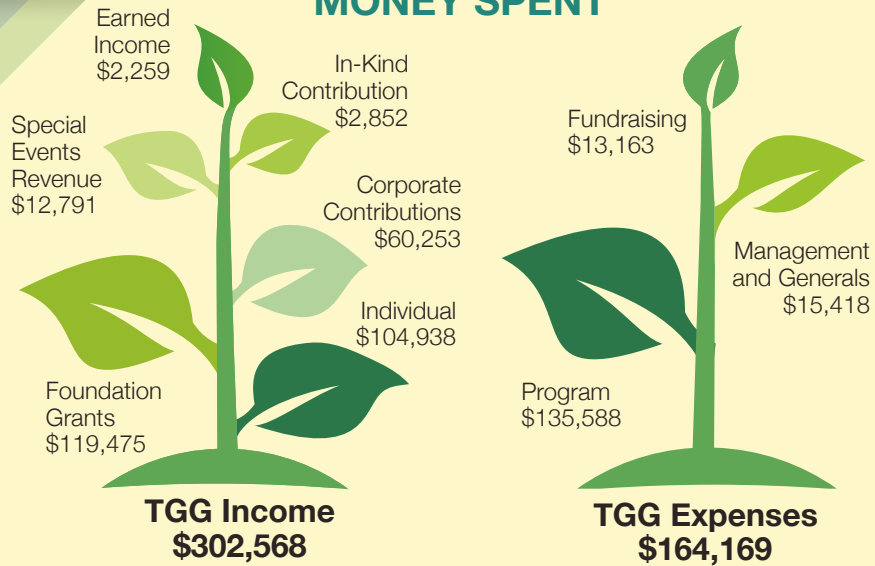


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# TEENS GROW GREENS



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# WE GROW MORE THAN PLANTS

At Teens Grow Greens, our motto is "Learn. Grow. Go." During a nine-month paid internship, Teens **learn** life skills through hands-on experience; life skills like learning how to eat healthy and setting goals to create a healthier you. The Teens **grow** these skills by leading a summer mentorship program for elementary school entitled, *Kids Grow Greens*. In the final months, the Teens grow their professional skills by becoming entrepreneurs creating and selling their own triple-bot-tom line product.

In the end, Graduates of the program have a robust resume of work experience and professional connections to help them **go** into further opportunities. TGG supports Graduates of the program through connecting them to further employment or other needed resources. The Teens grow the greens and in doing so, they grow themselves.



## WHAT WE DO



### Internships

A paid internship that develops life skills through hands-on experience. Typically Teens are 14 to 17 years old and live or go to school in Northwest Milwaukee.



### Kids Grow Greens

A summer mentorship program led by the Teens that focuses on, growing food, character and community. The Kids are 8 to 12 years old and live in NW Milwaukee (Specifically the Amani and Franklin Heights neighborhoods.)



### Graduate Support

We support the Graduates through quarterly check-ins, connections to employment (Including our Greenhouse), and career shadowing in career fields of their interest. Our goal is to have Graduates retain employment and graduate from high school.

## THE GREENHOUSE

Teens Grow Greens bought Weber's Greenhouses (4215 N. Green Bay Ave.) In March of 2018. Why? To employ more Graduates of TGG, create a home base and provide a hub for social enterprise.

In the 2018 season:

- Two Graduates employed for sales and maintenance
- 218 overtime hours worked by Teens
- \$20,000 In revenue generated for Teens Grow Greens programming



# YOUR INVESTMENT OUR RESULTS



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TEENS  
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OUTCOMES

# 100%

of Graduates of TGG graduated or are on track to graduate from high school. (Compared to 31.7% of MPS students graduating after four years.)

# 92%

of 2014-2017 Graduates obtained and retained employment for the summer of 2018. (Compared to a national average of 50% of youth employment age 16-24 according to Child Trends.)

## Why is this important?

The US Department of Education found that if you have a job in high school you were more likely to...

- Have a job in the following year
- Graduate from high school
- Earn more money over their lifetime