

# End of the Year News

A look back how you've helped us grow in 2023 and what's next for 2024



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## Our unique programming now in 9 Floyd County Schools!

**Fairmont Elementary:** Bi-weekly in-school, farm-to-school curriculum

**Green Valley Elementary:** After-school Growing Gardeners Club

**Mount Tabor Elementary:** Weekly in-school, farm-to-school curriculum

**Slate Run Elementary: Coming Spring 2024** — Partnership with Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District to build a rain garden, in-school, farm-to-school curriculum

**Georgetown Elementary:** After-school Growing Gardeners and in-school, farm-to-school curriculum

**St. Mary of the Knobs Elementary:** In-school, farm-to-school curriculum

**New Albany High School:** Youth Harvest Project

**S. Ellen Jones: Coming Fall 2024**—Programming TBD

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I joined Green Valley Garden Club because I wanted to learn about plants and plants seeds.

# Just a Few Snapshots From 2023



## This Year Your Gifts Helped us:



2,530 Breaking Bread and Barriers Meal Prep Class meals served



Serve over 1,000 Floyd County Students



Donate over 5,000 pounds of produce to our community



**Upcoming Open House in Spring 2024 to thank our volunteers and donors and showcase our community partners—the date to be announced in January.**

## Meet Our Staff



Heather Swinney  
Program Educator



Gina Brown  
Founder, Executive Director



# Thank You Dulcie!

We have some bittersweet news to share with all of you. Dulcie Willis will be stepping away from her role as Volunteer Manager in order to further her education. Dulcie has been a cherished volunteer with us since 2017.

At the beginning of this year, we received generous funding from the Caesars Foundation of Floyd County, which allowed us to bring Dulcie on board as our Volunteer Manager. The impact she has made in just one year has been truly remarkable. Under her guidance, our number of volunteers has tripled to over 70 exceptional individuals, with some generously contributing their time to our mission more than twice a month.

Although Dulcie will no longer be working with us on a daily basis, she has kindly decided to continue her involvement and will join our Board of Directors beginning in January 2024. Dulcie will continue to handle email inquiries and perform background checks while I will take care of scheduling and outreach.

As a volunteer-run organization, we understand that our success is only possible with the incredible support and commitment of individuals like Dulcie, who generously share their time and hearts with us. We are beyond grateful to all who give their time to us, and we can't thank you enough!

Thank you, Dulcie!!! We extend our heartfelt gratitude and wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors. ~ Gina B.



## New Ways to Support Our Work and Our Community

In 2024, we will be offering CSA bags (Community Supported Agricultural) from April through October to our monthly donors who give in the amount of \$50 or more. These will be limited, and we will begin to sell the shares in January.

Also new for 2024, we will have a Pay-What-You-Can-Farmstand.

# Issue 2 Recipe

## Rotisserie Chicken Greek Salad (or use leftover turkey from your holiday meal) Breaking Bread and Barriers Meal Prep

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups shredded or chopped rotisserie chicken
- 1 large cucumber, peeled, seeded, and chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 4 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 1 red onion, chopped
- ½ (14–16oz) can garbanzo beans, drained
- ¾ cup crumbled feta
- ¼ c EV Olive oil
- 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- ½ tsp Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper



### Method:

1. In a container or jar, make the dressing. Combine the vinegar, oil, seasonings, mustard, salt and pepper.
2. Add the rest of the ingredients in layers. If you are using any tender leafy greens, layer them last. Greens, like kale, can be layered with the dressing.
3. When ready to enjoy, turn upside down into a bowl or plate.
4. These can be done at the beginning of the week and hold up well.

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## Meet Our Board of Directors



Gina Brown  
Founder, Executive Director



Tabitha Underwood  
Board Chair, Treasurer



Katie Davidson  
Secretary



Luz Vera de Anderson



Brenda de Aráuz



Dulcie Willis



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