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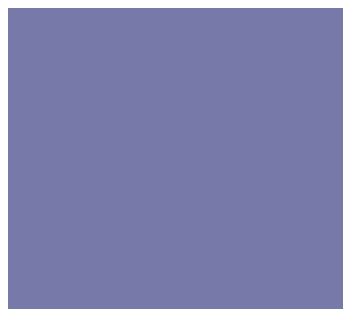
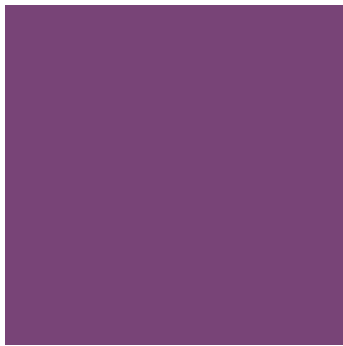
annual report



mission: grow food, build community

The vision of the Cable Community Farm is that our community has abundant access to affordable, healthy food and that our farm is a hub for learning and growing. We value sustainability, inclusivity, and collaboration.

**Cable Community Farm
13765 Perry Lake Road
Cable, WI 54821**



letter from the executive director

In the tiny, rural town of Cable, Wisconsin (population 825), there were 42 garden plots tended by members of the community to grow fresh, organic produce for themselves and their neighbors. That's a pretty big statement about the community in which we live, work, and play. **We care about the food that we eat and we care about the earth.** As the Executive Director of the Cable Community farm, I am grateful to be part of this generous and committed community.

Because of your generosity, we installed a "seasonal high tunnel" (also known as a "hoop house") to extend the growing season in our northern climate. We also installed a deer-proof fence around the farmyard, protecting the Community Orchard, Community Vineyard, Theatre Flowers Garden, and the beekeeping operation.

Bees play an important role in the life cycle of most plants. The beekeeping operation was expanded from one to five hives in 2107 in order to foster biodiversity on the farm. The Community Chicken Coop is in full-swing, with 8 households having an opportunity to care for the laying flock and take home fresh eggs.

With so much uncertainty in the world, it's good to know that there are things we can do to make our community healthier and more resilient. We can grow some of our own food. We can plant habitat for pollinators. We can constantly strive to do better.

Cheers to doing better in 2018!
Katie Hancock

2017 board of directors Katie Hancock, Jackie Kruse, Kristine Lendved, Sarah Letke, Metro Maznio III, Amy Nigbor, Emily Stone, Leslie Strapon, and Dodson Thompson

growing food



Growing

There were **42 garden plots** that were tended during the summer of 2017 between the Community Garden, the Hoop House, and the Downtown Garden. That's a lot of locally-produced fresh, organic produce going straight from the earth to kitchens! The Community Garden paths were straightened and the plots remarked thanks to the Community Garden Coordinators. Our volunteer flower gardener tended the Theatre Flowers Garden to grow flowers for the **Chequamegon Children's Theater**.



Learning

With three interns living in the farmhouse this summer, there was plenty of learning and sharing going on in all corners of the farm. The interns not only gained **hands-on experience with sustainable** agriculture, they also shared what they had learned through weekly "biodiversity tours", "pollinator parties", and open garden events in the Growing Together Garden. The interns also tended the **Community Vineyard** and **Community Orchard**. These interns, and those that follow in their footsteps, will go on to become leaders in the local food movement



Sharing

The **2017 Vegetable of the Year was the pea!** We distributed over 1,000 packets of pea seeds to students at the Drummond Schools, to the community through our Local Business Heroes, and at the Fourth of July parade. We distributed over 1,000 pounds of fresh, organic produce to the **Cable Area Food Shelf** and Free Food Mondays. One of our volunteers also delivered baskets of fresh food to members of our community who are unable to get out to the farm.

building community



Volunteers

Since the Cable Community Farm is an all-volunteer organization, volunteers make everything we do possible! Volunteers worked in the **Growing Together Garden**, participated in Work Days, built fences, painted farm buildings, and smiled through it all. We are so grateful for the many hands that lighten the load.



Community Partners

We love to partner with other organizations and businesses in the community! This summer, we shared a “pollinator intern”, with the **Cable Natural History Museum**. The intern lived in the farmhouse and gave weekly “biodiversity tours” at the farm. We also love hosting **Redbery Storytime** every summer!



