



KILLEEN CREATORS

WE GROW COMMUNITY



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ABOUT KILLEEN CREATORS

Mission

To combat food insecurity, PTSD, and disenfranchisement.

Vision

We envision a thriving and diverse greater Killeen community where everyone is healthy, valued, & empowered to contribute to their fullest potential.

Values

Killeen Creators are united by our commitment to a set of values—namely individual, social, racial, economic, and environmental autonomy and justice.

Killeen Creators know from experience that identifying as a creator and producer can be a powerful step toward self-efficacy for an individual as well as a community. Core to our vision and operating philosophy is that all individuals in a community and all neighborhoods within a larger community are interconnected and interdependent. When one person faces food insecurity or a neighborhood experiences blight or a food desert, it impacts everyone in neighboring communities. Working together to lift all individuals and neighborhoods in Killeen benefits all individuals and neighborhoods of and around Killeen.

Killeen Creators will practice radical inclusivity and forgiveness for the well-being of the greater community.



Our Work

20

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150-175

pounds of **produce**/month

pounds of **produce**/month



Community Gardens

AVE J COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our 1st Community Garden was established in the Summer of 2020 on an empty lot owned by Board of Directors member, Louie Minor, who donated a 2 year lease.



KELLY FLADING COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our 2nd Community Garden was created in the Spring of 2021 on land purchased by our co-founder, Kelly Flading. She donated the land to Killeen Creators prior to her passing in June, and her garden has been maintained since, in honor of her Vision.



THE ALVAREZ COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our 3rd Community Garden was established in September of 2021 with a 5 year donated lease from Ramon Alvarez - of his family's homestead on the corner of Atkinson and N. 18th Street.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Kristin Wright

In Spring of 2020 Kelly Flading and our other founding board members planted the first seeds for our first community garden in response to the closing of two grocery stores and North Killeen becoming a food desert.

Kelly envisioned a network of community gardens where neighbors worked side by side planting, tending, and harvesting healthy food. No gates. No locks. No fees. As important as the food, Kelly believed, is imparting trust and hope. Those seeds and Killeen Creators quickly grew with the help of dozens of donors and volunteers coming together to create 3 Community Gardens in North Killeen!

Tragically, we lost Kelly, our co-founder, in June to cancer. But our community continues to come together to make sure the seeds she planted are watered and tended and stewarded into the full-grown Vision she shared just months before.

We all plant SEEDS every day, with every thought, word, and action we take. We have influence. Pay attention, and you'll see - what you nurture, grows, and, you CAN make a difference. You matter.

In 2022 we will continue to plant seeds and grow our gardens and our community. With your help, together, we will establish gardens 4 & 5 and launch the ART of Recovery to help neighbors with PTSD grow from survivors into thrivers! Thank you to all who have and will contribute to Kelly's Dream.

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Planting Seeds



Our Workers



8



128

Volunteers in 2020

Volunteers in 2021



OUR BOARD

Our founding board members were Kristin Wright, James McWilliams, Kelly Flading, Brian Flading, Ken Wilkerson, Clayton Tucker, Louie Minor, and Aya Eneli. Our current board added: Billy Sneed, Sandra Blankenship, Rick Williams, and RayAnn Brown.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

In 2021 we grew from 8 volunteers to 128! Every garden work day (and we have 3 a week!) we have from 4-15 volunteers show up to help for a couple of hours. We're averaging over 300 volunteer hours a month - that's a LOT of sweat equity!!!



OUR SUPER VOLS & INTERNS

In addition to our outstanding board members and garden volunteers, we have a group of Super Volunteers and Interns who have gone above and beyond, taking on administrative start-up tasks while we work to develop funding for staff: James McWilliams, Program Director; Lois Mauk, Membership Coordinator; Ian Squire, Summer Intern; and more!





Our Impact

Nathan has really struggled with the changes in school with COVID these last couple of years. He gets distracted and frustrated easily with too many changes. The Community Gardens have been a Godsend for us - he always reminds me when a work day is coming up.

