OUR MISSION

The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a more equitable and sustainable local food system in the Washington, D.C. area. Our work improves the health of our community, the viability of local farms, and preserves our environment for future generations.

Through our programs, Arcadia:

- Works to solve the issues of food access and food justice.
- Raises awareness about healthy food and where to find it.
- Establishes innovative connections between local, sustainable farms retailers, chefs, and consumers to increase the availability of local food.



Together we can build a more equitable, sustainable local food system.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

JOIN

Become an Arcadian. As a member, you'll enjoy special access to our private member events and culinary Master Courses, as well as discounts and priority access to our public programs.

DONATE

Arcadia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Donations support sustainable agriculture, food access, and farm education as well as the staff that make all this work possible.

VOLUNTEER

From farm work to farm education to events, to helping on the Mobile Market, assisting with grant writing, and marketing, our volunteers do it all.

To join, donate, volunteer, or learn more, visit:



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OUR PROGRAMS

Arcadia has three distinct program areas:
Sustainable Agriculture
Food Access
Farm and Nutrition Education



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

ARCADIA FARM

We believe in real food – the kind that comes from the ground, not a box. Through a landmark partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, we cultivate

Trust for Historic Preservation, we cultivate a small demonstration farm on the grounds of Woodlawn Estate in Alexandria, VA, growing more than 50 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and herbs throughout the seasons. We practice sustainable agriculture: socially just, economically viable, and environmentally sound.

The farm is a living agricultural classroom for school children and new farmers, and a tranquil respite for visitors and tourists escaping the hustle and bustle of the city.

FOOD ACCESS

THE MOBILE MARKE

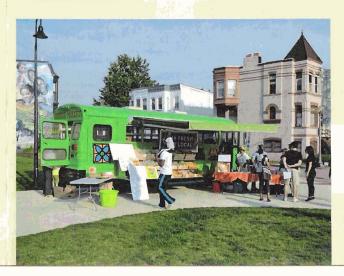
We believe everyone should have access to and be able to afford real food. Arcadia's Mobile Market is a rolling farm stand – a

refurbished school bus that stocks high quality sustainably grown food from our farm and others within 100 miles of Washington, D.C. The Mobile Market makes weekly stops in low-food access neighborhoods. The food is affordable to low-income customers because we double the value of SNAP, WIC, and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program benefits up to \$10 per transaction.

The Mobile Market also provides on-site healthy food field trips for school children, with a verified increase in their understanding of nutrition after visits.

THE FOOD HUB

Arcadia is partnering on a new regional food hub that will connect small farmers from across the Mid-Atlantic to schools, businesses, and restaurants.





FARM AND NUTRITION EDUCATION

FIELD TRIPS

Arcadia's Farm Education curriculum meets all local standards of learning through hands-on, experiential learning. Children who come to Arcadia Farm plant, water, harvest, and eagerly taste fruits and vegetables – many of them for the first time. Every field trip includes a visit to our fresh salad bar featuring ingredients grown on our farm.

FARM CAMP

Arcadia Farm Camp runs for four weeks each summer. In 2013 20 percent of our campers attended free of charge based on financial need, through generous donations to our farm camp scholarship program.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM & MASTER COURSES

Arcadia has launched a new membership program through which Members support our other programs while participating in intimate master classes and dinners hosted by the Washington, DC-area's tops chefs and food artisans.