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REPORT

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Report Title: Chicago Botanic Garden Windy City Harvest Youth Farm Program Report and Windy City Harvest with Savor Chicago Report

Report Period: 2013

Summary: In 2013, the Chicago Botanic Garden Windy City Harvest Youth Farm program entered into a collaboration with After School Matters (ASM) to deliver both summer and after school academic year programming for CPS teens at the ASM gallery 37 building at 66 E. Randolph. The Urban Garden Lab program is based on the Youth farm education and sustainable gardening model and enrolls 15 students in a full summer, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. that trains them on sustainable roof top farm design, plant propagation and produce growing, with additional instruction in small scale aquaponics. Summer students are paid, and academic year students receive travel stipends.

Also in 2013 also, Windy City Harvest, in collaboration with Savor...Chicago, started vegetable production on a 20,000 s.f. portion of the McCormick Place rooftop garden. Produce grown at this location, which functions as a training and experimental site for Windy City Harvest, is all sold to Savor...Chicago's chef, who incorporates this premium produce into the thousands of meals he prepares for convention guests.