GardenShare Inc. Records  
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History
GardenShare traces its roots to the North Country Garden School, founded by Phillip Harnden in 1994 as a way for people to learn skills for gardening in Northern New York. Because gardeners often grow more food than they can use, Harnden began exploring ways for gardeners to share the extra food with hungry people. In 1996, Harnden produced a brochure describing North Country Garden School’s new “GardenShare Project.” The brochure was mailed to many local gardeners, to the Garden School workshops, to local stores and churches. After 1998, thirty gardeners were active in donating part of their harvests. Aware that charity alone cannot end hunger, GardenShare began publishing a newsletter of gardening tips and insights on the root causes of hunger. In May, GardenShare incorporated as a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending hunger.

As a follow-up to the “Hungry No More” workshop, GardenShare decided to pursue a farm-to-school project, which was getting more locally grown food into the cafeterias of St. Lawrence County schools and colleges. So each week during the harvest season, this project had the collection of locally grown produce from a dozen farmers and delivered it to SUNY Potsdam. In November 2003 and in the early year of 2004, the GardenShare received awards for helping to build the community’s food security in the North Country. In 2006, GardenShare helped make the Canton Farmers’ Market accessible for the first time in years to shoppers in the food stamp program. In 2008, GardenShare initiated a “Growing Local Bread” interest group with a November meeting attended by a dozen growers, gardeners, and bakers. Also in November, GardenShare sponsored a training workshop called “Growing Your Own CSA Farm.” In March 2010, GardenShare co-sponsored an all-day training workshop on school and community gardens. In November 2011, GardenShare held its first Harvest Social, a free event to celebrate GardenShare at SUNY Potsdam.

Scope & Content
This collection contains selected records of the anti-hunger organization GardenShare. The records include administrative files spanning the years 1996-2012. These files include GardenShare’s bylaws, incorporation papers, records of fund raising, annual dinners, awards, workshops, newsletters, finances, recruitment, food pantries the organization worked with and various other information. Collection consists of four series:

Series 1: Topics A-Z  
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Provenance:

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- 2003 Award
- 2004 Award
- 2005 Award
- 2006 Award
- 2007 Award
- 2008 Award
- 2009 Award
- 2010 Award
- 2011 Award

**Annual Dinner**
- 2005 Dinner
- 2006 Dinner
- 2007 Dinner
- 2008 Dinner
- 2009 Dinner
- 2010 Picnic
- 2011 Harvest Social

**CSA [Community Supported Agriculture]**
- 2007 CSA Farms
- 2007 CSA Roundtable
- 2008 CSA Farms
- 2008 CSA Regional Gathering
- 2008 CSA Training Workshop
- 2008 CSA Viability Study
- 2009 CSA Farms
- 2009 CSA Farm Express
- 2010 CSA Farms
- 2010 CSA @ BMC [Blue Mountain Center]
- 2010 CSA Roundtable
- 2010 CSA Bonus Bucks
- 2011 CSA Farms
- 2011 CSA Bonus Bucks

**Farmers’ Markets**
- 2006 Farmers’ Mkts.
- 2006 Plaindealer Articles [promoting Canton FM]
- 2007 Farmers’ Mkts.
- 2007 Farmers’ Mkts. ~ Shuttle Bus [to Canton FM]
- 2008 Farmers’ Mkts.
- 2008 Farmers’ Mkts. ~ Market Manager Training
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  Feasibility Study
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  Foodlink [Rochester NY]
  Food Storage Examples
  Forum
  Nelson Farms [Cazenovia NY]
  Resources
  Regs & Terms
  SARE Grant
  SARE Grant Expenses
  SARE Grant Reports

GardenShare Projects
  2000 “Food Baskets... and Beyond”
  2001ff. Hunger Awareness Day
  2001 Survey of GS List
  2002 Garden Planner
  2002 Farm-to-School Support Project [including Grower’s Guide manuals]
  2002 Farm-to-School Table Tents
  2002 “Hungry No More” Workshop
  2003 “Hungry No More” Workshop Follow-Up
  2003 Cecilie Garden Project
  2003 Website
2004 “Eight Hands” Campaign  
2004 “Eight Hands” Mini-Grant  
2004 “Eight Hands” Table Tents  
2004 Gouverneur Community Garden  
2004ff. Local Food Fliers  
2004 Mini-Gardens  
2004 Slow Food Promotion  
2004 Website  
2005 “Eating with the Seasons” Calendar  
2005 Local Food Pledge  
2005 SUNY Canton Horticultural Program  

**Box 3**

2005ff. Bumper Stickers [“Local Food: Fresh to You ~ Fair to Farmers”]  
2005ff. Farm & Feast  
2007 Grub Dinner [Anna Lappe and Bryant Terry @ SUNY Potsdam]  
2007 Farm Bill  
2008 Bion  
2008 Rapid Market Assessment  
2009 Wheat & Potato Workshop  
2009 “Good Food” Movie  
2010 Regional Food Guide for Restaurants  
2010 School Garden Grants  
2010 School Garden Training [Dig In! conference]  
2010ff. “Seasonal Kitchen” Blog  
2010 Shop with a Chef  
2010 FMNP Redemptions  
2011 Janet Poppendieck  
2011 CNY Health Bucks  
2011 FMNP Redemptions  
2011 Summer Intern Project  
2011 School Garden Grants  
2011 Temporary Farm Labor  

**Harvest Sharing**  
1996–1999 Recruitment  
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**Local Food & CFS [Community Food Security]**  
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Youth Summit (Food Day)
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Community Food Projects [CFP]
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- CFP 2004 HANNYS
- CFP 2008 Application
- Comm. Food & Nutrition Program

Fund Appeals
- 2002 Fund Appeal
- 2003 Fund Appeal
- 2004 Fund Appeal for FTS [Farm-to-School project]
- 2004 Fund Appeal
- 2005 Fund Appeal
- 2006 Fund Appeal
- 2007 Fund Appeal
- 2008 Fund Appeal FMP [Farmers’ Market Partners]
- 2008 Fund Appeal
- 2009 Spring Fund Appeal
- 2009 Fall Fund Appeal
- 2010 Spring Fund Appeal
- 2010 Fall Fund Appeal
- 2011 Spring Fund Appeal
- 2011 Fall Fund Appeal

Fundraising Campaigns
- 2008–2009 Capacity-Building [with sample proposal booklet]
- 2009 Fund-Raising Plan
- 2010 Closing the Food Gap [with sample proposal booklet]

Fundraising Events
- 2003 Barn Dance
- 2009ff. T-Shirts
- 2009 Band Jam
- 2009 Ivory & Gold Concert
- 2009 Reception @ McClellan’s
- 2010 Benefit @ 1844 House
- 2011 Poppendieck Supper
- 2011 Table Settings

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- Board Meeting Minutes 2012 [duplicates for SLU archives]
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2003 Board Retreat
2004 Board Retreat
2004 Board Trip to Vermont
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Budgets ~ Annual GS
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Payroll [THIS ENTIRE SECTION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC]
  Bank: HSBC (Payroll)
  2009 & 2010 Payroll Files from St. Lawrence Health Initiative
  2009 Payroll
  2009 IRS Payroll Taxes
  2009 NYS Payroll Taxes

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