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SET THE TABLE FROM YOUR GARDEN

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RENEE'S GARDEN SEED DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every year, *Renee's Garden donates seeds* to a wide variety of organizations and educational programs worldwide that strive to improve social, economic and health conditions, and promote sustainable organic gardening. We also encourage retailers to donate unsold Renee's Garden seeds to local non-profit organizations at the end of the season. We are pleased to share just a few of their successful outcomes.

Heart Walk Foundation



"We have been partnering for over ten years with native Q'ero communities in the very remote regions of the Andes Mountains of Peru. Because the communities lie at the highest habitable regions in the mountains (12,600 to 15,000 feet in elevation) all they can grow are potatoes and tubers. There are no stores or income sources to allow the people to purchase food.

Our organization has been raising funds to supply the materials for every family to have a greenhouse. They build the walls with local materials, and we supply the plastic, hardware, and tools. To date 49 greenhouses have been built, and 39 families are in line and ready for funding.

We are thrilled to see that the children are integrally involved and love the taste of every vegetable, foods they never saw or tasted before. It is evident that the children are growing taller and stronger, have better health, and are more alert in the classroom. Renee's Garden donated a substantial number of seed packets this year to make this program such a success."

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Slide Ranch, Muir Beach, California

"Slide Ranch is a nonprofit teaching farm that provides a variety of agricultural education programs to school children, community groups and families – reaching more than 8,000 visitors a year. Sixty percent of the groups we serve are from low-income communities.

Gardening is an integral part of all our programming. Participants visit our one-acre, certified organic educational garden to explore plant, insect, and soil life and participate in hands-on garden projects such as weeding, prepping beds, seeding, planting, harvesting, and cooking from the farm.

For many students, their visit to Slide Ranch is their first opportunity to encounter the ocean, the animals and the plants that provide the foods we eat." [Read More](#)



Hermitage Street Community Garden, Chicago, IL



"Our garden project mission is to assist inner city gardeners to grow organic food to feed their families. Individuals are provided an eight-foot by eight-foot raised bed plot, as well as seeds and soil. They may cultivate anything they want, including cabbage, collards, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, flowers, string beans, mustard, turnip, greens and peppers. Each of the 38 plots can yield enough to feed a family of four for an entire year.

This garden has really been a blessing to this community. When we came at the start, this was actually a jungle.

We've come in to clean this garden space, level it, and then the vision kind of came together to start these raised beds. At the garden, they are growing more than the Italian green beans and tomatoes that are flourishing now. They're actually creating community."

To learn more: [Watch video](#)

SEE MORE: SOME OF THE OTHER FINE NON-PROFITS THAT RECEIVE OUR SEEDS INCLUDE:

Bayou Lacombe Middle School Lacombe, Louisiana



Denver Urban Gardens Denver, Colorado



21st Century Community Learning Centers, Anchorage,



Alaska

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Renee's Fundraising Program

Our **Fundraising Program for Schools and Non-Profits** was very successful this past year with participating organizations including numerous school gardens, community garden projects and Master Gardener groups. If your organization is looking for an easy and effective fundraiser, sign up now and 25% of every order placed in 2015 that includes your unique code will be donated to your program. [More Info](#)



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Best Wishes,
Renee Shepherd



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