



2022 Annual Report

Gallatin Valley Farm to School connects kids and families with local food in the garden, classroom, cafeteria and community. We envision a community where all kids, families, and schools are empowered by food education and connected to local food systems.

"Gallatin Valley Farm to School helps our kids become more conscious and responsible citizens. Parents learn too along the way. The atmosphere is great!"

- Community Program Parent



A Note From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

2022 was a year of reinvigoration and growth. Like many organizations, the last few years came with program interruptions, adaptations, and organizational shifts due to the pandemic. Our team was determined, then and now, to keep serving the community despite the circumstances. And, over the past year, thanks to your support, we have truly begun to blossom again.

Once on indefinite hiatus during the pandemic, Bob the Greenhouse Bus returned to the road in the spring of 2022, carrying a garden to kids throughout the Valley. Our educators are bringing learning to life through local food in schools from Bozeman to Belgrade and Monforton to Willow Creek.

We welcomed over 900 community members at the Fall Farm to School Festival, and partnered with more than 60 organizations and businesses to bring programs to locations across the county. Local students are eating and enjoying more Montana products on the lunch line, and we continue to lay the foundations for a nourishing future.

2023 will be Gallatin Valley Farm to School's 15th year building connections and nourishing our community, and we have big plans: expanded programs, deepened partnerships, and much more delicious food. We hope you'll join us.

Thank you for being a part of the Gallatin Valley Farm to School community,



Stephanie Laporte Potts
Executive Director

2022 Program Impact Highlights

Garden & Classroom Lessons

Aligned to state & NGSS learning standards, GV Farm to School's garden & classroom lessons enrich classroom learning by utilizing a place-based and hands-on curriculum focused on celebrating Montana grown food. During the 2021-2022 school year, after participating:

- 79% of students liked trying new food
- 83% of students knew where they can purchase local food in town



Family Programming

GV Farm to School's Family Programs are offered on a sliding-scale and bring the entire family together to learn new cooking skills, how to cook on a budget, and how to incorporate kids into the meal decision and cooking process.

- 642 Contact Hours across 13 partner organizations and schools in Gallatin County
- 77% of partner organizations and schools signed up for more than one Family Program in 2022

"These lessons are just so awesome for these kids. Connecting them to their food is so important and its wonderful to watch them be excited about it."

- Kindergarten Teacher

2022 Program Impact Highlights (Cont.)

Summer and Schools-Out Camps

GV Farm to School's camps combine creativity, inquiry, and peer-learning to create a fun learning environment where kids can explore local food, agriculture, science, & cooking. After participating:

- 90% of students knew how to make good choices about the food they eat
- 92% of students knew how to make nutritional snacks for themselves
- 96% of students knew local farmers, and local foods, are important for our community



Afterschool Programming

GV Farm to School's Afterschool Program provides childcare and enriching food literacy education to children whose families need to work.

- 592 Contact Hours at schools across the county
- Expanded afterschool programming to partners in Gateway, Belgrade, and Bozeman

