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IGNITING STUDENT PASSIONS

TENN found lots of ways to ignite student passion throughout the year. TENN student leaders' passions were ignited by playing a pivotal role in the University's Laudato Si' Challenge, by presenting to Jesuit Leadership, in navigating the transition to a new manager and addressing issues of food insecurity in our community. They also ignited the passions of other students by hosting groups from Xavier University and partnering with University Ministry as well as with "The Great Pumpkin Challenge" and hosting our annual Food Fest. Read on for more details.



2022 IN NUMBERS

14,217

Pounds of food delivered to the community

71%

Of food delivered was fresh produce

50

Families fed through our produce deliveries

1,215

Hours volunteering for TENN service events

113

Unique volunteers for TENN service events

393

Students reached through TENN programming

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Princeton Street Block Club Partnership & Produce Deliveries



TENN continued to build our relationship with the Princeton Street Block Club (PSBC). We hosted four game nights to provide residents of PSBC, members of TENN and students the opportunity to interact and have fun. Our virtual game nights included a black history and spring-themed event. Our Halloween and winter game nights were held with an in-person with a virtual option. Each event included laughs, great conversations and original games that Oliver Gamez, our Community Engagement Manager created. In-person events also included goodie bags, prizes and snacks.

Volunteers increase by 72%

2022 was also a year of successful produce deliveries to PSBC. Thanks to the campus transitioning into more in-person classes, we saw a 72% increase in volunteer numbers for produce deliveries compared with the previous year. More volunteers allowed us to better serve the community and provide fresh produce.

PSBC's impact on TENN ...

...expanded this year as they helped hire our new manager and participated in the strategic planning process. Three members of PSBC helped with these two processes. Their insight and thoughtful interview questions helped us find the right fit for TENN and our relationship with PSBC.

“We love TENN! You are such a blessing.” – PSBC Resident



Putting the Laudato Si' into Action:

TENN partnered with the Office of Mission Integration and the Great Lakes Bioneers and received funding from the Sisters of Mercy for Detroit Mercy's Laudato Si' Challenge. TENN's role was to provide opportunities for Detroit Mercy students, faculty and staff to engage in activities that promote sustainability and justice in the food system which included:

- **The Great Pumpkin Challenge:** to prevent pumpkins from ending up in landfills. Including -
 - An on-campus drop-off site for pumpkins
 - A Booth at Eastern Market
 - Great Pumpkin Challenge kit provided to participants at Bioneers Conference
- **Teaching Opportunities:** about sustainability
 - At the Bioneers Conference
 - And on-campus tabling event
 - Library Display Case (see the last page)
- **Backpack Challenge:** encouraged students to review the contents of their backpacks for sustainability. Eg: Do they carry a reusable water bottle?
- **Thrifting Challenge:** How to make sustainable choices when purchasing clothing
- **Composting at Home:** Including tips for composting at home using community farms.



MANY THANKS TO:
Midtown Composting, who
composted our collected
pumpkins, and Apple Fritter
Donuts, who supplied us with
donuts.



“After seeing your pumpkin challenge at Eastern Market, I couldn't stop thinking about waste in the U.S. Other countries don't throw out food like we do.”
— Community member



Sustainability Chair, Cari Gamlin provides educational materials at TENN tabling event

Internships

In 2022, TENN provided internships for five Detroit Mercy students, including three architecture students and two social work interns. TENN placed three other students in internships with partner organizations.

Health Fair

TENN, the College of Health Professions and the School of Dentistry hosted a diabetes health fair to address the importance of preventative care in diabetes treatment. TENN supported the event by providing fresh produce from Eastern Market to participants, along with recipes and food access resources.



Food Justice Immersion Days

TENN continued to spark interest in food justice by connecting students from various universities to the amazing work going on in Detroit. TENN hosted two events for students from Xavier University, the University of Portland and partnered with University Ministry here at Detroit Mercy to host two more Immersion Food Justice Days. These events invite students to encounter the economic, social and racial systems preventing healthy and sustainable food access. This year, students visited Eastern Market, Marygrove, Pharmacy Foods and Keep Growing Detroit.

Supporting our Community

In 2022, TENN supplied a total of 50 volunteer hours in support of partner farms throughout Detroit. We organized seven garden days in which TENN staff and student volunteers, learned from and did work for Marygrove Farm, JB's Farm, Keep Growing Detroit and Yad Ezra. Garden days are an opportunity for students to get off campus, serve the community and learn about Detroit's expansive urban farm culture.



Campus Garden

This was a strong year for TENN's campus garden as we partnered with the School of Architecture & Community Development. TENN hired two architecture students to re-design the campus garden using researched backed practices. We were able to supplement seven produce deliveries with what was harvested from our garden. The designed space was dedicated as Adia's Spot to commemorate Adia Palmer, a member of TENN who passed away in 2022.



Food Fest

This year's Food Fest fundraiser included a variety of events offered virtually and in person. These included a Kick-Off event in which students and faculty could purchase a bag of ingredients and recipes and a variety of virtual cooking and artisan classes with local Detroit chefs. Thank you to everyone who made the events a success and helped TENN raise \$6,700!

Food Fest Recipes 2022:

- Peach Cobbler Dump Cake
- Seafood Gumbo
- Puff Puff
- Dalgona



Recognized by Jesuit Leadership

TENN was honored to host the Jesuit international leadership. They were interested in hearing about our food justice and sustainability work. The Jesuit leaders were especially impressed with our approach to partnership with Princeton Street and holistic approach to food justice and sustainability.

New Manager Welcomed

2022 was a year of transition as TENN said goodbye to one manager and welcomed another. Though we were sad to see Grace Gamble leave after all of her fantastic work, the team was excited to welcome Chelsea Manning, who has brought her background as a former teacher and in food justice after working at Gleaners Community Food Bank. Thanks to the hard work of their staff and Grace Gamble, who has supported TENN through the transition and in her new role at Taste the Local Difference.



"The students impress me every day with their hard work and passion for food justice." — Chelsea Manning

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Adia Palmer's parents and Grace at dedication of the TENN Garden to Adia



Library invited TENN to provide this educational display regarding food justice.