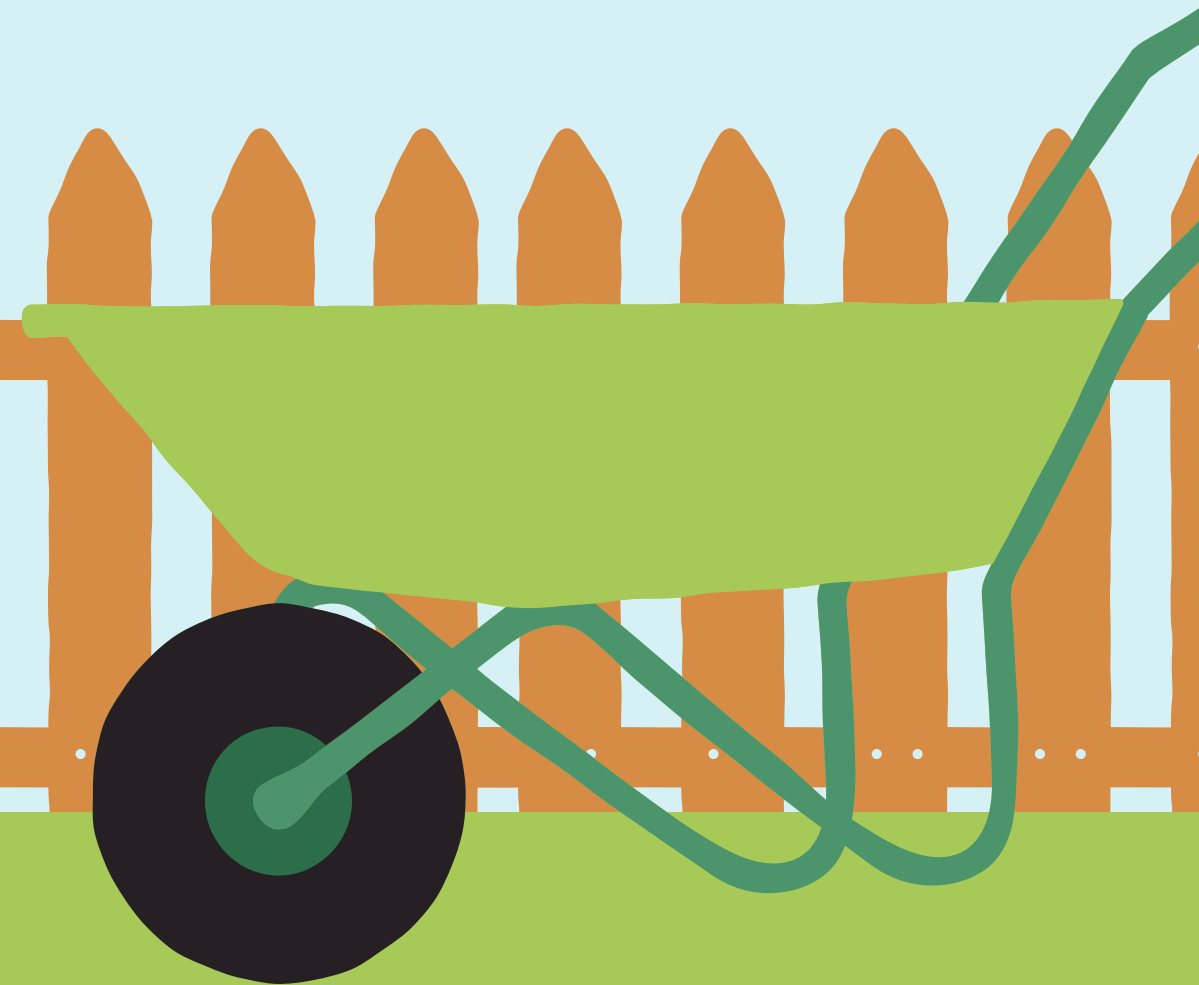


KIDS FEEDING KIDS





OUR HISTORY

The program began in 2014 and was founded by my father John L Cole Jr.

One of his students held up a potato he had grown at school and said “Hey Mr Cole I can feed my family with this!”

So he thought about it and said maybe every school can do this.

His belief was that hungry kids can't learn as well as kids who have food.

