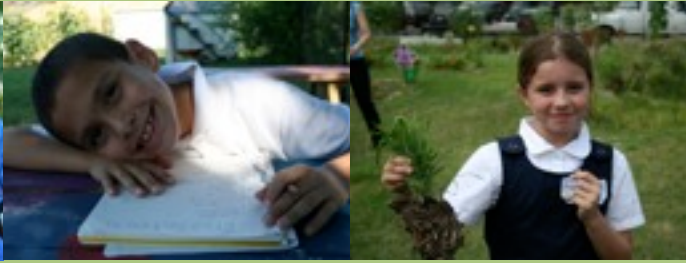


# global gardens newsletter



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## What is Global Gardens?

Global Gardens is a nonprofit, educational organization that provides low-income schools and neighborhoods the resources that they need to incorporate educational, multi-disciplinary, science-based gardens into their curriculum and community. Global Garden's primary goal is to establish student-centered garden spaces, where students and their families have ownership of the implementation, progress, maintenance, and activities of the garden. Global Gardens believes that these experiences encourage personal growth and lead to individuals becoming empowered to live healthier lives and become agents of change in their communities.



Welcome to issue no. 1 of the newsletter from Global Gardens! Let us start by saying thank you so much for your support. Whether it has been your time spent in the garden with the kids, your expertise helping us

figure out how to make this dream a reality or your monetary support - we couldn't do it without you. Changing the lives of kids is and will always be a community effort!

It is a busy season with the holidays but winter is a time of rest for the garden. As the outdoor tasks wind down we have time to access where we are, evaluate our triumphs and our struggles, and plan for the future.

One year ago this was just an idea and now every teacher at Eugene Field has a garden, the after-school program is at capacity and the ball is rolling to start the program at Rosa Parks Elementary School in 2008.

In the last few months the kids have shown off their garden as part of the Tulsa Living Arts annual Living with Art in the Garden Tour, we've made and sold pesto with our garden-fresh basil, planted fall veggies,

learned how to make flower arrangements, and had a fall party in the garden with the families. We could go on and on but as always kids say it best.

### 11.20.07 Brenda's Journal Entry, 5th grade

Global Gardens is an after school program for kids that love to garden. In Global Gardens each kid has their own plot to grow whatever they want. Since Global Gardens is in Tulsa, Oklahoma we have to grow things that will grow in Oklahoma. In Global Gardens everybody is in charge. Global Gardens is in the back of Eugene Field Elementary School. I like Global Gardens because it is a fun after school program and not only do we grow gardens but we learn about



nature. And I also love Global Gardens because we all get along together it is like a little community and in the community everyone gets along and everyone is nice to each other and everyone is peaceful.

# What's sprouting?

No doubt there is lots going on with Global Gardens these days. At Eugene Field the after school program is at capacity, we are garnering support from an always generous community and the word is spreading...thanks to you!

## EVENTS



Global Gardens had its first fundraising event on October 14 thanks to the support of Tulsa Area Community Schools Initiative and The Local Table, which hosted the event. More than 65 guests were introduced to Global Gardens while they enjoyed appetizers and drinks prepared by The Local Table. Several students from the Eugene Field after-school program spoke about how Global Gardens is impacting them, their school and their community.

*Kindergarten (Children's Garden)* Is a collection of paintings created by local artist Annie Ferris who was inspired by her experience with Global Gardens. The paintings are currently on display and will hang through February 2008 at The Palace Café in Tulsa located at 15<sup>th</sup> and Peoria.

## NEWS



Global Gardens will begin enriching students at Rosa Parks Elementary School in the Union Public School District beginning in 2008!

Heather Oakley spoke about the organization at the Our Kids: Unfit and Overfed conference hosted by St. Francis Health Systems on November 2. She spoke about how Global Gardens discourages childhood obesity.

Global Gardens will have a fully functional Web site very soon! This will be a great way to stay updated with what is happening, how you can be involved and a resource to point other interested community members to for information. Check out the progress at [www.global-gardens.org](http://www.global-gardens.org).



Thanks to continued funding support our staff is growing! Lindsey Smith has joined the Global Garden team as the garden educator at Eugene Field. With 15 years of experience working with youth and a shared vision she is a great asset to the organization.

Ayschia Saiymeh joined the staff as the community and public relations coordinator. She is continuing to cultivate relationships in the community and communicate with you about what is happening with Global Gardens.

As the administrative assistant Cheyenne Sorrell is helping part-time. Accounting skills and a knack for organization make her a great addition.

## GIVE A GIFT THAT GROWS!

Giving during the holiday season is a natural. We give because we care - but what if your gift was a reflection of not only how much you cared but also a recognition of the giving spirit in others? This year consider a gift of a donation to Global Gardens on behalf of a friend or family member.

Along with recognition of your tax-deductible donation you'll receive a Global Gardens holiday card recognizing your gift to give to the recipient. For more information or to make a gift donation contact Ayschia Saiymeh at [gardenayschia@gmail.com](mailto:gardenayschia@gmail.com) by December 17.

## BE A VOLUNTEER

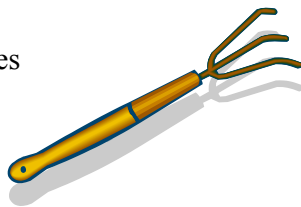
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- Volunteer your time during the Global Garden after school program any day of the week from 3:00-5:00
- Become a Global Gardens mentor and work one-on-one with a student
- Adopt a class (PreK-5th grade) and assist them with their garden plot
- Help with administrative needs, mailings, fundraising, etc.
- Donate funds or materials. Tax deductible donations can be made through the Tulsa Community Foundation. 7030 S Yale Ave # 600 Tulsa, OK 74136

## WISH LIST

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- Benches - for seating throughout the garden
- Garden tools
- Paint for signs and paintbrushes
- Trellises/bamboo stakes
- Wood
- Mulch
- Fruit trees for the 4th grade tree drive



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## Ms. Warnke's 4th Grade Fruit Tree Drive

Written by Zuleyka, 4th grade.

A tree drive is a program where people just like you donate trees! We need trees to reduce carbon dioxide in our community. Also, they produce fruit for us to share. Here are some things we would like to tell you about our garden: it's organic, it's beautiful and it's healthy. We are gardeners helping our community by learning how to take care of stuff. Contact us if you would like to donate a tree or just see our garden.

## Year-End Giving...Plant Seeds of Change

The end of the year is creeping up on us and it's time to start thinking about annual year-end giving. Tax deductible donations can be made on behalf of Global Gardens through a Tulsa Community Foundation Designated Agency Fund, 7030 S Yale Ave # 600 Tulsa, OK 74136.



Eating seasonally means having the freshest produce, supporting local farmers and experimenting with new ingredients!

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## Seasonal Recipe

### Roasted Butternut Squash

**1 butternut squash, about 2lbs**  
**olive oil cooking spray**  
**1/8 tsp allspice**  
**1/8 tsp salt**  
**1/8 tsp pepper**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Cut the squash into four wedges.

Remove the seeds.



Mist each wedge with cooking spray and dust with allspice, salt & pepper.

Bake for 40 minutes or until soft.