

2014



# ANNUAL REPORT

## Mission

Established in 2011, Brigit's Bounty Community Resources (BBCR) is a non-profit community service organization that helps residents of Firestone, Frederick, and Dacono improve their neighborhoods through community gardening, healthy food access and educational opportunities for children.

BBCR helps families by providing vegetables that have been grown locally and organically. We're dedicated to working with children to foster an understanding of where food comes from and other hands-on learning through the rewards of gardening. We work with other groups and agencies to allow increased access to fresh vegetables and a hands-on learning environment.

Our mission is to provide education, training and resources toward transforming the lives of individuals and strengthening the Carbon Valley community.



Colorado Cares Day brought kids of all ages out to help at Brigit's Bounty.

# Programs and Activities

## Teaching and Engaging Kids

BBCR worked with Thunder Valley K-8 School in Frederick to provide hands-on garden experience to nearly 400 children. In early spring six classrooms received lessons on seeds and planted squash and pumpkin seeds. The classrooms cared for the seedlings for nearly eight weeks until the crops were ready to plant in late May.

Three grades visited the BBCR garden in late spring:

- Students in four Kindergarten classes released ladybugs into the garden and learned about beneficial and other insects in the garden. Through a scavenger hunt the children explored the different types of trees and vegetables grown in the garden.
- Students in two fifth-grade classes planted potatoes, peas and onions and learned how different types of plants grow from different seeds. Students also worked in teams to lay the irrigation lines and discussed the role of water in the garden and in Colorado.
- The entire seventh grade rolled up their sleeves and hauled nearly 20 cubic yards of mulch in the BBCR Children's Garden to complete the play area. Students worked in teams to replace the tree signs in the orchard and identified the different types of fruit trees. Students also fertilized the trees and learned about the nutrient needs of plants.



Students planted marigolds between the rows of potatoes to deter pests.

Outside of the school, BBCR continues to provide family-friendly volunteer opportunities for Carbon Valley. Kids are an integral part of every volunteer service day at the garden. In addition, several of our volunteers regularly brought their kids with them to work and learn in the garden.

## Volunteers

Nearly 100 people volunteered in the garden and were an integral component of every aspect of the garden, from seed planting to weeding to harvesting. In addition to individual volunteers and families, BBCR hosted several groups including the Carbon Valley Rotary Club, AmeriCorps, Church of Latter Day Saints, and St. Brigit Episcopal Church. In total Brigit's Bounty volunteers logged more than 350 hours in 2014.

BBCR maintained regular volunteer opportunities a few days a week throughout the summer season and was a proud participant in several community service days. BBCR hosted nearly a dozen Rotary Club members and their families for United Way Day of Action, our second consecutive year of participation. For the first time this year BBCR participated in Colorado Cares Day and was proud to host more than 30 volunteers at the garden. BBCR also welcomed 17 hard-working volunteers for the first Colorado United Day of Service to commemorate the 2013 floods.



**BBCR offers family-friendly volunteer opportunities and encourages volunteers to bring their children with them to the garden.**

## Growing Fruits and Vegetables

Brigit's Bounty grew 1500 pounds of pesticide-free produce in Carbon Valley in 2014. BBCR continues to grow a diverse variety of vegetables, which both supplies a well-rounded, nutrient-rich selection to our local community and provides for broader teaching opportunities for volunteers and kids.

Vegetables grown at the garden include potatoes, onions, peas, radishes, beets, turnips, spinach, lettuce, arugula, cabbage, beans, winter squash, summer squash, broccoli, pumpkins, chard, carrots, kale, collard greens, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, eggplants, melons, celery and fresh herbs including parsley, basil and cilantro.

This year marked the first harvest from the fruit orchard. We harvested cherries, plums and apples. Our strawberry patch continues to expand and produced a small crop of luscious strawberries.

### Food Distribution

BBCR distributed \$2500 worth of fresh produce throughout Carbon Valley during a five-month period. We partnered with Salud Medical Center and Weld County Food Bank as the primary distribution channels. Some overflow produce was distributed through Sister Carmen Food Bank in nearby Lafayette.



During peak harvest BBCR distributes 90 lbs of fresh produce per week to our neighbors in need.

### Community Enrichment

For the third consecutive season, Brigit's Bounty created a part-time work opportunity for a resident of Carbon Valley. Julie Reichert joined us as the Summer Garden Coordinator, working eight hours a week for sixteen weeks during the height of the garden season. We were so fortunate to have Julie and her kids keeping the garden so tidy and overseeing the harvesting, prepping and distribution of the fresh produce.

### Youth Leadership Opportunities

Eagle Scouts continue to enhance the community garden and provide needed infrastructure and capital improvements. This year Eagle Scouts installed a walking path from the parking lot to the garden and a much-needed large sign at the street entrance to identify the garden and direct volunteers to the garden.

### Stewardship of the Land

BBCR employs organic growing methods throughout the garden. All of our produce is grown without the use of pesticides and herbicides. We practice integrated pest management to safely control insects without harming beneficial species. This summer marked the first year that BBCR successfully irrigated the entire garden with raw irrigation water from Milavec Lake to help reduce our demand on potable water.

## Partners and Supporters

Botanical Interests

Debbie Myer Green Bags

Eco-Cycle

Home Depot, Firestone

Renewable Fiber, Fort Lupton

Rooted in Colorado

Salud Medical Center

Sister Carmen Food Bank, Lafayette

St. Brigit Episcopal Church

The Flower Bin, Longmont

Thunder Valley K-8 School

Weld County Food Bank

Whole Foods, Boulder

## Brigit's Bounty Board of Directors

Brandi-Lynn Greig, President

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## Financial Statements

### Brigit's Bounty Community Resources Statement of Activities January through December 2014

	2014 Cash Basis TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations	0.00
Other Income	625.00
Uncategorized Income	34.32
Total Income	<u>659.32</u>
Expense	
Administrative	
Dues/Subscriptions/Permits	20.00
Fundraising	0.00
Garden Coordinator.	324.84
Garden Upkeep	411.60
Rent	1.00
Utilities	
Water	58.05
Total Utilities	<u>58.05</u>
Total Expense	<u>815.49</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<b>(156.17)</b>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	
Garden Coordinator	635.16
General Grants	322.92
Total NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>958.08</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>958.08</u>
Net Other Income	<b>(958.08)</b>
Net Income	<b><u>(1,114.25)</u></b>

## Brigit's Bounty Community Resources Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2014

	<b>Cash Basis</b>
	<b>Dec 31, 14</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>First Bank Checking</b>	
Operating Checking	604.14
Restricted Funds/Checking	
OtterCares/Greenhouse Supp.	553.33
Tree Fund	80.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds/Checking</b>	<u>633.33</u>
<b>Total First Bank Checking</b>	<u>1,237.47</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	1,237.47
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Home Depot Credit on Acct.	78.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>78.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,315.47
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Building/Remodel Improvements	2,464.26
Garden Development	5,902.08
Machinery & Equipment	336.09
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>8,702.43</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>10,017.90</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	720.91
Unrestricted Net Assets	10,041.24
Net Income	-744.25
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>10,017.90</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>10,017.90</u></u>