

City of Lawrence Outside Agency Annual Report For Calendar Year 2017

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org by Thursday, February 15th 2018 at 5:00pm. For the following questions please refer back to your [2017 application for funding](#).

Reporting Period: Calendar Year 2017

Agency Name: Sunrise Project/Lawrence Community Food Alliance

1. Refer to the program in which your agency received funding; provide a participant success story that helps demonstrate the accomplishments of the program.

Our Sunrise Youth program offers opportunities for young people ages 12-18 to volunteer and learn about social issues in our community. We work with partner agencies to recruit youth to the program who may be experiencing life challenges and not have many opportunities to get involved. One agency we work with is the Children's Shelter, who connected two youth with our summer camp in 2017. That week, youth participants volunteered at Family Promise, worked in our community garden, visited Lawrence Community Orchard and were matched with younger children from Children's Learning Center who visited the site for a cooking activity. At the end of the week, one of the Children's Shelter youth said it was the best week of his life. It is so important for young people to have the experience of working with other youth from different backgrounds, learn how to make a difference in the community and build leadership skills. Sunrise Youth provides these experiences and clearly made a difference in one youth's life by opening his world up just a little.

2. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide a brief narrative of the activities funded with City funds.

City Funding allowed Sunrise Project to successfully connect people of all ages and backgrounds to good food and the community. The youngest children in our community were reached through cooking in the classroom, gardening activities and vermicomposting (worm composting) demonstrations, which were presented to every child in Kennedy Elementary's early childhood program. Older youth were connected to dozens of volunteer opportunities over the summer and also made valuable social connections, learned leadership skills and worked in the community garden. Lawrence Community Orchard was expanded so that it is directly accessible from the Burroughs Creek Trail. Workshops were offered at the Orchard on topics ranging from Native plants to pruning and grafting. Sunrise Project also officially opened its doors to the community at 1501 Learnard Ave.! Renovations were completed and on-site workshops on garlic planting and kneel down bread were offered. Lastly, Sunrise Community Garden was a huge success, offering free food to anyone in the community. Over 25 individuals visited the garden each week and benefited from the free, healthy produce.

3. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide specific detail (use supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate what progress was made toward your proposed outcomes.

Outcome 1: Sunrise Project will gain four new community partners in 2017 that will be actively involved in the social change Sunrise seeks to support.

Sunrise Project partnered with several new agencies for the Sunrise Youth summer camps including Family Promise, Children's Shelter, Friends of the Kaw and Fresh Start. A partnership with Sierra Club was also formed in order to fund and support the Sunrise Community Garden. Sunrise also partnered with Douglas County and the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department to incorporate an equity approach in developing the County's stand-alone Food System Plan and begin a health equity project to inform the structure of LiveWell and the Community Health Plan.

Outcome 2: In 2017, 70% of program participants will gain knowledge about food, the environment and/or social justice issues.

Through verbal feedback and survey results, Sunrise staff found that 90% of participants gained knowledge about food, the environment or social justice issues.

Outcome 3: In 2017, 70% of program participants will report an increased interest food, the environment and/or another social/community issue.

Through verbal feedback and survey results, Sunrise staff found that 85% of participants increased their interest in food, the environment or social/community issues.

4. Refer to the line-item budget provided in your 2017 application for funding; is this accurate to how your allocation was actually spent? If no, what changed and why?

Yes, the line items included in the budget were accurate.