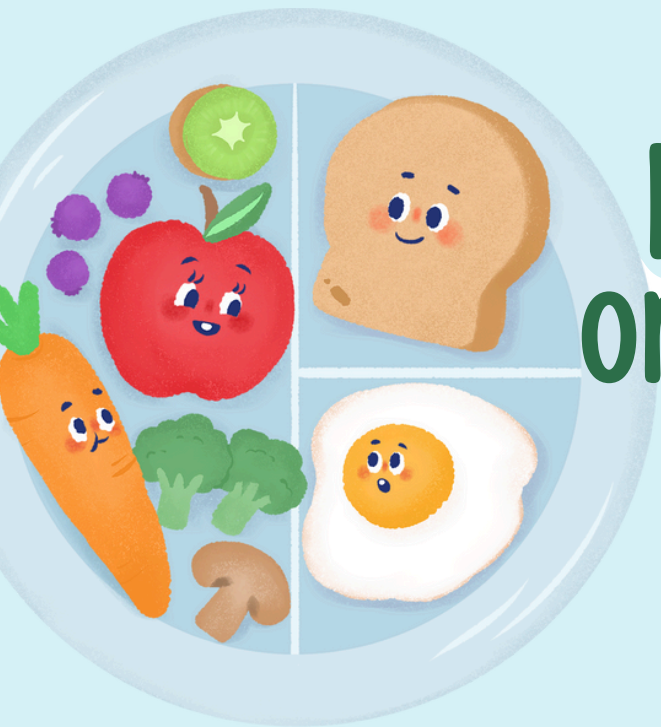


OUR HISTORY

16 million kids in the us alone do not know where their next meal is going to come from and the only time they eat a meal is at school.

He worked closely with different organizations like Kiwanis Club, FFA, 4H, and University of Florida extension offices.

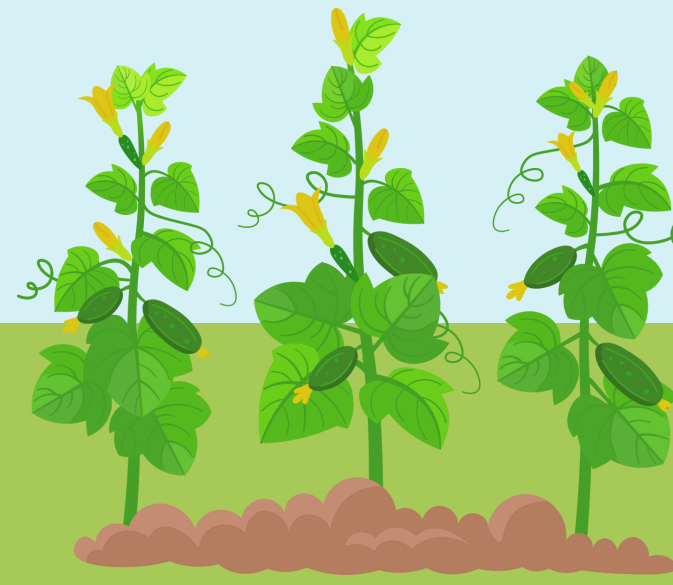
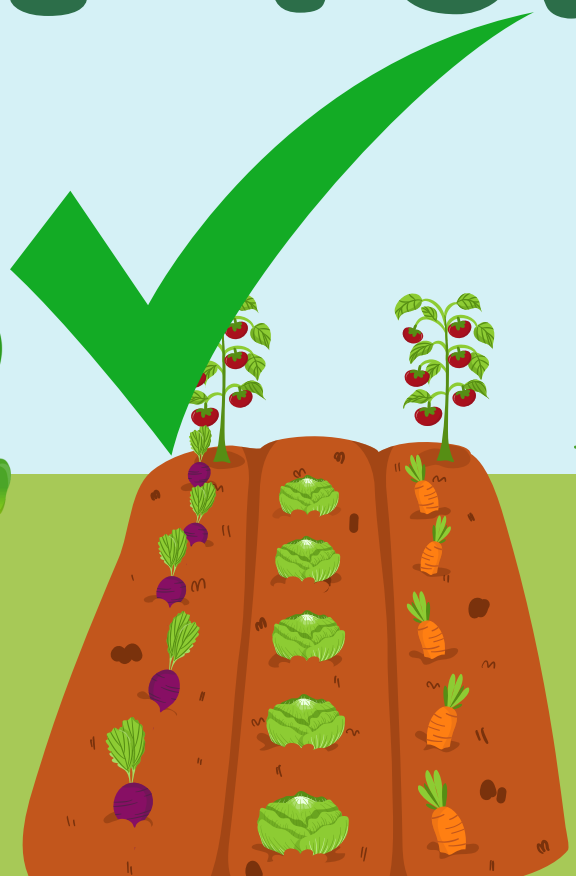
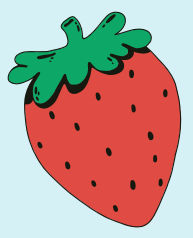
He also started the BackPack program that has been successful in the schools even today.