NATHAN'S MOM - MEGAN MURROW



It used to be I was really struggling. Right on these streets, I was the one needing help - with food and everything. Now I'm out here growing this food for others and even teaching them. It feels good.

**VOLUNTEER GARDENER
- JACQUELINE HEWITT**

Over 300 Families served!



At first I would just walk by the garden, and I noticed it made me happy. When I found out they needed waterers, I started watering a couple of days a week, and it's really helped with my anxiety and depression, getting out and being with people in the garden.

**VOLUNTEER GARDENER
- NICOLE MARTIN**

INCOME STATEMENTS

REVENUE ~ \$21,230

Sustaining
Membership

\$4,359

Individual
Donations

\$8,258

Grants

\$1,000

In-Kind

\$7,613

KEY CHALLENGES:

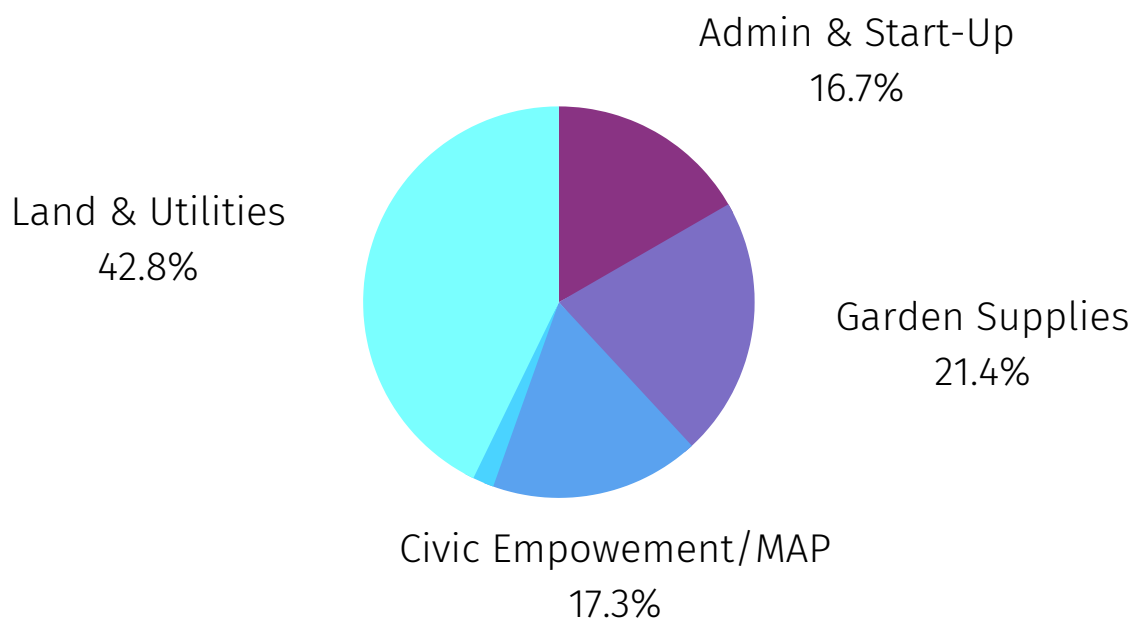
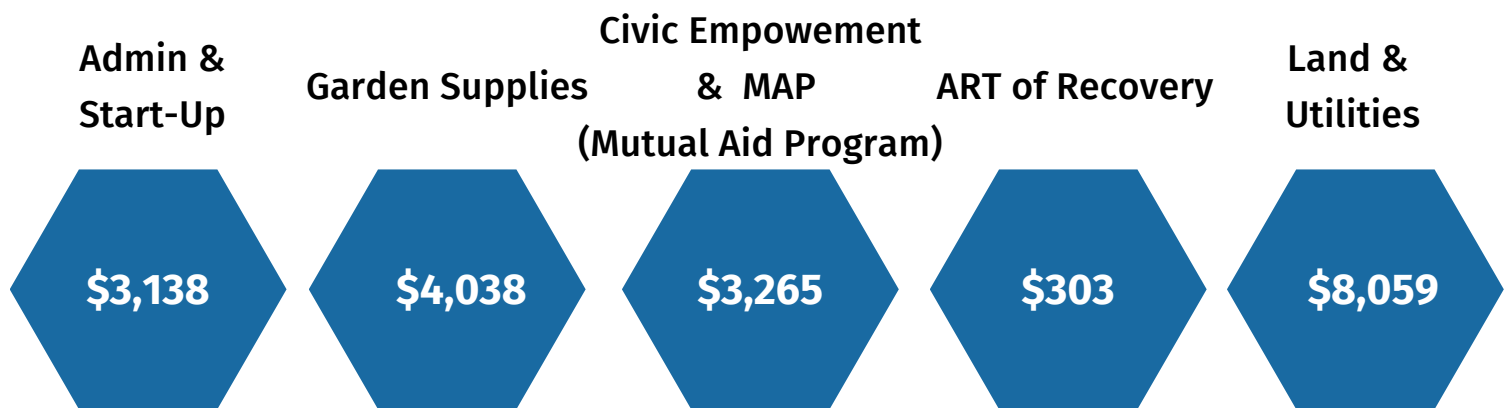
100% Volunteer led, administered, and executed

