

All our club chapter profits go to support club activities and charitable works. CRFG-Redwood has been able to donate over \$15,000 for scholarships for agricultural students and appropriate charities from proceeds of events. Go Farmers!

Here's a 2013 scholarship presented to a SRJC student by co-chairs Ed and Maile



Here's a thank you note from another recipient:

Dear Members of the Redwood Empire California Rare Fruit Growers:

In early 2012 I was awarded a grant from your organization. I used the funds to start a network of commercial gardens in neglected back yards in a residential community adjacent to the Sonoma State University campus. The goal was to create entrepreneurial opportunities for students, beautify the neighborhood, and provide organic, locally grown food to the campus dining services. I had a vision of students harvesting their produce early in the morning and dropping off their orders at the cafeteria on the way to class. Ever since the first legitimate orders were delivered to the Sonoma State University cafeteria last semester the network of student growers has been growing. There are now a total of three student-owned market gardens, each with their own respective student owner/operator as well as one student apprentice per garden. I consider this to be only the beginning, as there is still an ample supply of un-kept yards ready to be turned into gardens, thousands of capable students, and some very supportive campus chefs open to doing business with these student market gardeners.

I've taken some time to think about who has helped this idea come to fruition and without a doubt the funds from the grant I received from the RECRFG has been the most helpful contribution to the project. Thank you for the grant and thank you for letting me be a part of this community for the past year. The generosity of your organization is having an incredibly beneficial impact on the Sonoma State University community.

Sincerely,
Mac Hart, Junior Student
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