THE PROGRAMS MOTO

“Don't Mow it,
Grow it.”

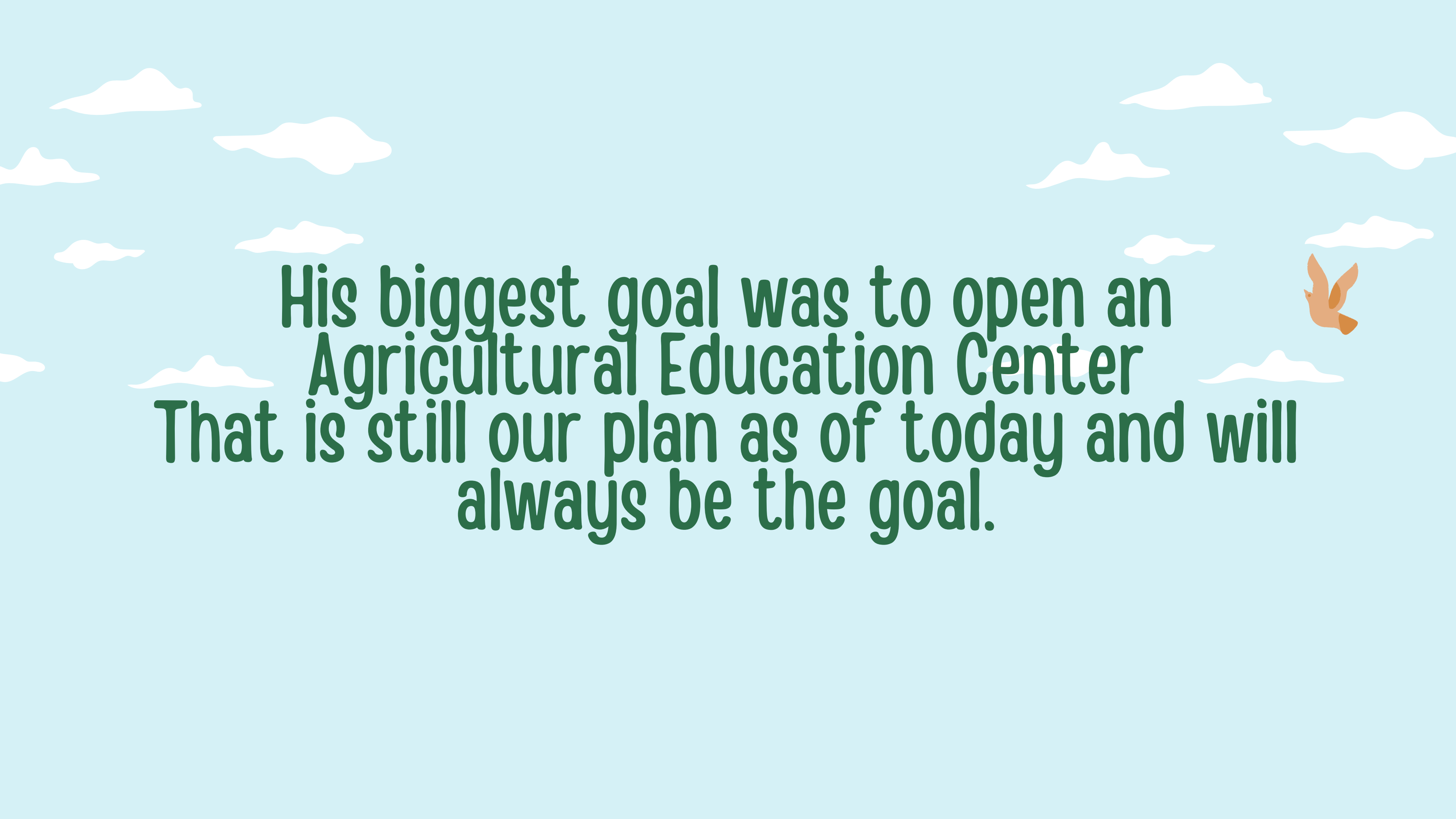




He passed away in 2020 of cancer.
The last year of his life, we spent a lot of time together and one of his wishes for me was to continue his program and build it into something that would help so many people.

It was big shoes to fill but I took his wishes and have continued to grow the program to what we are today.





His biggest goal was to open an
Agricultural Education Center
That is still our plan as of today and will
always be the goal.



OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

