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# Urban farming mission statement

Urban Farming's mission is to create an abundance of food for people in need by planting gardens on unused land and space while increasing diversity, educating youth, adults and seniors and providing an environmentally sustainable system to uplift communities.

## Who we are:

**Urban Farming** began in 2005 with three gardens in Detroit, Michigan, which is the Urban Farming Headquarter City. In just four and a half growing seasons, Urban Farming has now expanded into thirty cities across the country and abroad with the equivalent of over eight hundred gardens based off of a twenty by twenty foot garden size. A twenty by twenty foot Urban Farming Garden takes two semi-trucks of topsoil to create.

In addition to the Urban Farming Garden programs, the Urban Farming Model includes solutions to some of the contributing factors to hunger such as unemployment, lack of access to healthy produce and poor educational opportunities. We have programs designed to address these issues: Health and Wellness, Entrepreneurship and Money Management, Green Collar Jobs and Environmental Justice, and Youth and Adult Ambassador Program.

The Urban Farming vision is global and our mission is to end hunger in our generation by planting food on unused land and space for people in need and empowering suffering communities.

## What We Do:

Urban Farming is an international 501(c)3 organization headquartered in Detroit, Michigan. We bring people together in communities throughout America and abroad to plant food on unused land, space, rooftops and walls, with the intention of ending hunger in our generation, while greening the globe.

Each harvest is free for everyone to enjoy. Neighbours are encouraged to share their healthy food with local food banks to help others in need. We also host several green science gardens in schools Kindergarten through College age. Students learn about team building, skills training, self-sufficiency, environmental issues, health and nutrition. Older students receive the education and inspiration to prepare them for many types of green jobs, while being encouraged to stay in school and volunteer.

The Urban Farming Paradigm is designed to empower and lift suffering communities out of poverty. The model begins with the first of our seven guiding principles which is to create win-win relationships. We increase diversity while working together for a common cause, building safer cities, providing food security, and instilling hope for a better future. Planting attractive food gardens beautifies and uplifts communities while lowering

crime as well as the urban heat index. Growing locally reduces the use of fossil fuels related to transporting produce to and from stores.

Our key programs include: Community and Green Science Gardens, Urban Farming Food Chain Edible Walls and Rooftops, Health and Wellness, Environmental Justice and Green Collar Jobs.

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