



## PLANT CHICAGO

**Our mission is to cultivate local circular economies.**

We provide hands-on STEM programs for K-12 students, support small businesses, run shared-use indoor farms, and increase access to locally grown produce on Chicago's southwest side.

*Engaging present & future sustainability leaders*

### Program Areas

#### YOUTH STEM EDUCATION

Hands-on STEM workshops, offered regardless of ability to pay, introducing classrooms on the southwest side to indoor aquaponic farming.

#### SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Working with small businesses to implement circular economy practices

#### INDOOR VICTORY GARDEN

Our one of a kind space for Chicagoans to learn how to grow food indoors year-round.

#### LOCAL FOOD ACCESS

Low-cost boxes of local produce offered to our neighbors on the southwest side of Chicago.

*Our Impact*

### By the Numbers

**3.6k**

Average # of youth attending our STEM workshops annually

**44%**

STEM workshops offered for free to youth groups

**35**

Local Chicago businesses in our circular small business network

**17%**

Decrease in waste among our small business network

**36%**

Of every dollar spent staying on the southwest side

**2/3**

Of small businesses in our network are women-owned

**1**

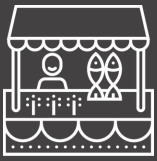
Indoor victory garden - the only of its kind!

**\$23k**

In healthy food incentives to low-income families

***Plant Chicago received an award for its efforts in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals from the UN-Greater Chicago Area Chapter in 2018***

## YOUR IMPACT



- \$500 provides local food boxes for 20 families for one week
- \$500 covers vendor fees for an early-stage entrepreneur/community organization
- \$500 supports 1 local resident growing food for 3 months in our Victory Garden
- \$500 supports two hands-on STEM workshops for one classroom



- \$2,000 supports a paid sustainability internship for a local youth ages 16-24
- \$2,000 sponsors a leader in our network for one year
- \$5,000 supports STEM education programs for 200 students

## BENEFITS OF PARTNERSHIP

**\$5,000+**

We offer multi-day and group volunteering opportunities, such as volunteer workdays, facility tours, workshops with our small business network, and corporate retreats at Plant Chicago HQ - a former Chicago firehouse!

**\$2,000+**

We offer single-day opportunities, such as participating as a panelist in a Plant Chicago round table talk, hosting a booth at one of our farmer's markets, and lunch-and-learn presentations.

**\$500+**

We recognize our sponsors' generosity on our website. All sponsors, regardless of level, are recognized on our social media and at our annual fundraiser.

Some of Plant Chicago's current and past sponsors include:



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