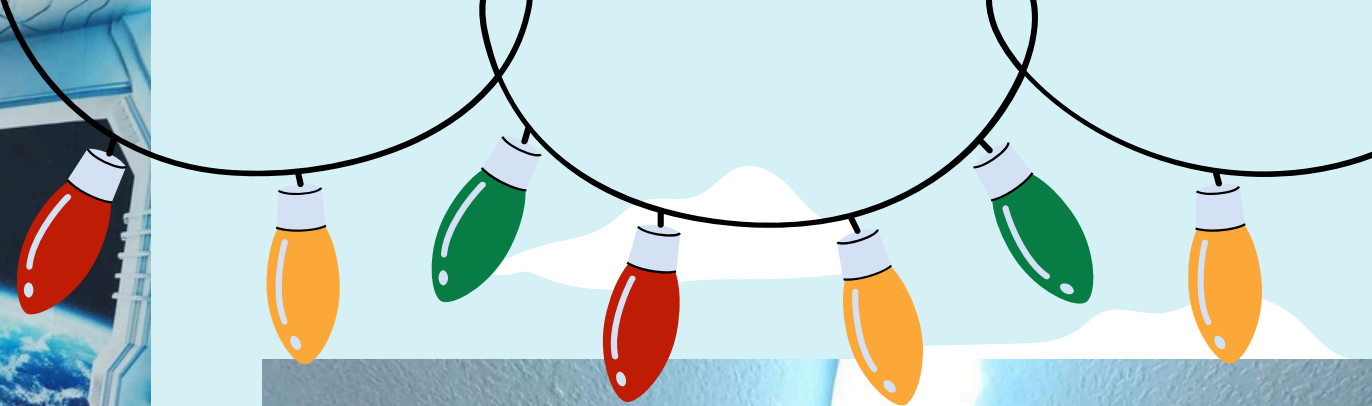
Since taking it over, we have added new chapters to the program.

We decided right after he passed away, to start annual giveaways.

He passed away in November and everyone wanted to really help me take off with the program so we picked about 10 families I believe to help for Thanksgiving and we had 25 kids we gave presents to for Christmas

We are now in our 4th year and we will have helped over 100 families for Thanksgiving and will help about 100 kids for Christmas.
This year will be helping over 200 families for Thanksgiving and 200 kids for Christmas.

