



A STUDENT AT ONE OF OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS

• A SUMMER FOR GROWTH

Growing food, futures, and community.

Our mission is to empower communities to become **smarter, healthier, and more compassionate** through aquaponics. Here is what your partnership made possible this summer — and what is taking root next.

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ACTIVE SITES

1,833

STUDENTS, 2024-25

9,860

SERVINGS GROWN

\$203K

2026 GRANTS



HANDS-ON IN THE LAB



THE SYSTEM AT WORK

What's Growing This Season

SEPTEMBER 2026

01 New installs, live or underway



EIGHT NEW SITES

Forest Hills High School
Metro School
Bruns Elementary
Coltrane-Webb Academy
Pine Springs Prep
Catawba College
Piedmont Community Charter School
Myers Park High School · reboot

Credit to Beau Norwood and the install team for keeping the calendar moving.

02 Partnerships taking root



Rocky River Roots

EDUCATIONAL FARM · NEW GREENHOUSE

Longtime supporter **Pete Budko** and his daughter **Hannah** have completed construction of their new greenhouse and attached buildings for an educational farm. 100 Gardens is excited to partner with RRR on the **design and install of their aquaponic system** and the development of their educational programming.

City of Petersburg, VA

PLANNING FUNDS CONFIRMED

The City of Petersburg has **confirmed planning funds**. We are beginning contract negotiations and the planning process for a new garden in the city.

We are also in early conversations about how aquaponics might support healthcare options in the Charlotte Metro region — we will share more when there is something concrete to announce.

03 Behind the scenes

Aquaponic Summer School

Both summer sessions for teachers were a success, thanks to Kelli and team. Educators left with hands-on skills, curriculum ideas, and a peer network for the school year.

Digital Kiosk App

A prototype built with UNC Charlotte Computer Science students and faculty is ready to test — tablets and mounts are next. Development was supported by funding from Campbell's through Full Futures Charlotte.

NC Chamber Conference

Sam Fleming (Executive Director), Kelli Howe (Director of Education), and Kara Davenport represented 100 Gardens at the NC Chamber Workforce Development & Education Conference and came home with strong new connections.

Systems & Processes

Chris Triolo, Director of Operations, is rolling out new systems for partner communication, tracking site visits and work orders, and handling quotes and invoices — so we can respond faster and resolve issues sooner.

04 2026 grants — \$203,425 for programming

Full Futures Charlotte
\$67,925

TRANE
\$90,000

Catawba Nation Foundation
\$25,000

Full Futures Hanover
\$15,500

SPROUTS
\$5,000

Every dollar is directed toward program delivery. Funders above made grants in 2026 for the 26–27 program year.

New for program partners: pay invoices online. You can now settle invoices securely right from our website — no checks, no wait.

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