

YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS GARDENING AND EDUCATION PROJECTS

Help the WYLDE CENTER reach our goal of \$38,500 by December 31, 2013 so that we can maintain our programs and greenspaces for the many communities we serve!

1. GROW A NEW GARDEN FROM THE GROUND UP!

Walk through Hawk Hollow Garden right now and what you see is raw land primed for great opportunities. Wylde is currently combining community feedback with our own expertise to enhance the space with a tree house, benches, picnic tables, stream, and other elements making it a rich space for interpretation and ecological study. Your gift of \$5,000 can help us establish a true Piedmont ecosystem by replacing current exotic and invasive plants with native plants which in turn will generate the food sources and biodiversity that sustain local wildlife species.

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT VIBRANT GREENSPACES.....\$5,000

2. PROVIDE CURRICULUM SUPPLIES TO TWO NEW EDUCATION GARDENS!

As we groom our two new greenspaces, Hawk Hollow and Edgewood Community Learning Garden, we are also preparing them for the 500-plus students expected to visit on field trips during the academic year. Schools such as the Atlanta Public Schools and City Schools of Decatur, among others, have asked us for natural greenspaces in the city that students can explore as a means to reinforce lessons they are learning in the classroom. Your gift of \$2,500 can provide materials the students may use for studying in the outdoor classrooms. Examples of items we need include: Magnifying Glasses, Microscopes, Insect Nets and Boxes, Water Testing Kits, Soil Testing Kits, Clipboards, Compasses, String, Pencils, GPS Units, Benthic Survey Tools, Markers, and Whiteboards.

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT LEARNING IN DYNAMIC OUTDOOR SPACES..... \$2,500

3. PROVIDE 20 HOURS OF GARDEN- BASED EDUCATION TO A SCHOOL!

As well as bringing schools to our gardens, Wylde brings the gardens right to schools. Every week, you will find one of our educators onsite in a Decatur or Atlanta school teaching Garden-to-Classroom (G2C) curricula grounded in the Georgia Performance Standards and illustrating topics such as biology, nutrition, and math. Wylde's educators support school gardens through providing technical maintenance support and leading hands-on garden-based learning opportunities for students, and technical support to maintain the school gardens. G2C promotes healthy eating habits by showing students how to grow, taste, and prepare healthy meals with fresh produce. Your gift of \$1,000 can expand our G2C program by supporting twenty G2C hours in one of many metro-Atlanta schools.

YES, I WANT SUPPORT 20 HOURS OF GARDEN BASED EDUCATION IN A SCHOOL.....\$1,000

4. SOW THE SEEDS OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY!

Installing a community garden at a local church or elementary school?, Initiating a garden program with seniors at a housing authority? Seeking information on keeping a garden looking great over the summer when its gardeners are on vacation? - Wylde's Garden Coach is responding to all of these inquiries and more. The Wylde Center is a trusted community resource for starting and supporting garden projects, Your gift of \$500 can help Wylde sow the seeds of self-sufficiency in communities throughout metro Atlanta.

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT TEN HOURS OF GARDEN COACHING.....\$500

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE WYLDE CENTER

- 3 sites donating compostable material to the bins at the Edgewood Community Learning Garden
- 4 is the number of the gardens the Wylde Center now manages
- 16 logs inoculated at the Edgewood Community Garden Project with 5 different types of mushrooms
- 30 volunteers make a huge impact. In April 30 volunteers from Wells Fargo worked at the Hawk Hollow Garden. The 30 volunteers contributed 90 hours of labor, cleared 180 sq ft of invasive species, dug a 100 ft long dry creek bed, and hauled off 368 sq. ft of chopped wood and branches. This would have taken our staff member on her own more than 6 weeks, but with the volunteers it only took one day.
- 44 blueberry bushes planted at Sugar Creek Garden this spring with the help of Girl Scout Troop ##28430 and international students from Georgia State University.
- 50 volunteers assisted the site coordinator at the Edgewood Community Learning Garden since January
- 252 metro-Atlanta residents have taken a Growings On class at the Wylde Center, a program that offers sustainable life skills classes such as Chickens 101, starting a vegetable garden, and cooking with what you grow.
- 400 is how many sweet potato plants were planted in City of Decatur school gardens in preparation for the system wide taste test this coming September.
- 527 students came to the Oakhurst Garden during the spring of 2013 effectively selling out our available slots.
- 940 is how many eggs the chickens at the Oakhurst Garden and the Edgewood Community Learning Garden have laid during the first 5 months of the year!
- 4,000 students currently being served by the Wylde Center's Farm to School programming.
- 15,000 is how many plants were sold from March 1-June 15 via the plant sale fundraiser, many of which were grown on site with the help of many, many volunteers.

FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR GROWING CIRCLE MEMBERS

- Since we started the Growing Circle giving program 3 years ago, the number of gifts in the \$500+ range has grown by 62%
- Growing Circle members support 10% of the Wylde Center's annual operating budget
- Growing Circle members are saying this about being a part of the Wylde Center

"In setting priorities for donating money, I focus on groups supporting nature, especially gardens and trees. I became a Growing Circle member because I've seen how the Wylde Center serves the greater community in so many ways including garden classes, educational programs for all ages.

Every donated dollar's effect is multiplied exponentially by developing new and future gardens and increasing the public's awareness of the importance of caring for our earth." - Pat Gipson