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Impact Report - Community Programs



Notes from the Community!

Community Engagement

Over the past year, we have successfully held almost 100 community programs, engaging over 5,000 participants. Our efforts have strengthened our community connections and partnerships across the city.

Community Event Partners: We participated in several key events including Seedy Saturday, Doors Open London, Science Rendezvous, Punk Rock Flea Market, Forest City Road Races, and Fall Food Fest at the Covent Garden Market. These events allowed us to connect with the community and share our interactive educational activities.

Highlights of our Community Event Activities Include:

- Fresh Apple Cider Pressing
- Miracle Berry Taste Tests
- Garden-Themed Sensory Exploration
- Seedling Planting



Community Program Partners:

We also collaborated with diverse organizations such as London Public Libraries, Indwell, Junior Achievement, Childreach, Investing in Children, South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre, London Urban Services Organization, Hutton House, Cross Cultural Learner's Centre, Nshwaasnangong Child Care and Family Centre, the London Knights and many more, offering programs like foraging workshops, culinary classes, greenhouse tours, conference seminars and family garden programs.

Our successful community engagement is due to the dedication of our team and the support of our partners. We look forward to continuing these efforts in the coming year.

For program spotlights, keep reading!

- Christy Cook, Education Projects Manager



Program Spotlight: Family Garden Programs!

Spending time in the garden is a fun activity for all ages! We host a variety of family garden programs for caregivers and their children.

Having programs that are inclusive of multiple generations has several important benefits such as family bonding, knowledge and skill sharing, and inspiring curiosity in trying new foods. Kids are much more likely to try a new food fruit or vegetable that they pick in the garden than if it's just placed on their plate!





Program Spotlight: Community Events!



We love getting out in our community! For the second year in a row, our staff have both ran and walked in the Forest City Road Races and had an educational booth! Our booth in the children's zone gave out free fruit-infused water, and featured sensory exploration and seedling planting activities for toddlers and children. We love being a part of such a great cause that benefits charities across the city!



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