

Growing & Giving in Seattle



Giving Garden at Hazel Heights P-Patch

2015 End of
Season Report

An Introduction to Growing & Giving

What Lettuce Link and the Seattle Giving Gardeners Network call Growing and Giving encompasses the diverse ways gardeners across the city share the bounty of their gardens with their communities. Giving Gardeners range from backyard gardeners growing extra for the Food Bank, to large volunteer-run programs at P-Patches. Examples of Growing and Giving include:

- 53 P-Patches grow produce in a plot dedicated to growing for donation to a local food bank or emergency meal program
- 6 Community and Backyard Gardens grow produce dedicated to local food banks, meal programs, and low-income community members.

Lettuce Link's role in Growing & Giving

Materials

Lettuce Link provides seeds to Giving Gardens, provides gardening materials and information, and signs for gardens.

Technical and Recruitment Support

Lettuce Link offers resources, ideas, and connections to other gardeners for Giving Gardens that are struggling to get people involved, have specific gardening challenges, or are just starting out.

Reporting and Celebration

Lettuce Link collects the poundage totals and stories from Giving Gardens at the end of the season and presents a picture of Giving Gardening for the year. It also co-hosts Giving Gardener Gatherings annually.

Totals Pounds Donated in 2015

P-Patch Total: 39377.6 lbs

Other Giving Garden Total: 7901.7

LL Seattle Community Farm: 5251

LL Marra Farm: 8724

Grand Total: 61,254.3

Participating Giving Gardens (pg 1 of 4)

Giving Garden	Total Pounds	Where Donated
Magnuson	4739	North Helpline, Magnuson Park Transitional Housing
Twin Ponds	4074	Hopelink Shoreline
Interbay	3415.5	Ballard Food Bank, Mary's Place
Queen Anne	3415.5	The Lord's Table, Fay Abe
Picardo	2869	University District Food Bank, North Helpline
Orchard Gardens	2000	Hopelink Bellevue
Ballard	1640	Ballard Food Bank
Magnolia Manor	1527	El Centro de la Raza
Magnuson Transitional Housing	1500	Magnuson Park Transitional Housing
Solstice	1335	West Seattle Food Bank
Haller Lake	1147	North Helpline
UpGarden	1130	Queen Anne Food Bank, Ballard Food Bank
Beacon Food Forest	1100	El Centro de la Raza, Community
Ferdinand	1075	Beacon Ave Food Bank, Lao Sr Club, Hmong Sr Club, Filipino Hall Community Center
Marra - Mien	1075	Beacon Ave Food Bank, Lao Sr Club, Hmong Sr Club, Filipino Hall Community Center

Participating Giving Gardens (pg 2 of 4)

Giving Garden	Total Pounds	Where Donated
Snoqualmie	1075	Beacon Ave Food Bank, Lao Sr Club, Hmong Sr Club, Filipino Hall Community Center
Ferdinand	1075	Beacon Ave Food Bank, Lao Sr Club, Hmong Sr Club, Filipino Hall Community Center
Thistle	1075	Beacon Ave Food Bank, Lao Sr Club, Hmong Sr Club, Filipino Hall Community Center
Bradner Gardens Park	1010	Rainier Valley Food Bank
Evanston	942.5	Greenwood Food Bank, Noel House Food Bank, Family Works
Delridge	889	White Center Food Bank
Hillman City	850	Rainier Valley Food Bank
Eastlake	748	University District Food Bank
Barton St.	735	White Center Food Bank
Jackson Park	660.9	North Helpline, Hopelink Shoreline, Ballard Food Bank
Judkins	624.7	Rainier Valley Food Bank, Food Bank at St Mary's
Bitter Lake	590	Greenwood Food Bank, Hopelink Shoreline, Tri-Court Apartment residents
Unpaving Paradise	564.5	Cherry Street Food Bank
Hazel Heights	534.5	Family Works
Pike Market Urban Garden	440	Pike Place Market Food Bank

