

The Threshold Foundation

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VISION & PHILOSOPHY

OUR MISSION

To create a thoughtful and productive community of youth from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system. This community produces healthy food for residents of the city, provides youth leadership opportunities, and inspires and supports others to create change in their own communities.

OUR VISION

In 1993, The Threshold Foundations founder, Schirlyn Kamara, had a vision of helping young people to develop life skills through learning entrepreneurship in 2004 Schirlyn and husband Saheeb had a vision of young people from the city working side by side on the land producing food for the hungry and learning together. They imagined youth experiencing the value of labor and service while building a diverse and effective community. They pictured a place where youth could discover and develop their talents, make friends and test themselves physically, mentally and emotionally. Their vision became The Dig It! Project.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

At The Dig It! Project, we generate a community where people have a rare opportunity to re-create themselves. We gather youth and adult volunteers from all backgrounds and abilities and give them the opportunity to contribute purposefully to society by growing food for the hungry and caring for the land. Through this meaningful and demanding work, they are challenged to step outside the story of who they "are" or "have been" and try on a new way of thinking, acting, or being. By inviting youth to serve and to take risks, we offer people chances to see themselves, others, and the world differently.

The Dig It! Project uses an intensely personal model. It makes a deep commitment to each person and community it touches, and invites the same of each volunteer, neighbor, and friend. We strive to bridge cultural, ethnic and personality differences with our Straight Talk system of frank communication. We want to expand permanently each person's recognition of himself or herself as an agent for social change.

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ABOUT US WELCOME TO THE DIG IT! PROJECT

Thank you for taking a moment to learn more about our work. We invite you to join us in our efforts!

Our mission is to grow a thoughtful and productive community of youth and from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system. We produce healthy food for residents of the city and provide youth leadership opportunities. Most importantly, we strive to inspire and support others to create change in their own communities.

Since 2004, The Threshold Foundation has built a local model of engaging young peo-



ple in personal and social change through sustainable agriculture. Each year, we work with over eighteen teens and volunteers to farm on 2 1/2 acres in rural Washington Boro, PA and 5 acres in Manheim PA and on several lots in Lancaster City. We consider our hallmark to be our focus on iden-



“There is another way to live and think: it’s called agrarianism. It is not so much a philosophy as a practice, an attitude, a loyalty and a passion—all based in close connection with the land. It results in a sound local economy in which producers and consumers are neighbors and in which nature herself becomes the standard for work and production.”

—Wendell Berry

tifying and transforming a new generation of leaders by placing teens in unusually responsible roles, with deeply meaningful work.

Each season, we grow nearly two thousand pounds of food without chemical pesticides, donating some to local shelters. We sell the remainder of our produce through



farmers’ markets. Locally, we also partner local farmers to purchase what we do not grow and with urban gardeners to help them grow healthier food.

There are so many ways you can get involved in The Threshold Foundation’s Dig It! Project: donate, volunteer, buy our food, sign up for our mailing list and more. Please explore our website! www.thresholdpa.org

OUR FARM STANDS DATES, TIMES AND PLACES

Monday S. Ann St. between Edward Hand Jr. High and George Washington Elementary School on S. Ann Street 9am-12pm; Tuesday Church St Towers on the corner of Church St. and S. Duke St. Wednesday @ the New Eastern Market 308 Shippinging St. 4pm-7pm and Saturday @ New Eastern Market 308 Shippinging St. 9am-2pm.

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