Typical Start-Up/1st Year challenges

Lost our co-founder mid-year

COVID

EXPENSES ~ \$18,803



2022

Plans & Projections

150> 300

pounds of produce/month

pounds of produce/month

PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY GARDENS

- Add 2 more community gardens
- Train & pay 2 Community Garden Organizers
- Sell surplus produce at Farmer's Markets

ART OF RECOVERY

- Monthly ART in the Garden Workshops
- Weekly Support Group for people w/PTSD
- Organize 2 or more Community Art Projects

CIVIC EMPOWERMENT

- Monthly Self-Empowerment Workshops
 - Gardening, Cooking, Entrepreneurship, Advocacy, Leadership
- Quarterly Community Organizing Workshops
- Annual Leadership Academy



FINANCIALS

Sustaining
Membership

\$4,950

Individual
Donations

\$9,400

Grants

\$16,700

In-Kind

\$7,700

Sales

\$1,600

Our Supporters

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Kristin Wright	Ramon Alvarez	Will Rosener
James McWilliams	John McPherson	Lisa Dolle
Clayton Tucker	Kim Bok	Maxie Rutledge
Aya Eneli	Catherine Colby	Tiffany Hall
Ken Wilkerson	Debbie Nash-King	Jennifer Hetzel
Rickey Williams	Jason Newton	Jutta Mack
Sandra Blankenship	Dean & Katrina Raein	Elena Reynolds
Jeffrey Bus	Nancy Glasscock	Lois Mauk &
Ann Hendrix	Tarah Nyburg	Mike Beavers
Randy Broussard	Lori Nerimar	Michael & Solange Hommel
Kelly & Brian Flading	Irene & Joan Hinshaw	MJ Gregory
Louie Minor	Michelle Mosley-Pace	Yolanda Vaughters

CORPORATE SPONSORS & GRANTS

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Benevity Community Impact Fund
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Chevron
St. Christophers Episcopal Church

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Sustaining Member



DONORS

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Charles Wilson
James Wilson
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Mylayna Albright
Michael Watson
Sherice Perry
Angela Stouder
Jen Morgan
Jason Taper
Ashay Venegopalan
Ryan Levins

Thank you!

In Honor & Memory of our dear Friend & Co-Founder

KELLY FLADING



I really like the model where the community just helps care for the garden and gets what they need for their family, PLUS the knowledge & confidence to grow their own food for their own self-sufficiency. "Take only what you need, give all that you can," that's my motto.

KELLY FLADING