

# 2015

annual report



mission: grow food, build community

**The vision of the Cable Community Farm is that our community will have abundant access to affordable, healthy food and that our farm will be a hub for learning and growing.**

**We value sustainability, inclusivity, and collaboration.**



## letter from the executive director

On a sunny Saturday morning in July, there are a handful of people working their garden plots in the Community Garden at the Cable Community Farm. Three are teachers who enjoy growing fresh produce during the summer months, one is a second home owner who is weeding her cucumbers so her husband can make and give away jars and jars of his famous pickles, two are food shelf recipients who are growing staples for their families to enjoy through the year. It's a diverse group, sharing space and resources and friendly banter across the garden paths. It's a community of growers that adds up to much more than the sum of its parts.

As the Executive Director for the Cable Community Farm, I am fortunate to work within a community that embraces both

diversity and inclusivity, where healthy food is shared joyfully and abundantly. I am also fortunate to work with a Board of Directors that understands that growing and sharing healthy food is an important component to building a resilient community.

We are excited to greet 2016 with a new tractor and a new seasonal high tunnel so that we can expand our growing space and extend our growing season. We also look forward to getting the Downtown Garden ready for planting.

We hope you will join us by volunteering in the Growing Together Garden, helping with a Spring Work Day, or participating in a workshop. Your gift of time strengthens our community.

With gratitude,  
Katie Hancock

## 2015 board of directors

Aaron Campbell, Jackie Kruse, Kristine Lendved, Metro Maznio III, Caroline Perkins, Emily Stone, Susan Thurn, and Kelli Tuttle

# growing food



## Growing

The Community Garden was full of life throughout the growing season, with 25 gardeners growing food for themselves, their families, and neighbors. Through volunteer labor in the Growing Together Garden, we **donated 250 pounds of fresh, organic produce** to the Cable Area Food Shelf. We delivered 33 different varieties of produce, along with recipes featuring the donated produce. The **Drummond Explorers 4-H** group planted, tended, and harvested all of the squash in the Growing Together Garden!

## Learning

We held four **Let's Get Growing** classes and two **Food Preservation** classes that were offered free of charge to all members of our community. The classes were attended by over 30 individuals, with most participating in more than one class. We held a hands-on workshop to plant a **Native Plant Pollinator Garden** and a workshop on Bent Willow Trellis making as part of **Cable Garden Fest**. We also learned how to raise **Cornish X Broiler Chickens and Pekin Ducks**, which were made available to members of the community looking for local, organic sources of protein.

## Sharing

We distributed **1,100 pounds of fresh, organic produce through Free Food Mondays**. Fresh food was harvested every Sunday night during the growing season and placed in the "milk house" building at the Cable Community Farm. Anybody was welcome to pick up the fresh food. The Vegetable of the Year for 2015 was kale and we gave away **1,500 packets of kale** seed throughout the community so people could grow some of their own food.

# building community



## Volunteers

37 volunteers donated 433 volunteer hours to grow food in the **Growing Together Garden**. Volunteers also delivered baskets of fresh produce to community members, participated in Work Days, baked treats for classes, built fences, painted farm buildings, and smiled through it all. Most of them felt that they benefitted more themselves than the recipients of their work.



## Collaborators

We enjoyed partnering with other nonprofit organizations, such as the **Cable Natural History Museum**, to broaden our reach and deepen our offerings. We enjoyed having girl scouts and students from the **Drummond Schools** at the Cable Community Farm. We all know that it's important to work together.



## Community Projects

We established the **Downtown Garden** for residents in the downtown Cable area with raised beds and a tall fence. We grew flowers in the **Theatre Flowers Garden** for the Chequamegon Children's Theater. We added 24 laying hens to the Community Chicken Coop and those **hens produced 3915 eggs in 2015!** Community projects provide opportunities for everybody to be involved.