Mobile Programming: BOB

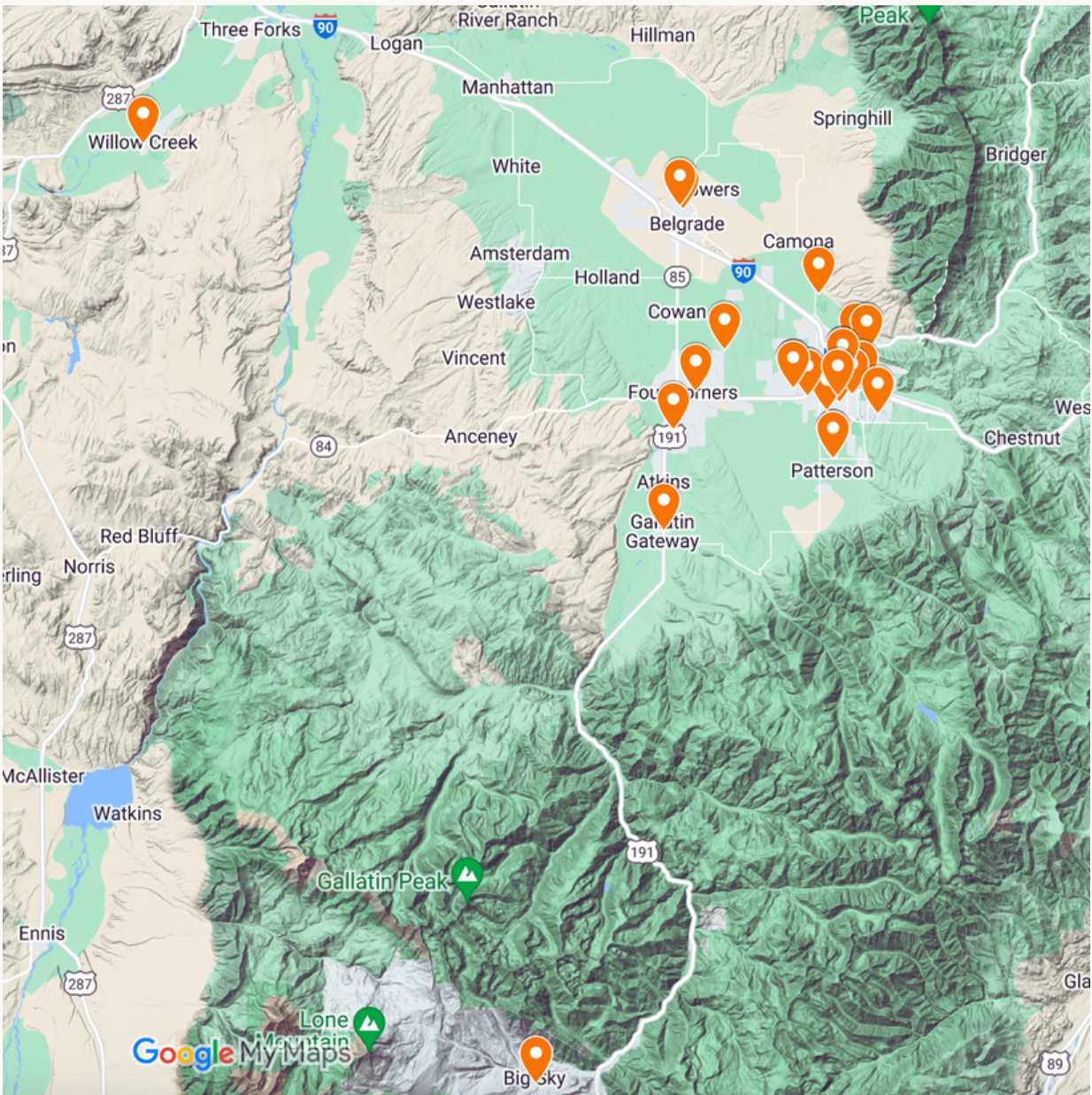
BOB is a mobile teaching that is able to bring garden education directly to those who may not otherwise have access to a garden.

- 2022 was the first year BOB was back on the road since 2019!
- BOB visited 12 schools & community spaces in 2022

"Can I take the leftovers home? Why waste the extras when I could share it with my family. They always love trying the food I make here."

