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Summer Goals

- Community
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Courage/Self-empowerment
- Responsibility
- Initiative

Community Barriers

- Poverty
- Violence
- Lack of access to healthy food
- Failing education system
- Contaminated environment

Fruits of Labor

- Community beatification and increased access to fresh produce
- Improved self-confidence and sense of accomplishment
- Development of leadership and team-building skills
- Education in food and social justice
- Appropriately funding to increase scale of PYN
- Improve accountability and evaluation to maximize impact of the program

Community Assets

- Block captains
- Local Businesses
- Community organizations
- City programs

Room for Growth

- Increasing the appeal of healthy foods
- Increasing the awareness of community assets

“Spending the summer toiling in the fields with a group of West Philly teenagers was a deeply (and surprisingly) enjoyable experience. Although we attempted to teach our teens about health and nutrition, it was me who learned a thing or two about how people and plants can flourish in a challenging environment.” - Roderick Thompson

“The work has been challenging but the outcomes amazing. I’ve learned so much about community organizing, adolescence, and gardening.” - Alex Moxam