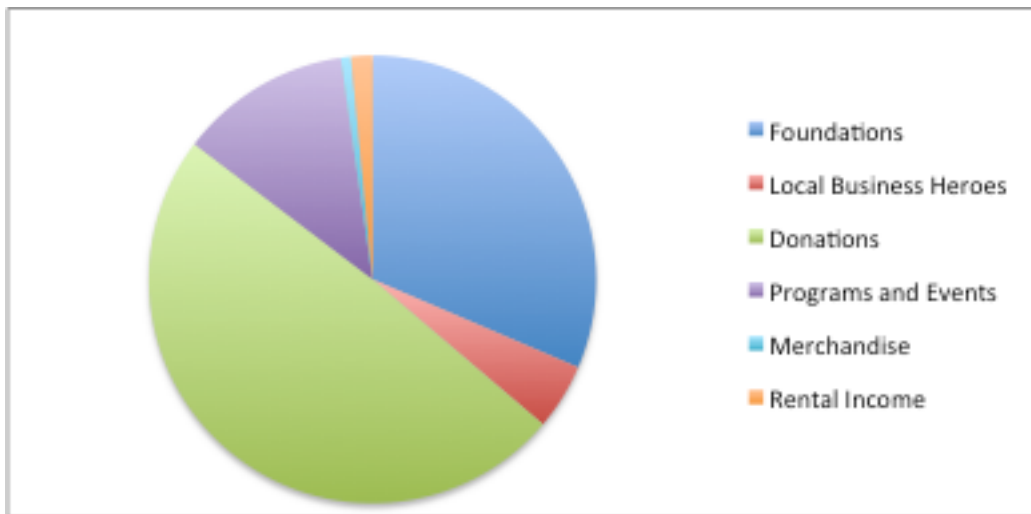
## Community Events

We held a potluck-style **Harvest Dinner** that is open to everybody in the community. This year's dinner featured lots of kale, the 2015 Vegetable of the Year. We held our second **Community Halloween Party** in 2015 with over 100 people who enjoyed the haunted barn, spooky garden, candy, hot chocolate, and a bonfire on a very chilly night in October.

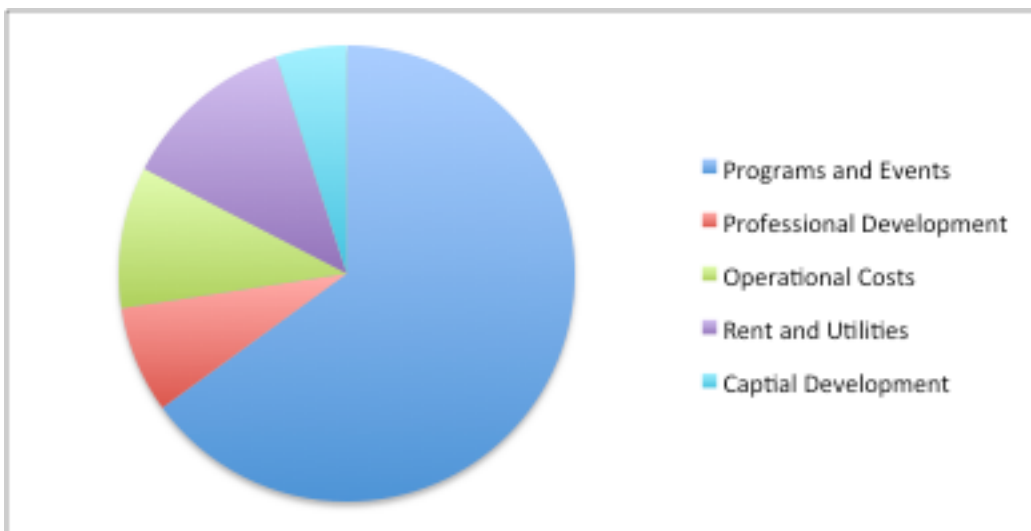
# financial reports

**support and revenue:**

**total: \$28,135**



**expenses:**



**Thank you for contributing to our  
mission in 2015:**

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Cable Chiropractic  
Cable Triple G  
Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival  
CrossWoods Camp  
Cable Lumber and Home  
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King Realty  
Living Hope Community Church  
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