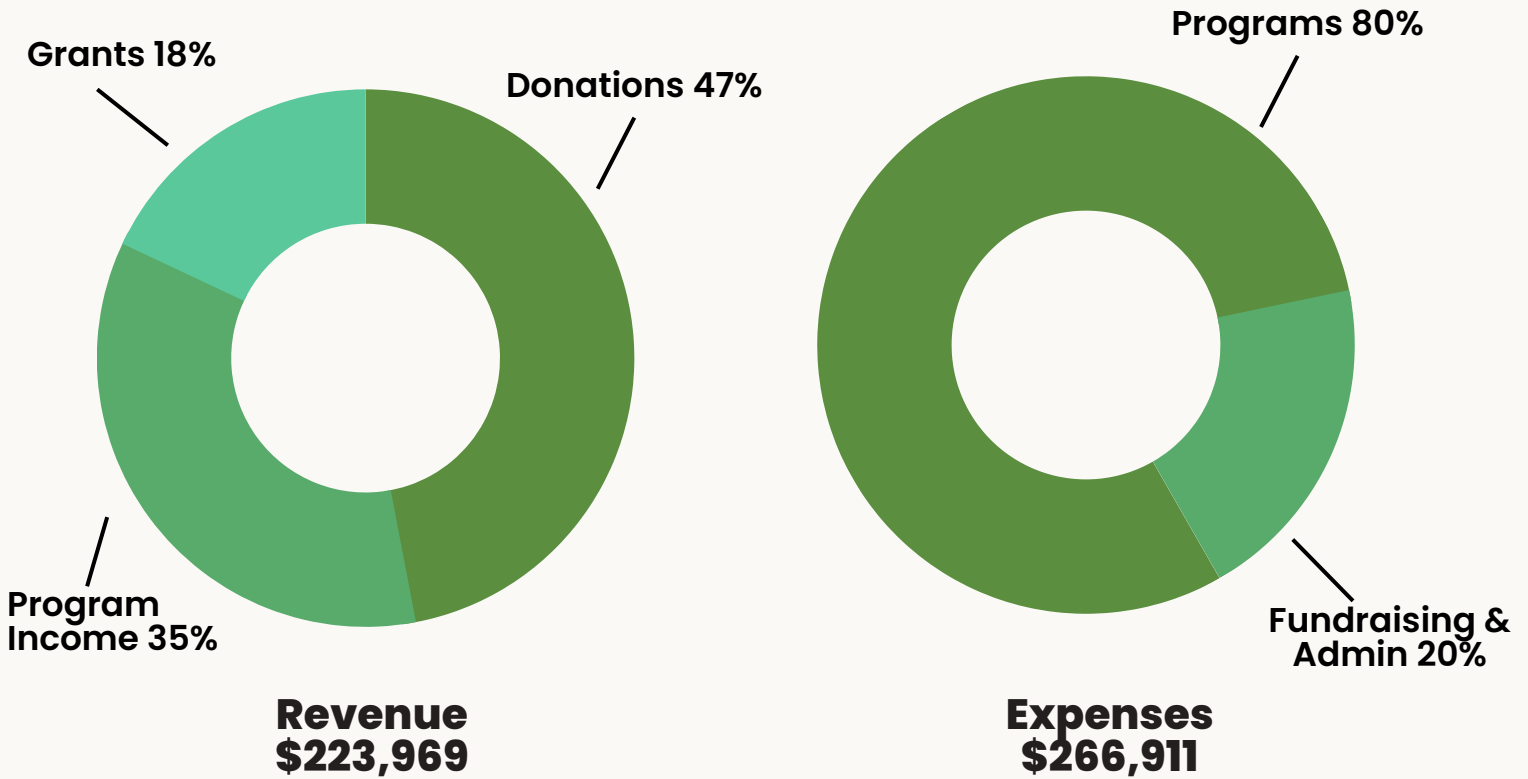
- 5th Grader in Afterschool

Where We Traveled In 2022



- Eagle Mount Bozeman
- BASE Community Center (Big Sky)
- Belgrade Middle School
- Big Sky Youth Empowerment
- Gallatin Gateway
- Gallatin Valley YMCA
- Great Beginnings Montessori School
- Hyalite Elementary School
- Irving School
- Longfellow School
- Mountain Sprouts Preschool
- Monforton School
- Montana Science Center
- Montana State University
- Montana Outdoor Science School
- Oboz Footwear
- Quail Hollow School
- Saddle Peak Elementary School
- Story Mill Park
- The Hummingbird's Kitchen
- Whittier School
- Willow Creek Public School

2022 Financial Highlights



The People Behind The Mission



Stephanie Laporte Potts, Executive Director



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Mia Thomas, Youth Programs Coordinator



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Nicole Cosmany, Community Education & Outreach Coordinator

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Thank You To Our Donors

None of our work would be possible without the generosity of YOU, our community. Over 150 individual donors gave \$67,500 to support Gallatin Valley Farm to School programming last year. As a nonprofit, we rely on these individual contributions in order to provide programs, host events, and reach more kids. Thank you to everyone who helped make 2022 such a successful year!

Thank You, Business Sponsors

Local businesses contributed over \$37,700 to support Gallatin Valley Farm to School's education and outreach programs in 2022. These gifts allowed us to expand our reach, build essential community connections, support our staff, and connect more kids, families, and schools in our community to local food.

Root Cellar Foods
Whole Foods Market
Seasonal Montana
Feed Cafe
Montana Ale Works
Yes! Compost
Grizzly Creek Films

Bozeman Community
Food Co-op
LaFoley Kitchen
Wild Crumb
Cashman's Nursery
Glo Luxury Oils
Treeline Coffee

Ghosttown Coffee
Roasters
Kenyon Noble
Food for Thought
Whole and Nourished
MacKenzie River Pizza



Connect with GVF2S in the community this year!

Engage in hands-on activities, try tasty local foods, tour Bob the Greenhouse Bus, and more.

May 4-5: Give Big Gallatin Valley; Donor lounges at Cafe M and Feed Cafe

June 12- August 24: Farm to School Summer Camps

September 23: Fall Festival at Story Mill Park

September 26: Montana Ale Works Community Benefit Dinner

Learn more about these and many more events online at GVFarmtoSchool.org.

How You Can Support GVF2S

Your Company Can Support Farm to School

In addition to helping support our programs, business sponsors also get a range of great benefits, from advertising at Festival to access to Bob the Greenhouse Bus and other learning opportunities for your customers or employees. Interested in becoming a business sponsor? Contact Stephanie@GVFarmtoSchool.org to learn more.

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