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December 1, 2017

Dear Friend and Supporter of Urban Tree Connection,

We have learned a lot this growing season at Urban Tree Connection (UTC) about weathering changes – welcoming new organizational leadership and staff with guidance from our enduring supporters and partners. We are putting our community gardens and farm sites to rest this winter with a re-invigorated commitment to building a local sustainable and equitable food system in the Haddington neighborhood of West Philadelphia.



Our accomplishments are a reflection of our talented staff, community leadership, partners, volunteers, and funders like you. Together this year, we:

- ▶ Hired 11 youth through our Teen Apprenticeship program, providing them 1:1 mentorship in urban farming, farm stand operations and facilitating education workshops.
- ▶ Distributed 9,100 lbs. of fresh, local affordable produce through community-led farm stands and CSA shares; and donated 200 lbs. of produce to families with low-income.
- ▶ Enriched our local ecology and sustainable growing practices through seed-keeping, vermicomposting, and building a pollinator wall at Neighborhood Foods Farm.

UTC has also been developing local and state-wide relationships with growers and food justice advocates through our coalition work, youth exchanges and participation in Food Policy Advisory Committee's Urban Agriculture city-wide strategic planning process.

This forward momentum is launching us into 2018 with our intentions set on deepening community partnerships and stewardship. We are depending on your support to sustain and grow our work.

We ask that you help us reach our goal of raising \$45,000.

Together, we are restoring a food system with the most marginalized communities through cultivating community leadership and land. We invite you to join our efforts by making a donation to Urban Tree Connection this holiday season, and to visit us in spring 2018, when we are back in the gardens and Neighborhood Foods Farm (more info to come).

With deepest gratitude,

Noelle Warford
Executive Director

Building Community One Vacant Lot at a Time