



green opportunities

GROWING our programs,
our capacity & our community

2015 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENTS
TRAINED

68

STUDENTS
GRADUATED

45

TECHNICAL
CERTIFICATES
AWARDED

73

POUNDS OF
PRODUCE
GROWN

400+

MEALS
SERVED

17,000+

Green Opportunities continues to serve the community as we work to provide pathways to employment. This year, thanks to your support, we have:

- Provided essential job training, backed by full case management.
- Successfully completed three Built Environment and Kitchen Ready training cycles.
- Awarded portable, industry-standard technical certifications necessary in our competitive labor market.
- Established GO's headquarters in the newly renovated Arthur R. Edington Education and Career Center.
- Launched the Southside Community Garden & grew a variety of vegetables for use in the Southside Kitchen.
- Launched Southside Woodworks to sell handcrafted merchandise produced by GO students.
- Developed GO Youth Corps to engage and support young adults in our community.
- Served delicious, restaurant-quality meals prepared by Kitchen Ready students and alumni, available daily at no cost to the community.



ERIC HOWELL

Built Environment Graduate, Cycle 7
Assistant Built Environment Trainer at Green Opportunities

"GO allowed me to show people what I'm capable of. They also showed me that no matter how hard it gets, if you push past it you can do and be anything you want. GO saved me from going down a path that I didn't want to go down. I love my job at GO. I'm able to help out others that are in or heading down that path that is unhealthy for them."

JAMIE MCKINNEY

Kitchen Ready Graduate, Cycle 10
Currently employed in food services

"[Without GO] I would not be employed with a job that could lead to a career in food industry. I would recommend this school to anyone who wants to change their life."



KAIN CHAMBERS

Youth Corps Built Environment Graduate, Cycle 9
Currently Employed in Print Services

"It's been awesome having Kain around. He's a great listener and he's really good at following directions. He's also good at taking things into his own hands and following through with everything."

- Kain's supervisor in the print industry



TOWARDS THE FUTURE...

GO is always looking towards the future as we continue to provide high quality job training, case management and social enterprise incubation for underserved communities.

We're expanding our training options with flexible modules to serve more students, developing new tracks for emerging labor markets and building up our social enterprises to create more pipelines to employment success.





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OUR MISSION

Green Opportunities connects youth and adults from low-wealth neighborhoods to sustained employment opportunities that support families and improve community and environmental health.

WHO WE SERVE

100% are low-income

37% lack high school diplomas or GEDs

35% lack food security

57% have a criminal background

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donate: Every dollar you give improves student support and community services.

Join us: Enjoy a 3 course lunch or dinner with our neighbors in the Southside Kitchen. Visit our website for the weekly schedule.

Hire: Our highly motivated students graduate with professional skills and certifications, ready to meet your company's needs.

Contract: Our social enterprise businesses can cater your next event with restaurant-quality meals or produce custom wood pieces. Just give us a call!

Visit our [website](http://www.greenopportunities.org) to learn more about our community partners and donors!

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“We must recognize the importance of economically transforming communities, and how critical it is to do so in a manner that preserves the pride and dignity of a community and the individuals seeking support.”

George C. Jones, Jr.
Executive Director of GO