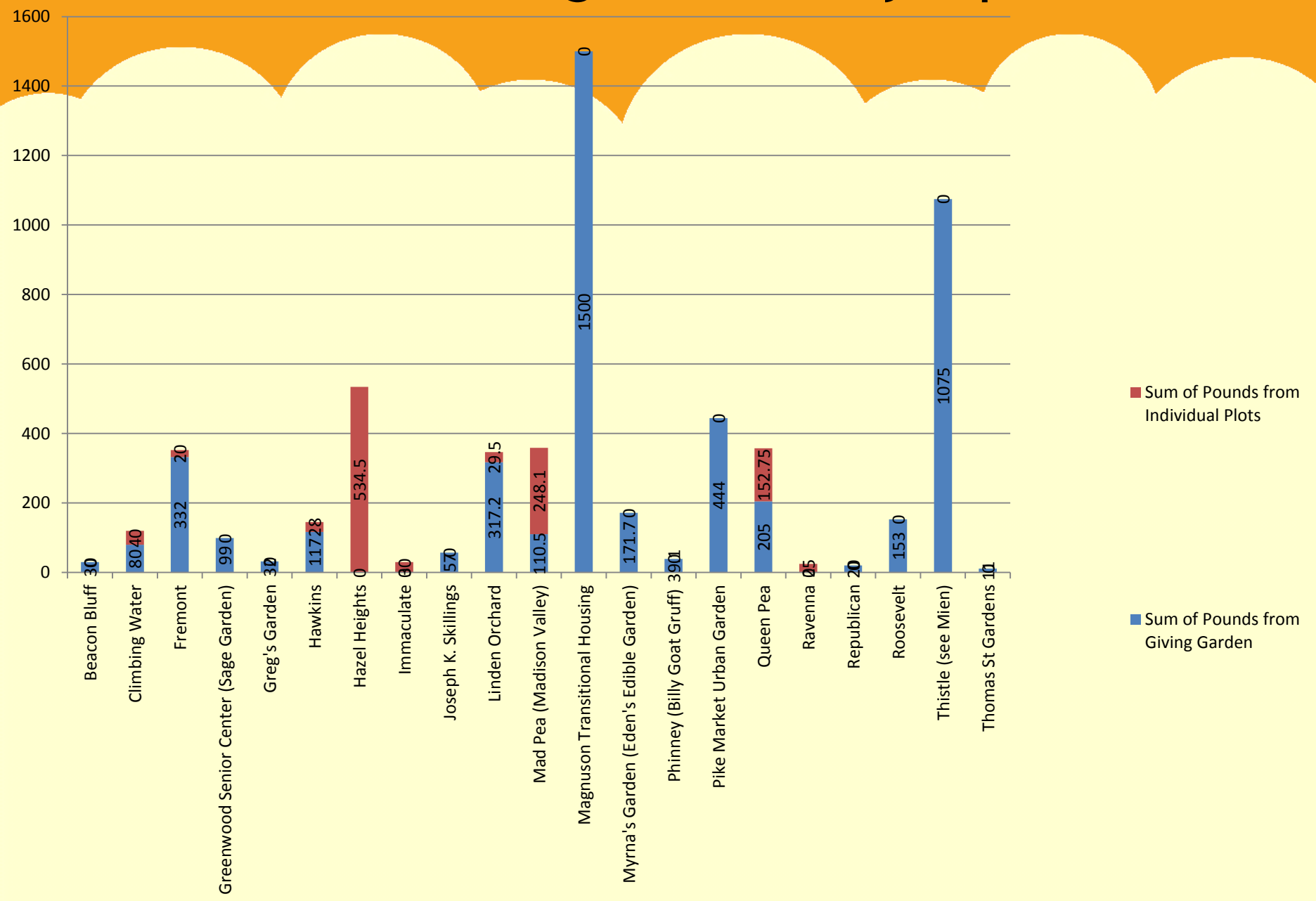
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Giving Garden	Total Pounds	Where Donated
Good Shepherd	427	Ballard, Family Works
Mad Pea (Madison Valley)	358.6	NW Harvest, Cherry St Food Bank, Food Bank at St Mary's
Queen Pea	357.8	The Lord's Table, Ronald McDonald House, Union Gospel Mission
Fremont	352	Family Works Food Bank
University District	352	University District Food Bank
Linden Orchard	346.7	VOA Greenwood
Licton Springs	312	St Vincent de Paul
Cascade	296	Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pike Place Sr Center, Orion Youth Center
Colman Park	245	Jewish Family Service, Food Bank at St Mary's
Westcrest	183	White Center Food Bank
Myrna's Garden (Eden's Edible Garden)	171.7	Queen Anne Food Bank
Maple Leaf	170.2	Unknown
Greenwood Station	165.5	Greenwood Food Bank
Roosevelt	153	University District Food Bank
Hawkins	145	Food Bank at St Mary's, Community members

