THE HARVEST IS ABOUT MORE THAN FRUIT
WHY THIS WORK MATTERS

2019 was an exciting harvest season. We shared more fruit than ever before and with more people than ever before – 85% of all harvested fruit was distributed to food banks, meal programs, and other community partners.

We accomplished this increase in harvested and donated fruit by prioritizing fresh, high-quality, and culturally appropriate fruit. We also developed stronger and more intentional relationships with community partners.

All the things we accomplished this harvest season reflect why I joined the City Fruit team. The fact is that some communities have access to healthy food while others do not. I believe we need to shift how we think and talk about these issues and work towards increasing access to fresh produce.

Food plays a huge role in sparking creativity and joy in our community. The work we accomplished with our community partners illustrates the importance of community informed and co-created programming. It’s thanks to our partners that the fruit we harvest is put to its best and fullest use.

In 2020, we’ll continue working towards community-driven initiatives to address food insecurity in our city. As a collective, we can improve the quality of fruit grown in Seattle, increase access to our public orchards, and share in the goodness of fruit.

Juan Peña
City Fruit’s Community Engagement & Harvest Manager
2019 GREAT SEATTLE FRUIT HARVEST

By the Numbers:

36,636  Pounds of fruit harvested in total
31,519  Pounds of fruit donated to meal programs and food banks
7,900   Pounds of fruit harvested from public orchards
1,400   Pounds of fruit donated through harvest boxes
         (City Fruit’s U-pick program)
810     Largest harvest (in pounds) from a single tree
350     Total number of harvests
280     Tree owners participating in the annual harvest
59      Residences that requested harvest boxes
23      Community partner organizations who received fruit
17      Public orchards in which City Fruit worked
12      Fruit for All pop-up fruit stand events
PARTNER PERSPECTIVE

As we all know, food is personal, and food is social. It can be our comfort, a reminder of who we are, and for immigrants, or children of immigrants, food can remind us of our home, and where we feel a sense of belonging.

In the 1970s young Asian Pacific Islander Americans started the Danny Woo Community Garden because they saw that their neighborhood elders, who were living in cramped single room apartments, needed a place to grow their food.

Today, we have 75 low-income immigrant gardeners, mostly from China and Korea, growing fruits and vegetables from their home countries. We have a children’s garden where over 200 APIA and refugee and immigrant youth experience year-round connection to culture, land, leadership, and of course, food. We have chickens, and we have over 60 mature fruit trees, primarily apples, Asian pears, figs, plums, and cherries.

I am incredibly grateful for the support of City Fruit. During one work party we harvested over 500 pounds of fruit. We donated half of it to our local food bank, ACRS – Asian Counseling and Referral Service – which is the only food bank in Seattle that serves culturally appropriate food for Asians.

Having our own orchard that grows Asian pears and apples is about more than just food. It is about land, and about preserving a way of life and a community under threat. I want to thank City Fruit for their incredible support and partnership, not just of our orchards and not just our youth programming, but for our shared commitment to what is really supporting community control of resources, and community organizing in crucial times. I want to thank them for seeing the connection between land, culture, and community.

Lizzy Chong Baskerville
Garden Manager at the Danny Woo Community Garden in historic Japantown
THIS WORK IS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT
Benefited from the work of **617 volunteers**
Collectively, volunteers contributed **1385 hours**
Coordinated **63 different volunteer activities**

SAVE SEATTLE’S APPLES
Our annual campaign to protect Seattle’s apple trees and increase harvestable apple yield, through education and action to reduce pest damage.

- **20,000 pest prevention bags** distributed within the community
- **60 public trees netted** during **17 work parties**
YOUTH PROGRAMMING

We hosted 3 youth Harvest Crew programs, which offered in-depth trainings for 36 students.

We hired 2 youth harvesters through the City of Seattle’s SYEP program and 1 UW intern.

We hosted a month-long Harvest Crew summer training for 20 students, in partnership with Walk Away City Collaborative (WACC). These 20 students were certified as Master Fruit Tree Stewards.

EDUCATION

Hosted 13 workshops
Graduated 10 new MFTS students

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 Master Fruit Tree Steward graduates!

Alora McGavin
Amanda Gosspack
Andre Golard
Antje Mueller
Ian McCutcheon
Jeff Archer
Julia Weese-Young
Meara Heubach
Michael Kim
Mina Le
Shannon Lazzarotto
COMMUNITY EVENTS

City Fruit hosted 12 pop-up farm stands during harvest season. All attendees received free fruit!

City Fruit’s Fruit for All pop-up on September 4th was an emblematic gathering of our fruit sharing community. We joined the High Point Farm Stand and shared our fruit with their gardeners and customers, as well as City Fruit members. One of our community partners, ROAR (Roots of All Roads), also joined the festivities with their own farm stand - and a bicycle-powered smoothie blender!

Our annual City Fruit Celebrates event brought nearly 200 people together, celebrating the end of another successful harvest season and highlighting our 20+ community partners.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Asian Counseling & Referral Services Food Bank
Ballard Food Bank
Byrd Barr Food Bank
Common Acre
El Centro de la Raza Food Bank
Ethiopian Community in Seattle
FamilyWorks Food Bank
FareStart
Garden Innovators
Hunger Intervention Program
Interim-CDA
Jewish Family Services Food Bank
North Helpline
Queen Anne Food Bank
Rainier Beach Action Coalition
Rainier Valley Food Bank
Ravenna Pop-Up Kitchen
ROAR (Roots Of All Roads)
Roots Young Adult Shelter
Seattle Neighborhood Cooking Project
Seattle P-Patch program
South Park Community Center
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank
Tilth Alliance - Good Food Program
University District Food Bank
West Seattle Food Bank
White Center Food Bank
YWCA Food Bank
REFLECTIONS FROM OUR 2019 BOARD PRESIDENT

As we close the first full decade of City Fruit, I wanted to take a moment to thank our dedicated Board of Directors, outgoing Executive Director Carrie Ferrence, and supporters who have made City Fruit’s success possible. I’ve had the pleasure of working with many talented individuals, professionals, and passionate people dedicated to making Seattle a city for all. We come to City Fruit with different skill sets and backgrounds, but we are united and inspired by City Fruit’s mission and vision. This inspiration has fueled so much progress with City Fruit: expanding our harvest to all of Seattle and building an organization driving the conversation about urban orchards and stewardship. I have learned so much from these talented individuals, but we are only a part of City Fruit’s success.

During my time on the board, I’ve had the privilege of meeting many of our diverse group of supporters. We come from a wide range of backgrounds and circumstances that brought us to support City Fruit. Despite these different backgrounds, we are united by the same values: building community, stewarding our environment, and caring for our neighbors. These values brought me into the City Fruit community and have made me incredibly proud to serve on City Fruit’s board.

To all of our supporters over the years: thank you for making this work possible. Thank you for donating your time, money, and passion into making Seattle into a city for everyone. We have made incredible progress over the past 11 years, and I am excited to see where we take this organization in 2020.

Thank you,

Jeremy Erdman
2019 City Fruit Board President
FINANCIALS

REVENUE

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