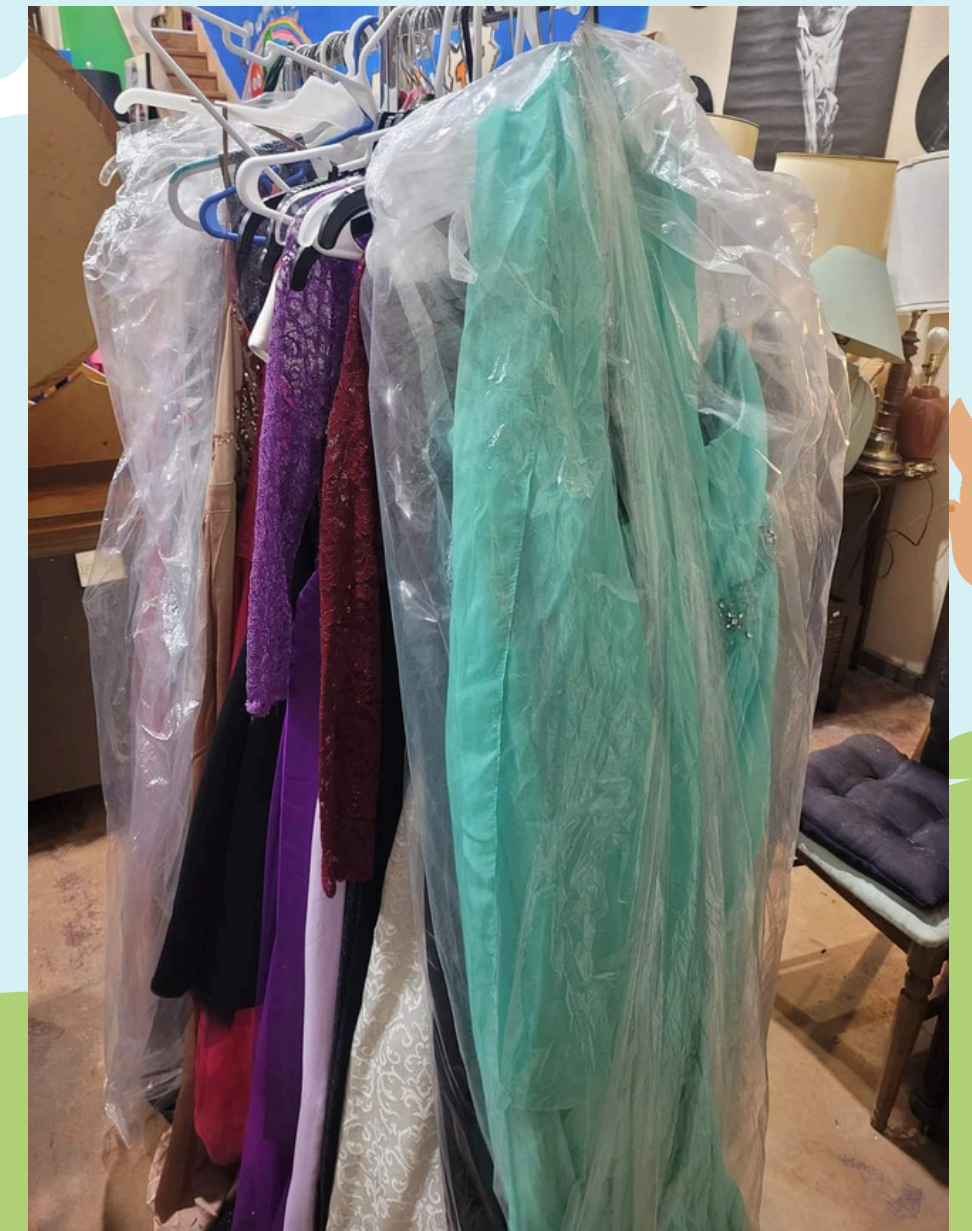




In 2021 we decided to begin a thrift store to help fund the events and our plans for the ag center. It started with a small 1200sq ft building and within a year we had to move to a much larger location which is 4500sq ft now.



