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FUNDRAISER & UNITY HOUSE UPDATE

Our two combined fundraising initiatives raised over \$22k! This puts us just shy of 50% of our total goals.

Detroit Green Map

Raised \$3.2k of \$10k Goal

Designing and launching the Detroit Green Map was a fun collaboration with another charitable organization and local artist. These posters can make great gifts!

Unframed copies: \$100 (profit on 89% of sale)
Framed copies: \$300 (profit on 58% of sale)



[Link to Purchase](#)

ioby Crowdfunding Campaign

Raised \$19.2k of \$36k Goal

In case you are not in the market for wall art, we also launched a crowdfunding campaign. This way, flexible donation amounts are possible.

97% of donations go directly to fund Phase 2 of Unity House.

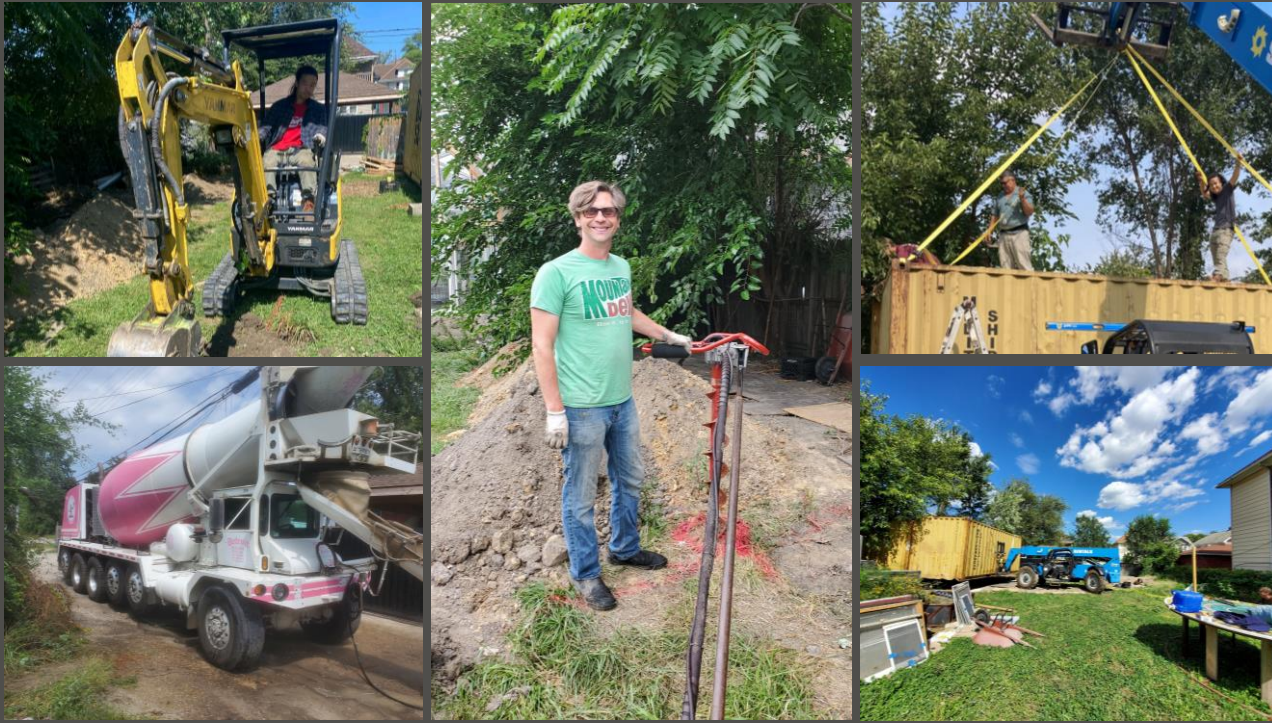


[Link to Donate](#)

Unity House is well on its way....

The low-carbon foundation and "above-ground basement" shipping containers are in place. Next, we are collaborating with Welding Concepts Training to complete container modifications. Then, electricity will be installed to finish off Phase 1. Follow progress on our Instagram and website.

Getting to this stage was not possible without the neighbors, volunteers, donors, and businesses who showed up in big ways. Thank you, all!



SUMMER INTERN

We say farewell to our first Summer Intern, Servando, a SW Detroit native and University of Michigan student.

In addition to the many ways he served his local community, he spent this summer helping us develop Data Acquisition Software for the Greenhouse. Praneeth Nelapati from our team mentored Servando through best practices of error-handling and wireless communications. We have more work to do, gathering Greenhouse data and developing Machine-Learning models, and owe a lot of the progress to Servando.



"I'm studying Electrical Engineering with a focus on Signal + Image Processing and Robotics. I was exposed to these discipline early by participating high school robotics, and I decided to continue pursuing that interest.

This summer I worked on Wi-Fi access software, which was a new experience in an area that I have not worked in before. I really enjoyed working with Graft Living and being able to help them help the community."



Shoutout to Nvidia for donating the Machine-Learning hardware (Jetson Nano) needed to model

FALL SCHEDULE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We still have many activities planned at Chavez Community Garden this Fall. Below are just 3 of many ways to get involve. Feel free to reach out [here](#) if you have any questions or ideas. RSVP below.

1. Permaculture Workshops

6-part "Ecological Gardener" series collab with [Garden Juju Collective](#). These skilling workshops will be recorded & made available online.

2. Volunteer Saturdays

Our standing 9:30AM volunteer days. Come enjoy coffee & snacks while we cultivate toward the [permaculture food forest plan](#).

3. Detroit Youth Education Program

In partnership with [Urban Neighborhood Initiatives](#), we apply STEM to Environmentalism. Volunteer mentors welcome!



SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SEPTEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
OCTOBER	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
NOVEMBER	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6

[RSVP](#)

Workshops on-deck to be scheduled later this year:

- Earthen Oven

Public-days will be capped and social-distancing guidelines will be maintained. Please RSVP so we have a headcount. Masks, sanitizer will be made available.

Schedule maintained @ [graftdetroit.org/connect/](#)

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