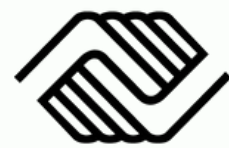


# HARVEST



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE BEMIDJI AREA**

# Report

*FALL 2024*



## Partnership Accomplishments

October 2023-September 2024

- **Ace on the Lake:** donated seeds
- **Beltrami County Development Fund:** grant for seeds, supplies, and equipment to support comprehensive agricultural program
- **Enterprise Mobility Foundation:** grant for garden program activities
- **Hill's Greenhouse:** donated plants, seeds, and pots
- **Home Depot:** donated seeds
- **ISD#31:** partnered and purchased hydroponic lettuce and garden produce to provide students nutritious veggies for school lunches and snacks
- **Ter-Lee Gardens:** donated pumpkins for Club kids and families
- **Volunteers:** Jack Judkins, Jerry & Vicky Younk, Tom & Kristi Reise & friends



## Our Garden Space

- **High Tunnel** - 24' X 60': 1,440 sq ft
- **Garden Bed Area** - 25 raised beds: 9,800 sq ft
- **Fruit Tree Corridor** - 3,500 sq ft
  - 3 plum, 1 cherry, 2 crabapple, and 5 apple
- **Hydroponic Units** - 3 units that each grow 144 heads of lettuce approx. every 40 days







**"I love the garden because it is a lot of fun, and sometimes we even get to eat the vegetables right after we pick them!"**

***Oliver, age 8***

*pictured above in middle of center photo*

## Garden Produce:

Arugula • Basil • Beans  
 Broccoli • Cabbage • Carrots  
 Cauliflower • Celery • Corn  
 Cucumber • Cucamelons  
 Eggplant • Garlic  
 Ground Cherries • Lettuce  
 Mint • Onions • Peas  
 Peppers • Potatoes • Radishes  
 Rhubarb • Strawberries  
 Spinach • Squash • Tomatoes  
 Zucchini • **AND MANY MORE!**

**1,500+**  
 Pounds were harvested by  
**100+**  
 Club youth!

## Garden History

- **2006:** One raised bed: "Pizza Garden"
- **2007-2011:** Installed one additional raised bed each year
- **2012:** Added 1,500 sq ft high tunnel
- **2016:** Extension of outdoor garden that included 15 additional raised beds, nearly 2,000 sq ft paver section, built seven large picnic tables, youth painted and installed tires for potato beds
- **2017:** Added irrigation to raised beds, outdoor washing station, Eagle Scout/Home Depot Team Depot project of building pergola and benches to complete outdoor gardening education center
- **2021:** Secured three hydroponic indoor growing towers and built a new garden shed for additional storage
- **2022:** Partnership established to add another hydroponic unit co-located at Bemidji Middle School for 2022-2024 school years