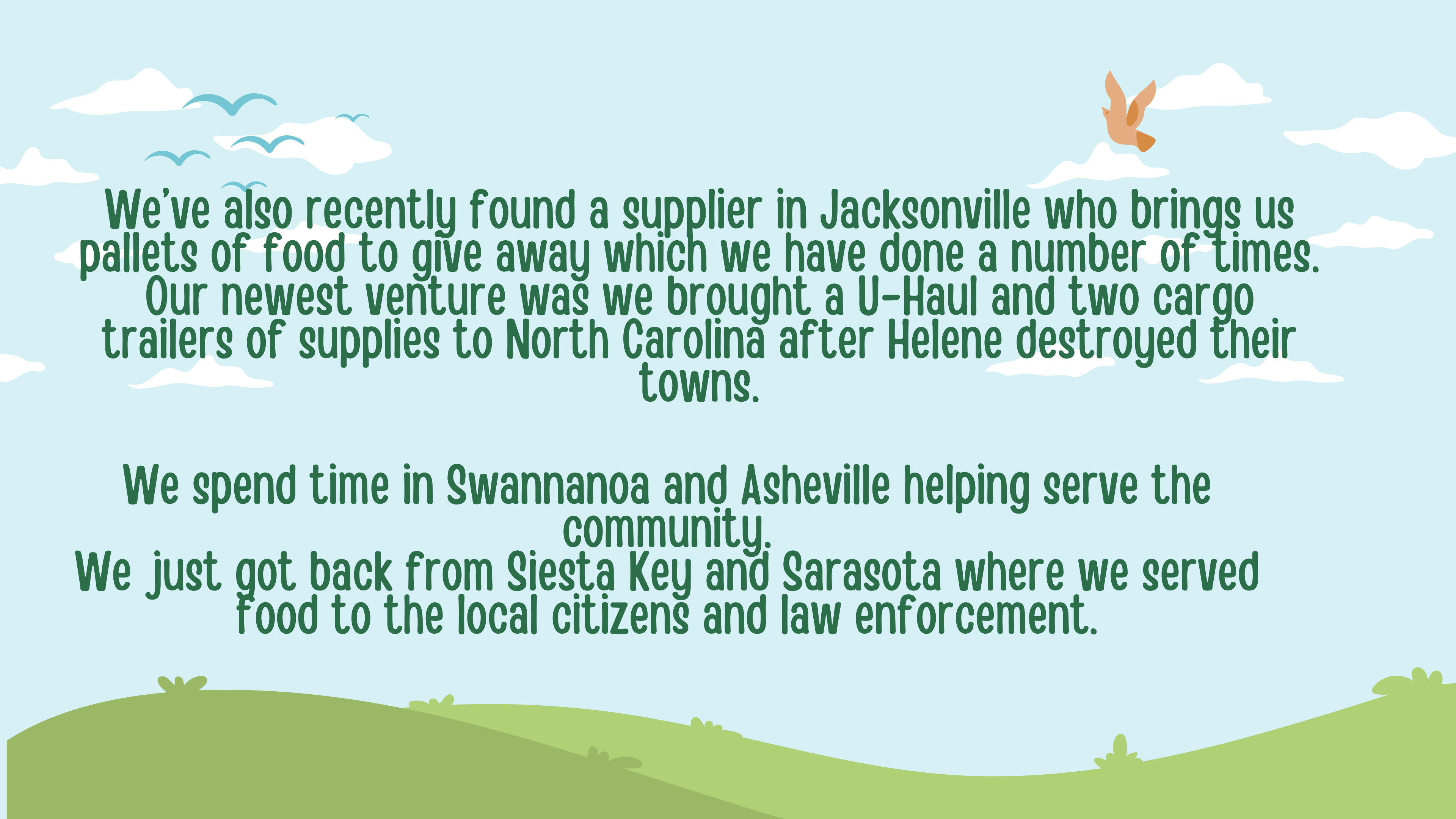
The store has not only been a source for our program events but has been a ministry in helping thousands through the years with clothing, food, school supplies and we also give away prom dresses every year to young ladies who you don't have the ability to buy expensive dresses.





We work with United Way, DCF, Meridian, and Suwannee Valley 4Cs plus the public schools when families are in need for clothing, food and more. We also work with Juvenile Justice to help these young people get their community hours and coach them to find better ways in life to go.

Our reputation is growing within the justice system because the kids are doing really well with us.



We've also recently found a supplier in Jacksonville who brings us pallets of food to give away which we have done a number of times. Our newest venture was we brought a U-Haul and two cargo trailers of supplies to North Carolina after Helene destroyed their towns.

We spend time in Swannanoa and Asheville helping serve the community.

We just got back from Siesta Key and Sarasota where we served food to the local citizens and law enforcement.



OUR FUTURE

One of our biggest obstacles has been starting the agriculture. We can only do so much at the thrift store. I have taught small classes locally to help kids learn gardening in the past few years.

Our plan has been to begin and sustain a community garden.



OUR FUTURE



We have been consistently looking for a place to begin this and our heart has always been to have a place that people can come pick their food off of the plants and also have other things for the community.

This community garden will be a place for people who can't afford food to come and get what they need to feed their families. But also to have the youth come and learn to grow their own food for their families.