Community Projects

We installed a **Community Hoop House** this year so that 8 households can grow fresh produce from March through November! We also grew tomatoes and cucumbers for the **Cable Area Food Shelf**. The **Community Chicken Coop** provides an opportunity for 8 households to help care for a flock of laying hens and take home fresh eggs each week.



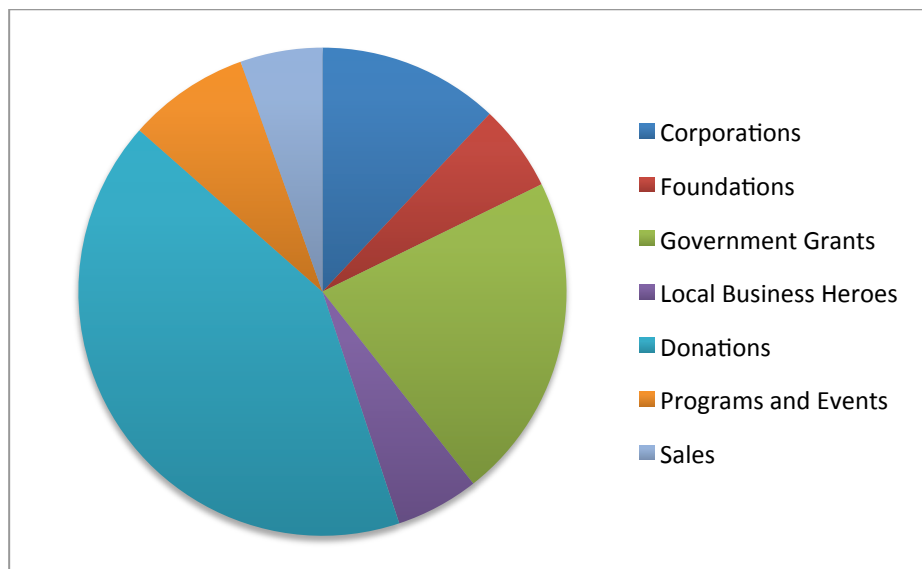
Community Events

We participated in the **Cable Farmers Market**, selling extra produce from the Growing Together Garden and flowers from the **Theatre Flowers Garden**. One week, we had a “blender bike” at the Farmers Market, courtesy of United Healthcare. We also enjoyed our 5th annual **Harvest Dinner** at the Cable Community Center in October.

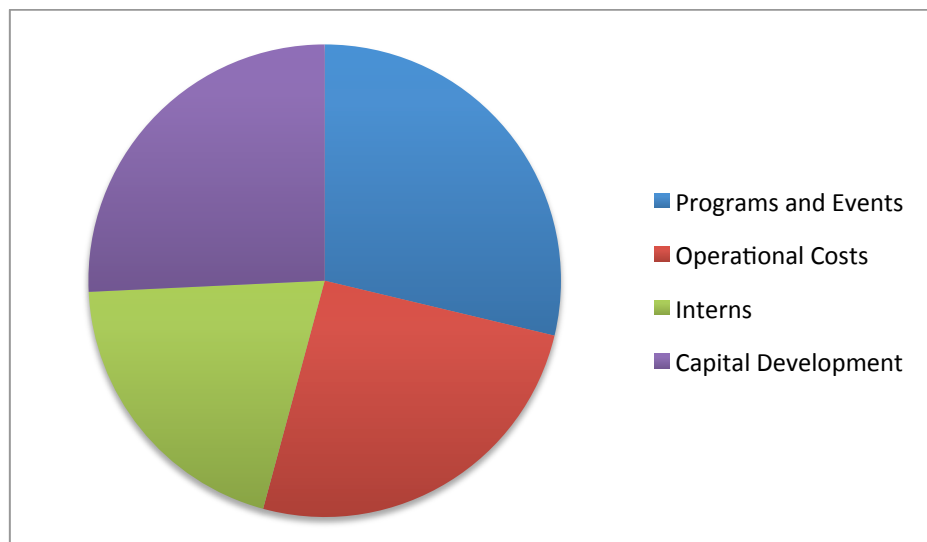
financial reports

support and revenue:

total: \$17,252



expenses:



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to our mission in 2017:**

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Cable Lumber and Home
Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival
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