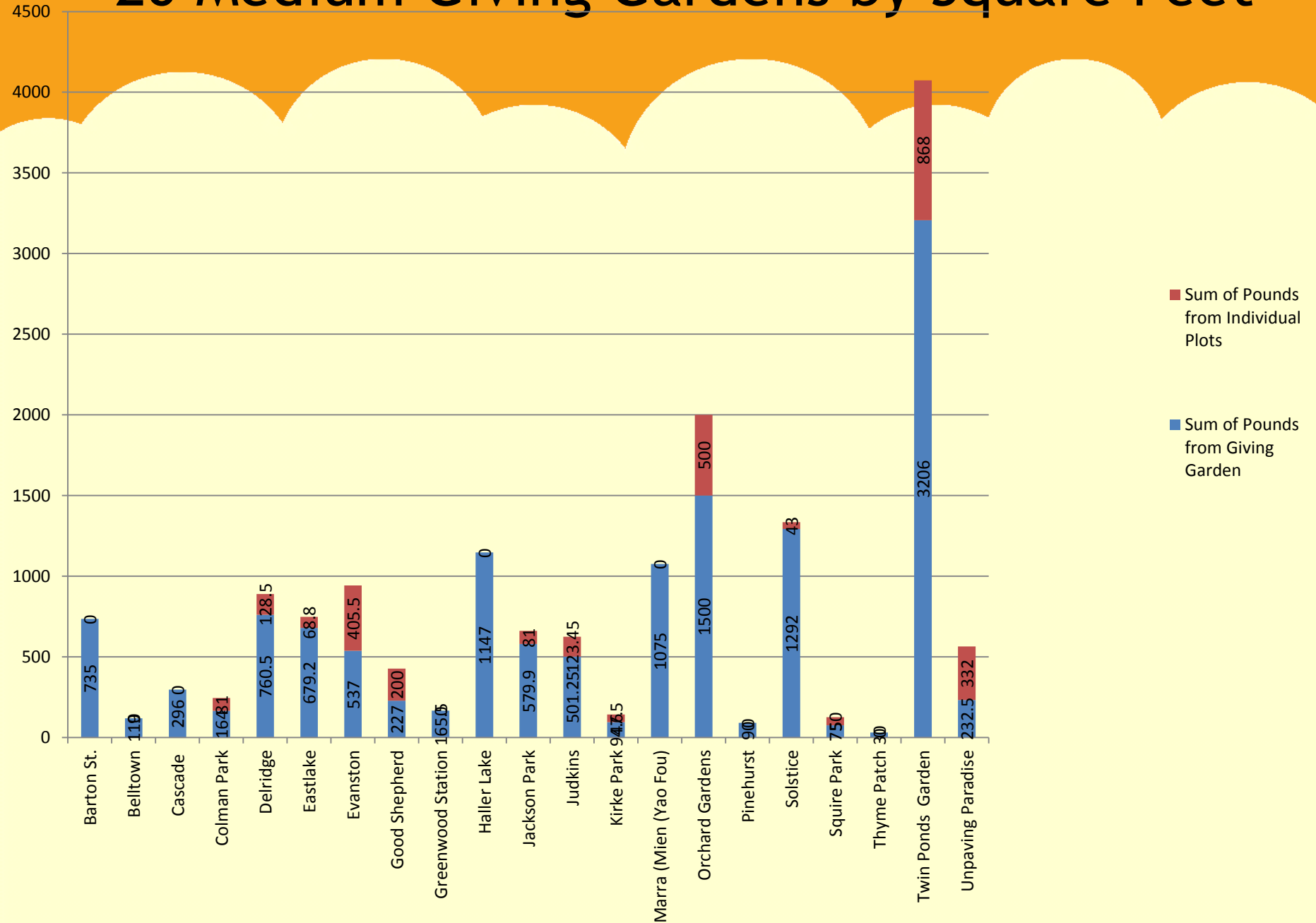
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Giving Garden	Total Pounds	Where Donated
Kirke Park	142.1	Ballard Food Bank
Squire Park	125	Cornerstone, Indian Day Center, Food Bank at St Mary's
Climbing Water	120	Food Bank at St Mary's
Belltown	119	Pike Place Market Food Bank
Greenwood Senior Center (Sage Garden)	99	Greenwood Senior Center
Pinehurst	90	North Helpline, Seattle Children's Odessa Brown Children's Clinic nutrition program
Joseph K. Skillings	57	St Vincent de Paul
Phinney (Billy Goat Gruff)	39.1	Ballard Food Bank
Greg's Garden	32	Ballard Food Bank
Beacon Bluff	30	El Centro de la Raza
Immaculate	30	Centerstone
Thyme	30	Nyer Urness, Ballard Food Bank
Ravenna	25	Phinney Ridge Food Bank
Republican	20	Jewish Family Service
Thomas St Gardens	11	Jewish Family Service