There's nothing more amazing than seeing our food come from just a small seed.

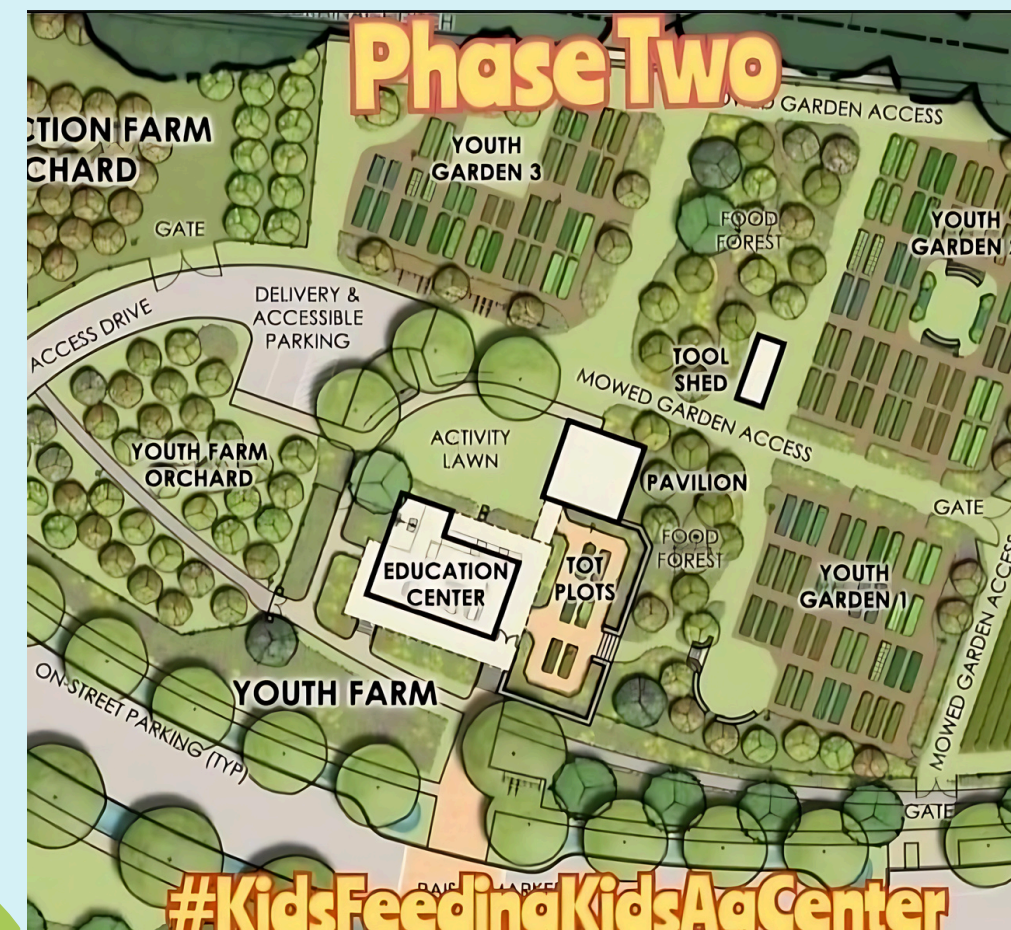


The plan as we begin this community garden is to start right away with using the grant which is up to \$10,000 from Target to supply the garden with everything needed to begin growing.
Here are the phases for both kinds of gardening.

