul Grahovac	PROSOCO, Inc.

Board Demographics - Ethnicity

African American/Black	0
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Native American/American Indian	0
Other	0

Board Demographics - Gender

Male	1
Female	0
Unspecified	0

Governance

Board Term Lengths	0
Board Term Limits	0
Board Meeting Attendance %	0%
Written Board Selection Criteria?	No
Written Conflict of Interest Policy?	No
Percentage Making Monetary Contributions	0%
Percentage Making In-Kind Contributions	0%
Number of Full Board Meetings Annually	0

Financials

Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year Start	Jan 01, 2017
Fiscal Year End	Dec 31, 2017
Projected Revenue	\$0.00
Projected Expenses	\$0.00
Endowment Value	\$0.00
Percentage	0%

Detailed Financials

Revenue and Expenses

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0

Revenue Sources

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Foundation and Corporation Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Government Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0
State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unspecified	\$0	\$0	\$0
Individual Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Public Support	\$0	\$0	\$0
Earned Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income, Net of Losses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Membership Dues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Events	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue In-Kind	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0

Expense Allocation

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Program Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Administration Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fundraising Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payments to Affiliates	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue/Total Expenses	--	--	--
Program Expense/Total Expenses	--	--	--
Fundraising Expense/Contributed Revenue	--	--	--

Assets and Liabilities

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Total Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Long-Term Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Net Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0

Short Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Current Ratio: Current Assets/Current Liabilities	--	--	--

Long Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets	--	--	--

Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--

Capital Campaign

Currently in a Capital Campaign?	No
Goal	\$0.00

Foundation Comments

- FY 2016, 2015, 2014: Financial data reported using internal financials.

