

**Seedleaf**  
nourishing communities

A photograph of a young green plant with several leaves growing in a field of straw mulch. The plant is the central focus, with its leaves showing some water droplets. The straw is dry and light brown, creating a textured background. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

**annual  
report**

**2010**

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Dear **Seedleaf**  supporter,

By all accounts Seedleaf is finishing a wonderful 2010. We have expanded our programming and widened our reach in a number of ways. After a busy summer and fall it feels good to have the gardens bedded down for the winter. These short days seem like an apt time to recall the good things that have prospered in our care this past year.

We offer this year-end report as a reminder of all the work that a group of hopeful people can accomplish together. It has been a joy to reflect on these numbers—we hope you find them to be encouraging. We would never have been able to get so much done without the tireless help of our volunteers and supporters. As we look forward to the coming year, we will continue to need your help to make our plans a reality.

**Ryan Koch**  
**Executive Director**



## our mission



Seedleaf **nourishes communities** by growing, cooking, sharing & recycling **food**



we do this so that we can **increase** the **amount, affordability, nutritional value, & sustainability** of **food** available to people at risk of **hunger** in central Kentucky.



we complete this mission through **garden** installation, **cooking** demonstrations, community-wide **composting**, distribution of **healthy** food, hands-on garden **education**, & **community** involvement.

# 2010 in summary

**12** gardens

**14** **compost** partners

**40** **cooking** classes

Over **14,500** gallons of **waste** collected

Over **1900** **contact hours** in **education**

Over **750** **volunteers**

**2** summer youth **employees**

**4** college **interns**

**1** senior employment participant

**1** Americorps **VISTA** member

**1** promotional **video** made

**1** **fundraising** dinner

Over **30** collaborating **organizations**

Provided **produce** to **3** feeding organizations

Began **Soups On!** event

'**Food Grown Here**' campaign launched

Worked in Fayette County **public** and **private** schools

Guest-taught at **UK** and **Transylvania**



# growing food

We **grew food** and gardeners at **12** locations in 2010, maintaining garden plots while engaging students and adults in hands-on garden **education**.

	Volunteers/ Participants	Contact Hours
London Ferrell Community Garden*	386	809
Gainesway Community Garden	57	173.5
Florence Crittendon Home*	40	191
Kupar*	12	30
Sayre School*	38	46
William Wells Brown	26	101
Withrow*	11	51
Liberty	15	65
Goodloe	1	5
Kids Café	28	47.5
Southern Middle School	15	3.5
St. Andrew's Episcopal	1	75
Other Educational Events	144	354.5

*\*Indicates compost processing site also.*

**Total Contact Hours 2010**

**1952**



# cooking & sharing food

We conducted **28 cooking workshops** in 2010 to students, regularly **cooking** and **eating** with local produce at:

Kid's Café  
Florence-Crittendon Home  
William Wells Brown  
Gainesway Community Center

We held **7 Soups On! cooking events** in 2010, getting adult volunteers comfortable using seasonal produce and **giving** the soup to a church food ministry. Seasonal soups were:

Pumpkin Kale  
Beans and Greens  
Nepalese Cabbage  
Green Minestrone  
Tomato, Roasted Pepper & Basil  
Tomato Bread  
Creamy Apple Sweet Potato

In collaboration with Faith Feeds, we held **5 preservation workshops** in 2010, **preserving** the following food:

Corn 32 quarts + 10 gallons  
Peaches 21 quarts + 5 gallons  
Blackberries 10 pints of jam  
Tomatoes 21 quarts  
Apples/Pears 7 gallons sauce  
Pumpkins 14 pies + 10 gallons



# recycling food

We **recycled food** at **14** locations in 2010, collecting pre-consumer kitchen waste and turning it into a healthy soil **ammendment** for our gardens.

<b>Compost Partner</b>	<b># Gallons of Waste</b>
LFUCG main offices	292
Sayre School	813
Third Street Stuff*	1802
Dupree Catering*	3193
Mellow Mushroom*	742
Sunrise Bakery	949
Kid's Café	194
Doodle's	1037
Stella's	1526
Alfalfa's	1272
Cuppa	191.5
Central Baptist Hospital kitchen	2021
Common Grounds	280
Coffea	335

**2010 Total = 14,647.5**



# income & expenses



- Seedleaf's derives its **income** from three primary sources:
  - Fee for service
  - Foundation/Grant Money
  - Private Donations



- This funding allows Seedleaf to cover operating **expenses** with the remainder being used as salary for staff.



- We are ending the year within our 2010 budget of \$100,000 with a very small nest egg. In 2011, we'd like to expand our budget and are hopeful that our growth is possible through both old and new partnerships.



Seedleaf could not operate without its strong base of support. From volunteer garden crews to faithful friends, we are thankful to be nourishing our community with you.

# goals

Our board and staff agree that we have distinct growth opportunities at hand.

One is that we could install a **greenhouse** or hoop house. This would create more educational opportunities and make our organization more sustainable by allowing us to:

- Start more plants from seed
- Extend the growing season
- Provide a job-training space
- Increase revenue

We would also love to develop a **community kitchen**, providing a space to:

- Drop-Off and Distribute fresh produce
- Educate
- Cook and Preserve fresh food
- Train entrepreneurs on value-added items

Our desire to **expand programming** continues as well as we grow to reach more people through growing, sharing, cooking, and recycling food, specifically we want to:

- Add more gardens
- Increase our compost partners
- Develop more cooking/education opportunities

Although we are proud of the accomplishment in this report, we are not satisfied. The projects described above would broaden our capacity to serve our neighbors, however, they remain unfunded. We need your help to make these plans a reality.





Our goals for 2011 are our best expression of thanks. We are delighted to be partners with you in the work and we look forward to the chance to keep going. With the help of our supporters we have accomplished much, but there is much left to do. Please consider giving a meaningful year-end gift that will help us begin the New Year on our way to these goals.

**Ryan Koch,**  
**Executive Director**

## **board**

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