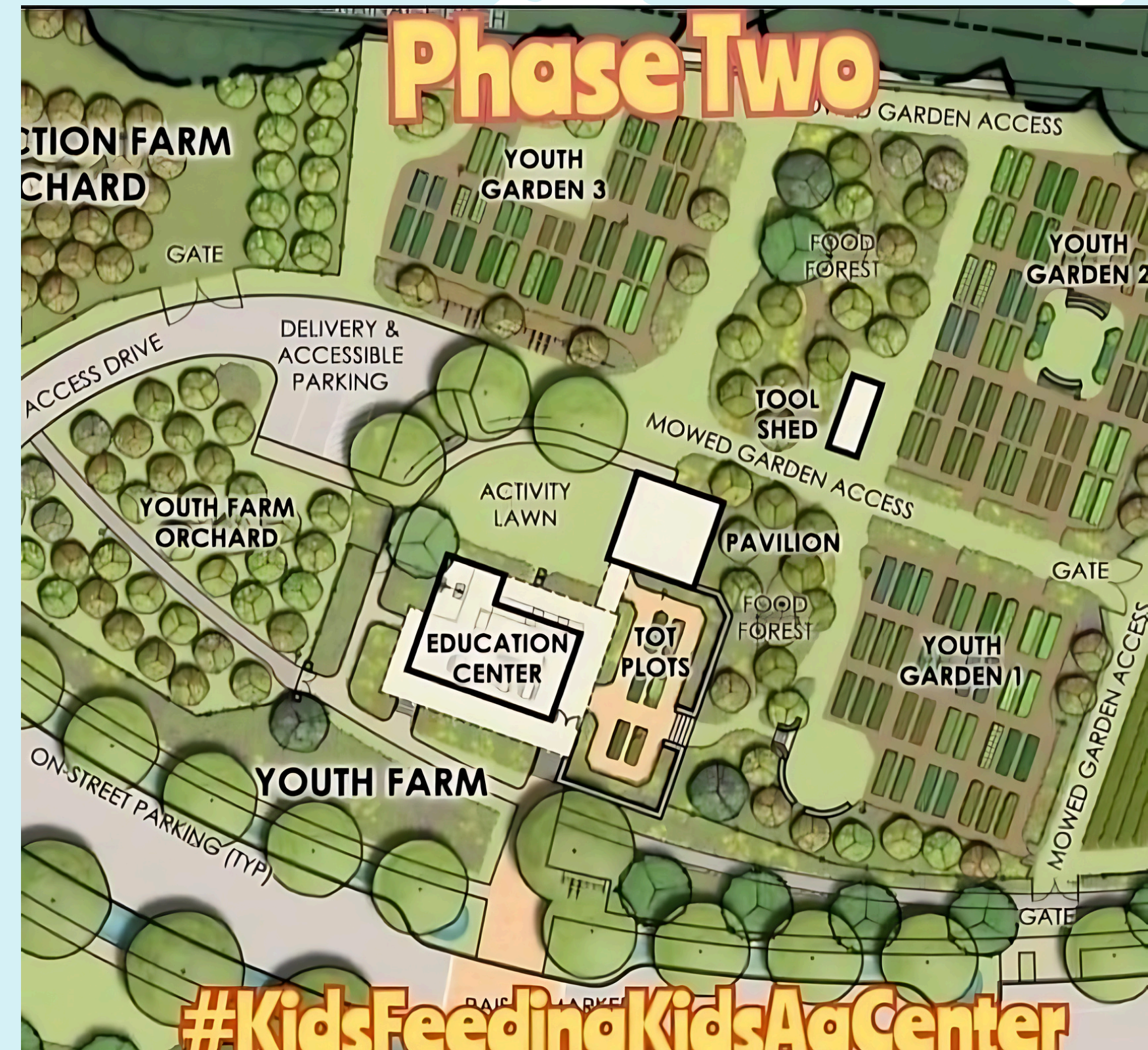
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The first one are vertical hydroponic towers which we have currently.
This will be a way to teach the young people how to grow food 50% faster with 90% less water.

The second one is our youth gardens. This will be more traditional gardening.



OUR FUTURE



OUR FUTURE

This area will be where the kids will learn and grow different vegetables, fruits and edible flowers and herbs. We will also have areas for landscaping plants and camp like areas to have classes for their horticulture certifications.

I believe with the land here we'll also have room for a storage shed for a food pantry and one for clothing to give away when needed.

The space left will be for more gardens like potatoes and other vegetables

OUR FUTURE

Our plan is to work with home school kids during the day time and have after school classes during the week, along with Saturday classes and events.

Once the food is grown we will start having U Pick it days for families to come out and gather the food.

The kids that help us will have their own gardens to pick from as well.

We will also have the food pantry for families when needed as well as clothing pantry supplied from donations at our thrift store.

This is just a small part of our vision and ministry.
We are asking the City to help us bring some relief to
families in our community and teach these kids
something positive that has proven to help them find
careers in Agriculture and farming.



Thank You

FOR LISTENING!

