



Live Earth Farm Discovery Program

SEED TO MOUTH, FARM TO FORK, CHILD TO COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

ORGANIC FAMILY FARM EXPERIENCE

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Dear Community Member,

When first graders from Calabasas Elementary School of Watsonville recently visited Live Earth Farm for a Spring field trip, most of the students' comments were joyous exclamations. "I've never seen a real cow! Only in pictures." "This lemon smells good!" "That strawberry was yum, yum, yum!" The students learned about **where food comes from**, they **engaged their growing minds and all five senses** to deepen their understanding of our environment, agriculture, and good nutrition.

The field trip was the culmination of the students' yearlong curriculum on "growing things," bringing their studies on the plant life cycle to life. Their teacher Deborah Wine, an educator for more than thirty years, reflected on their experience, "Live Earth Farm Development Program is **an amazing and beautiful opportunity for kids** to connect with where their food comes from, each other, their farmers, and have fun too – at a place where they would never normally go."

Live Earth Farm Discovery Program exposes students to the diversity of sustainable, organic farming from A to Zucchini. Through LEFDP's programs **local underserved youth** learn how to make good choices for their own **health** as well as that of **their food system, their community, and their environment**. This is why LEFDP aims to raise \$7500 through the fall auction, **to fund meaningful on-farm learning experiences** for students like our young visitors from Calabasas Elementary.

To **help maintain our fields, garden, and animal pens** that showcase our nutritious local bounty from apples to zucchini, we would greatly appreciate a sponsorship or donation to our **auction**, for our annual Fall farm-to-table dinner fundraiser - this year, **September 26th**. Please return the **form enclosed with this letter** with your donated item, check, or credit card contribution, or **make a secure contribution online** using the "Donate" button on our website: <http://www.liveearthfarm.net/atozucchinisponsorship/>. All donors will be acknowledged in our event program and on our website.

On the farm, **students are educated and inspired to be stewards of the environment and their own health**. We appreciate your generous support to help us provide local students with enriching hands-on learning experiences this school year. Together we can **make a difference** for these students, our community, and our future.

Warm Regards,

Jessica Ridgeway
Director

P.S. Please see the attached form for ideas of what you will contribute this fall. Help **supply our garden, and fields** to make our programs a success **for local underserved students** with your contribution today.

The mission of the Live Earth Farm Discovery Program to provide hands-on educational programs for youth, focused on the environmental and nutritional value of local food and farms. Our goal is to reach out to all segments of the diverse, local community.



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You Can Help A to Zucchini!

The Live Earth Farm Discovery

Feast in the Fields Fundraising Event

Local, Farm Fresh Food & Wine Pairing - Live Music - Live & Silent Auction



“The presentation was memorable and . . . tailored to what we are studying; plants and life cycles.”
-Shana, 1st grade teacher