

Junior Farmers Update

It is the end of the Junior Farmers 2014 season, and we are celebrating a plentiful harvest, hardworking students, creative educators and a city that we love. Each garden and every lesson given has been created from an abundance of determination and vision. We think that makes a difference, and we are proud of the kids we work with as well as the group of individuals that makes up our Farm Philly team.

Over the past few weeks we have had some exciting visitors and some monumental breakthroughs. On October 15, First Lady Michelle Obama visited Dorothy Emanuel Recreation Center, and we are told she had nothing but high praise for the gardens and the work being done with the kids involved in our program. We can't help but agree that Uchenna Nwoke, our Garden Educator at Emanuel, really has gone above and beyond. And speaking of above and beyond, the kids at Lee Cultural Center along with educator Sarah Morris hosted their first Farmers Market on November 6. The available produce for purchase included Swiss chard, cucumbers, bok choy, tomatoes, zinnias, basil, thyme, lavender and more!

We may be closing up the gardens for the winter but you can be assured that our team will be working throughout the winter to be ready for the 2015 season. During the 2014 season, Junior Farmers worked with over 300 youth, and we will be expanding to 30 sites for 2015 and hope to serve over 600 youth! We will be keeping you posted about how our program is growing, and how you can be a part of the Farm Philly movement!



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