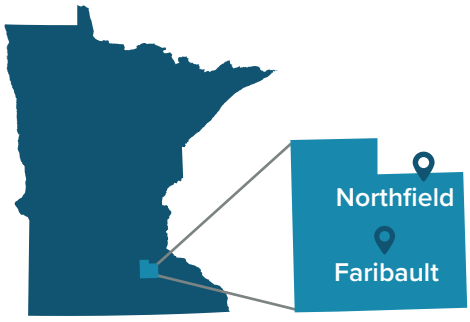
Years 1 and 2

Sharing Our Roots



Sharing Our Roots is a 163-acre farm working with Northfield-Faribault immigrants to improve access to organic foods and create pathways out of poverty for immigrants working low-wage farm jobs. A central part of Sharing Our Roots' work is accomplished through hiring Community Connectors, respected community members representing the diversity of the local community who are working to lead their neighborhoods toward food security and sovereignty in the region. These Community Connectors focus on food production, supporting community members in learning how to farm, and collaborating with other community organizations to distribute essential items. Community Connectors support over 142 local families across seven neighborhood gardens, and families that grow food in their own yard in two neighborhoods in Northfield-Faribault, including the organic Sharing Our Roots main farm, which allows immigrant community members to grow, consume, and sell organic, culturally specific food near their homes.





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Community Connectors

including 1 program manger

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Community gardens

in Northfield and Faribault

Year 1

1.48 Acres of growing space

Food grown in the gardens

Diverse varieties of tomato, tomatillo, chile (hot peppers), zucchini, squash, corn, kale, eggplant, strawberry, common beans and chinsaga squash

Food distribution

Direct to community members/ households, food shelves, food distribution events, farmers markets, land access (i.e. for community members to grow their own food)

All community partners

CAC Faribault, Rice County Food Council, Cannon River Park, Healthfinders Clinic, Faribault Rotary Club, Growing Up Healthy, Greenvale Apartments, Northfield Public School District, St Dominic Parish Office, U of M Extension, River Walk Farmers Market, Heritage Day Organizer, Health Day Clean River Water, CAC Northfield

"They are organic and better and my son likes to go eat the strawberries, he doesn't even wash them, he just goes for it." – Gardener

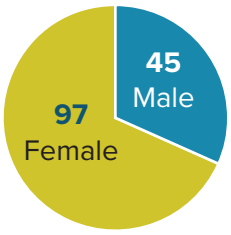
Garden demographics

142 Gardeners

7 Gardens

142 Adults (18+)

0 Youth





African/ African American | Latinos | Asian | White

Year 2

1.5 Acres of growing space

Food distribution

Individuals, families, friends, food shelves given in Faribault and Northfield, farmers markets, and cultural sharing

9,400 pounds of food distributed
190 households served
30,170 pounds of food grown
2 new rice plots (not done before)

"I want to learn to cultivate my own foods at work but also for my kids so they can learn... I also have my grandson which I take so that all generations can know to leave a legacy like that." – Gardener

"I love being with people. I love helping people. I love serving people. That's my passion...Whether you call me at night, I'd respond to you because I don't know what problem you have got. And these are people from my own country. We speak the same language." – Community Connector

Gardeners and youth involved in the Community Connectors Program in Northfield and Faribault:

	Total	Female	Male
East African adults	28	22	6
Kenyan youth	35	-	-
White	11	7	4
Latinos	69	36	33
Asian Americans (Cambodian)	15	8	7

158 People