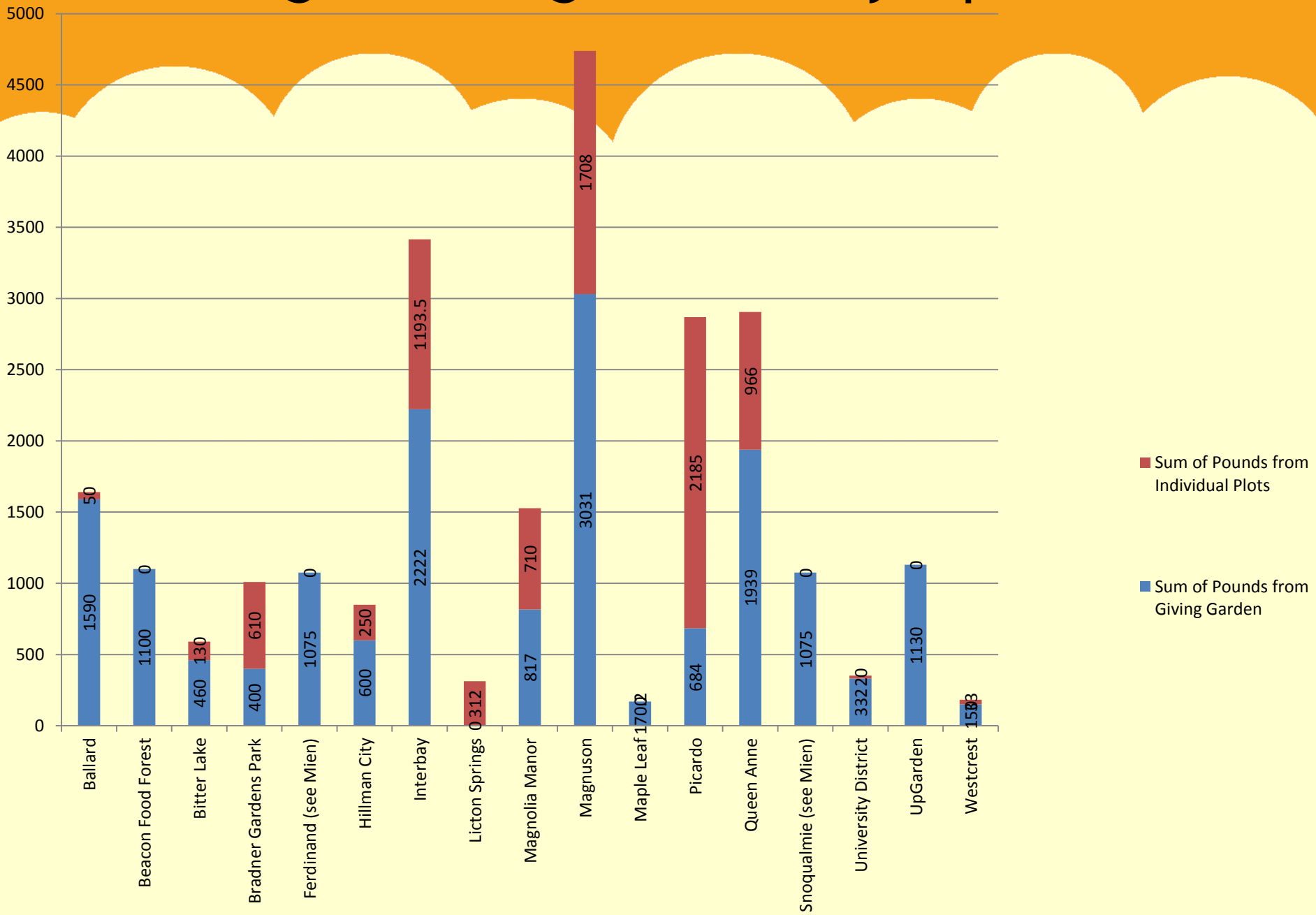
20 Smallest Giving Gardens by Square Feet



