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Greener Partners Teaches Kids Agriculture with Donation from Ambler Savings Bank

Wynnewood, Pennsylvania – Greener Partners is gearing up for another year of their Farm Explorer Program, teaching kids who are experiencing food insecurity how to grow, cook and eat healthy.

"It is important to teach the link between the food we eat and how it grows, to kids at a young age," says Meg MacCurtin, Executive Director, Greener Partners.

"We create "aha" moments - digging in healthy soil, smelling herbs, tasting farm-fresh fruit, and cooking with seasonal vegetables - that connect students to local food and build healthy eating habits that will last a lifetime," continues Ms. MacCurtin.

With the help of a donation from Ambler Savings Bank, they will continue the Farm Explorer Program for the fall of 2021. Programming is focused in Norristown, Chester, West and North Philadelphia, where kids engage in hands-on learning about plants, local agriculture, seasonal eating, and nutrition.

"Thanks to the support of Ambler Savings Bank, we will bring our seed to plate education to schools hit hardest by the pandemic, providing fresh produce and nutrition education that's essential for children's health," says Ms. MacCurtin.

"Increasing discovery-based learning of gardening and healthy eating is so important in our schools. We are proud to support Greener Partners to make this learning more accessible to students who otherwise would not get this opportunity," says Erin Cohen, Chief Relationship Officer, Ambler Savings Bank.

In addition to in-school programming, Greener Partners has a half-acre property, the Deaver Wellness Farm, located at Lankenau Medical Center that provides healthy eating education and fresh food



Erin Cohen, Chief Relationship Officer, Ambler Savings Bank (left), Amy Johnson, Agriculture Director, Greener Partners (right).

access for area students, hospital patients, and medical residents. The farm features educational areas as well as organic production spaces, including a greenhouse, a large gazebo, and space for herbs, seeds, flowers and fruits.

Greener Partners' mission is to strengthen community health through food, farms, and education. To learn more about their services and ways to volunteer, visit their website at www.greenerpartners.org

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