



Costanoa Commons Farm

— We Grow For Life —



2018 HIGHLIGHTS

2018 was a BIG year:

2018 marks the first year our farm brought products to market. We grew a variety of vegetables, fruits, and flowers along with tending to our hens for eggs. We made new connections within our community through volunteer opportunities, partnerships, and events.

Here is a snapshot of some of the things we accomplished this year:



Farm Stand Opens!

This year we opened our roadside farm stand to share our harvest with our community. Seasonal veggies, fruits, fresh eggs, and flowers were available every weekend from June through October. Our volunteers had a blast connecting with the community and selling our products.



Bouquet Making

We grew dahlias, bachelor buttons, zinnias, scabiosa, lavender, calendula and more. Our flowers brought beautiful colors to the field and smiles to many faces. Superstar volunteers Kathy, Tomoko, and Lineth shared their bouquet making skills and helped us to produce stunning market bouquets for our farm stand.



Greenhouse

Our 100' greenhouse was completed earlier this year and we are excited to announce that it is now in production! The greenhouse is where we grow hydroponic lettuces, basil, and other greens. The greenhouse is wheelchair accessible and represents our commitment to welcome farmers of all abilities. Thanks to our partnership with Sweaty Sheep, we also welcomed Kyle Willhite, our first Americorp volunteer, to manage our greenhouse.



Farm Fest!

There was much to celebrate after our first year in production! What better way to party than to open up our farm to the community with a farm festival. Over 400 people attended and enjoyed farm tours, local food, beer, wine, and music from the Wildcat Mountain Ramblers.

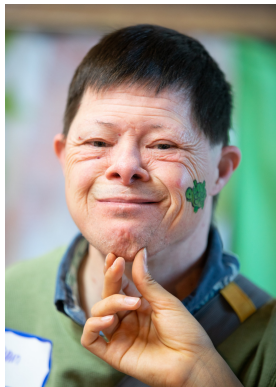


More Accomplishments



- Held farm days for local preschools, home schoolers, Stanford University, churches, and a day program for adults with disabilities
- Planted 100' of mixed dahlias providing 75-100 stems of beautiful dahlias weekly during the growing season, thanks to the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society
- Hosted educational workshops conducted by the Monterey Bay Master Gardeners including bare root fruit tree planting, chicken care, succulent propagation, and dahlia care.
- Received a donation of hydroponic growing equipment with vertical towers suitable for farmers with mobility impairments, thanks to Sweaty Sheep Ministry
- Began riparian habitat restoration with widespread removal of invasive species along our creek
- Increased our number of farm volunteers who commit anywhere from 2-20 hours/week to help us grow.

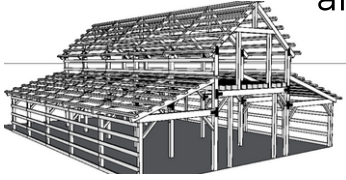
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One of our biggest accomplishments this year was welcoming our first paid intern, Carson Dye, under the new California Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Blueprint. We are thrilled to have Carson on our team and to have his helping hand around the farm for chicken care, field work, and tending the greenhouse; Carson is always willing to do whatever is needed and we look forward to working with him in the coming year! Carson is paving the way for other young adults with disabilities to come to Costanoa Commons Farm and learn farm skills.

Looking forward to 2019...

Thanks to a \$10,000 challenge match from a very generous Friend of Costanoa Commons Farm, we are on our way to raising the funds needed to build our barn and accomplish our mission.



Our goals for this upcoming year include:

- Increasing our farm's food and flower production by doubling our strawberry and raspberry plants, planting over 100 new dahlias, and adding greens and herbs to our greenhouse
- Building an outdoor teaching area to offer horticulture experiences to students and people with disabilities who visit our farm
- Starting a community supported agriculture service whereby our customers can subscribe to a weekly produce box



Our barn is where we will wash and pack food, store flowers, food, tools, equipment, seed and create value-added products year round.