20 Medium Giving Gardens by Square Feet

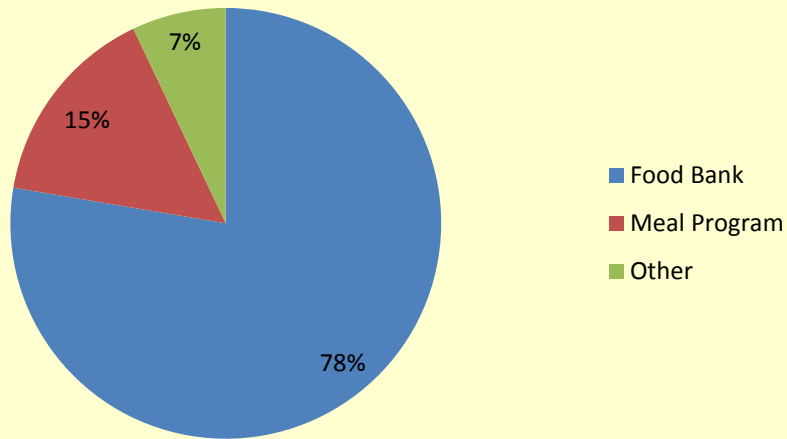


18 Largest Giving Gardens by Square Feet



Where does the food go?

