



Natick Community Organic Farm (NCOF) is an award-winning, nonprofit, certified-organic farm providing productive open space, farm products, and hands-on education for all ages, year-round. By offering a safe, nurturing place for all people—especially youth—to engage in physical, outdoor work and to meaningfully contribute to the farm’s success, NCOF allows people to discover how good food is grown and raised. In the process, they learn new skills, and build confidence, self-worth, accountability, and resiliency.

SUPPORT OUR TEEN PROGRAMS You’ll help to develop our community’s future workers and leaders through your sponsorship. Your business will benefit by reaching NCOF’s loyal supporter base. And your business will be a featured sponsor in our new Teen Program video, which will run continuously on our website and be shown at fundraising events.



TEEN WORK CREW gives meaningful paid employment to 14-18 teens every summer. They are selected based on a written job application (often their first), and by a work try out. By tackling “big jobs” around the farm, such as mowing, fencing, and splitting wood, teens learn to work together, take direction, and to creatively problem solve.



MENTORING TEENS THROUGH AGRICULTURE offers year-round training to up to 8 teen annually. By serving as farm hands after school and during breaks, Apprentices learn to run the Farm and hone their abilities to plan, problem solve, work independently, manage, and lead. Many go onto leadership roles, and to careers in agriculture.

“I could be bagging groceries. That would be so boring. Here you have an end product, which I really like, and I get to practice skills that I will use for the rest of my life.” —Davis

NCOF TEEN PROGRAMS IMPACT LIVES AND EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS

“Initially, my teen was unsure...within a week, she was explaining to me the intricacies of building a successful rabbit hutch and asking me if she’s be free enough to sign up for a regular gig during the school year. Novel thinking and learning about nature will help her to grow and the farm to deliver.”—**Rachael, Farm Parent**

2019 STATS

Teens employed: 25

Hours worked: 3487

1.92 FTE

Wages paid: \$38,358

COMPLETING RENOVATATIONS TO SUGAR SHACK

This past summer, 14 local teens made the NCOF sugar shack a safer place for our farmers to work and a better educational space for teaching thousands of visitors about the science, practice and lore of traditional maple sugaring. With hammers, saws, and power tools, teens applied their math, muscles, teamwork, and problem solving to replace sills, reframe the wood box, and repair the roof, with amazing results.



OPENING DOORS FOR KEEFE TECH STUDENTS

Throughout the school year, teens in Keefe’s Horticulture and Landscape program utilize the Farm for learning ; over time, they’ve become valuable workers! This past summer, with donor support, NCOF was able to hire two Keefe students of color onto the TWC, and to provide them with transportation to and from work—overcoming a major barrier for many teens , especially those from minority and low-income families.



“I’ve learned to be adaptable,
that you’re not always going to know how to do something,
and that you need to figure out how to create solutions.” —**April**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR NATICK COMMUNITY ORGANIC FARM PREPARE OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE FUTURE

PUT NCOF'S VISIBILITY TO WORK FOR YOUR BUSINESS

- 305 member families, representing 35 neighboring communities
- 871 summer youth, ages 4-17
- 1730 Instagram followers
- 886 Twitter followers
- 4618 Facebook followers
- 6438 e-newsletter followers
- 21,000 annual visitors



BECOME A TEEN PROGRAM SPONSOR Your generous sponsorship will support NCOF's teens programs, which prepare local youth for life by building their confidence and skills! Sponsorships include benefits for your business, too, including a year-round presence on the NCOF website, and prominent placement of your business in our new Teen program video and the media campaign that will accompany its launch. Your sponsorship will also include reservations to our Harvest Dinner, our beloved, all-local community feast, on Friday, September 25, or an alternative gathering that meets current safety requirements. (We promise to keep you posted.)

TEEN WORK CREW

CHAMPION \$10,000, hires 5 Teen Work Crew members for the summer

- Primary sponsor of Teen video.
- First logo on Farm social media and website.
- Use of barn or workshop for private 2-hour function (when safe)

TEEN WORK CREW HERO

\$2500, hires a Teen Work Crew member for the summer

- Third sponsor of Teen video
- Third logo on Farm social media and website.
- Use of workshop for private 2-hour function (when safe)

TEEN BACKER

\$500, hires a Teen for a week

- sponsor of Teen video
- Logo on Farm social media and website.

APPRENTICE HERO

\$5,000, hires an Apprentice for the year

- Second sponsor of Teen video.
- Second logo on Farm social media and website.
- Use of barn or workshop for private 2-hour function (when safe)

TEEN PATRON

\$1000, hires a Teen for two weeks

- sponsor of Teen video
- Logo on Farm social media and website.
- Use of workshop for private 2-hour function (when safe)



READY TO SPONSOR? Email trish@natickfarm.org