



Dear Friends of the FOOD ROOF Farm,

We are so grateful for your support over the past seven growing seasons. Since the FOOD ROOF Farm was built in 2015, it has received national and international recognition for its innovative design and build out. From our rooftop fields, we have harvested over 15,000 pounds of produce, mitigated 12.6 million gallons of stormwater from our sewer system and increased biodiversity considerably. We have hosted thousands of visitors for tours, field trips and volunteer days. We have also hosted countless events and enjoyed innumerable sunrises, thunderstorms, sunsets and even a few double rainbows. We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to build relationships, to offer education on growing, sustainability, and food justice and to have offered a space for respite and rejuvenation.

We are sad to announce the FOOD ROOF Farm is closing. The building that houses the farm is closing and, over the coming months, Urban Harvest STL will be dismantling and working to repurpose the FOOD ROOF's growing infrastructure at our network of farms and community gardens.

But, this is not THE end, just an end.

Since the FOOD ROOF Farm was built in 2015, Urban Harvest STL has built a number of farms, increasing our ability to grow food and engage with the community. As always, we continue to pursue new farming locations, food access partnerships, and educational programs that will advance our mission to build an inclusive and resilient local food system. We remain committed to making a difference in the lives of those impacted by food insecurity.

Beginning in March 2022, we will have volunteer opportunities at the Rung for Women Farm in Fox Park, Fresh Starts Community Garden in JeffVanderLou, and Sally's Rooftop Garden and Terrace atop the .Zack building in Midtown. We are expanding our 'Farming for Community' Apprenticeship program and focusing on building stronger relationships with the communities in which we work and with other St. Louis area urban farms.

We look forward to your continued support as we say goodbye to the FOOD ROOF and continue the work the FOOD ROOF has inspired. Follow us on social media and sign up for our newsletter to stay up to date on our progress and new initiatives. If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie Houck, Urban Harvest STL's Executive Director, at [katie@urbanharveststl.org](mailto:katie@urbanharveststl.org)

Best,

Urban Harvest STL