% by # of Recipients

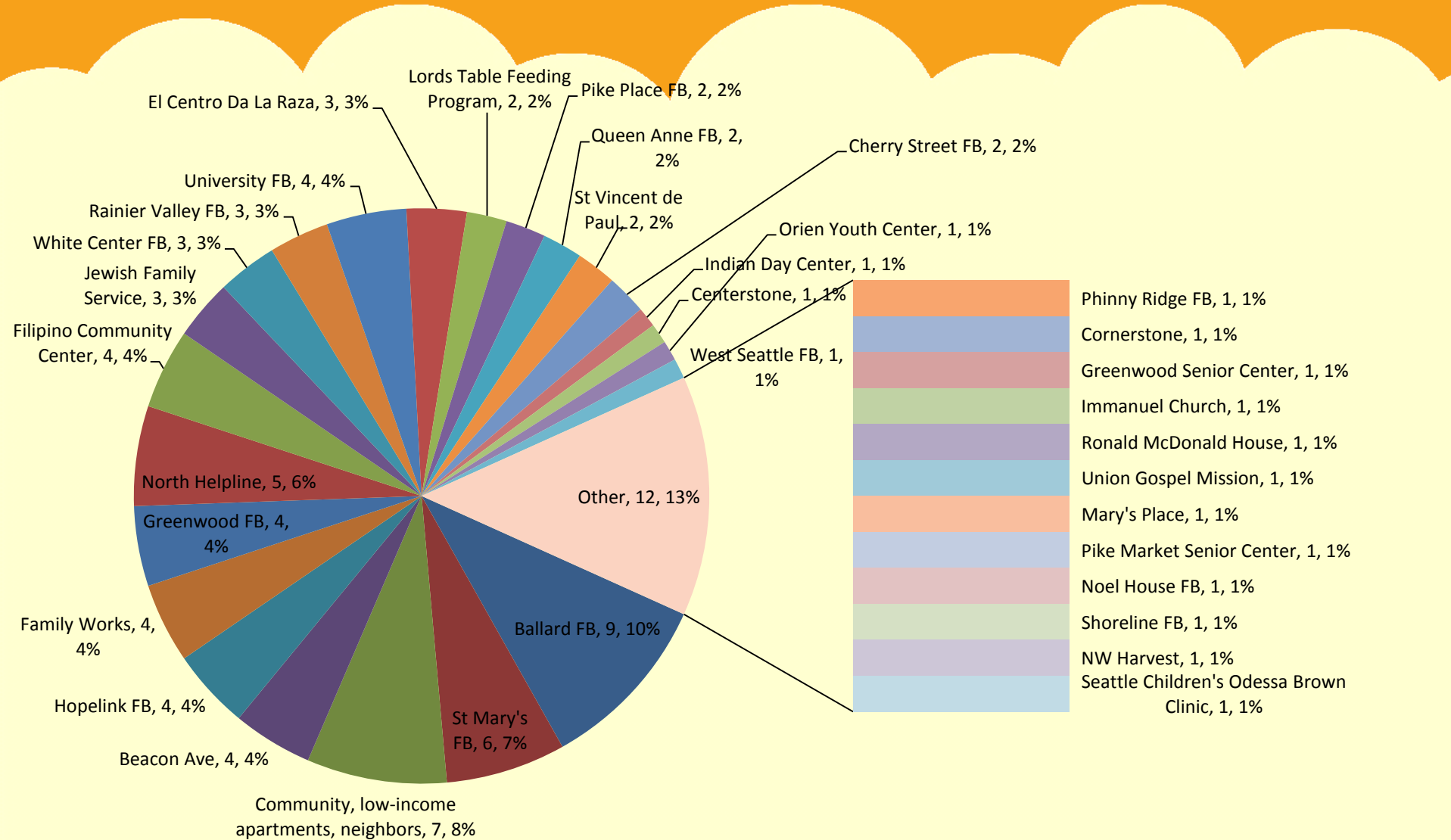


Giving Gardens donated to 25 food banks

Giving Gardens donated to 13 meal programs

Giving Gardens donated to 5 community groups, neighbors, and low-income apartments

Number of Donors for Each Location, Percentage of Total



Giving Garden Stories



Colorful Harvest from Roosevelt P-Patch , 2015

Hillman City P-Patch:

“This year we had an extra plot adjacent to ours, as normally we are just a 10x 20' plot. We had a great season, increasing our yield and starting delivery early. Our first gifting was in June and we ended in late Sept. We had many events, including hosting RVFB staff at our harvest potluck. We continue to develop a relationship and are trying to meet the needs of RVFB clients.”

Giving Garden Stories

Bitter Lake P-Patch:

“This year, we reached out to our immediate neighbors in the TriCourt apartments, a SHA property directly across the street from Bitter Lake P-Patch. Most, if not all, of the residents are regular food bank clients, so we thought we could make some of their food hyperlocal. We met with their Resident Council, who suggested we schedule our sharing days for late in the month when resources are stretched way too thin. Some of our gardeners live in the building, and were instrumental in getting flyers posted throughout the buildings. We had a sharing day in July, and again in August. It was so much fun to connect directly with everyone who came. We all talked about how we like to prepare our vegetables, and everyone was just delightful, and so appreciative. In 2016, we plan to do this a lot more often.”

Judkins P-Patch:

“Great team work! Having a designated delivery day really helped increase donations from independent plots! Cheers to Judkins P Patch!”

Giving Garden Stories



Hazel Heights P-Patch, 2015

Orchard Gardens:

“This is our 6 gardening year and the first year that we gave one TON of produce to Hopelink. We are proud of our garden, the great production and everyone's sharing.”