



What Do Urban Triage's Agriculture Programs Do? Food Justice. Community Agriculture. Economic Opportunity.

Urban Triage's agriculture programs go beyond food—they restore access to land, build economic opportunity, strengthen community connections, advance food justice, and drive long-term systems change. We believe access to healthy food is a right, not a privilege, and our work makes that real through community agriculture, food justice initiatives, and farming programs.

AT A GLANCE	 427 families served annually	 10,000+ lbs of organic produce distributed each year	 98 program graduates	 3-5 agricultural businesses launched
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WHY DOES FOOD JUSTICE MATTER IN DANE COUNTY RIGHT NOW?

Many families, especially on Madison's south side, still lack consistent access to fresh, affordable food.

Urban Triage addresses this by building community-based food systems that prioritize:

- Fresh, organic produce
- Food sovereignty and education
- Economic opportunity through agriculture
- Inclusive leadership in farming and land ownership

This is not charity. This is infrastructure.

WHAT DO AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS INCLUDE?

Programs are designed to meet people where they are—whether they want to grow food, access it, or build a business.

Core offerings:

- Hands-on agriculture education
- Support for farmers and emerging growers
- Community gardens across Madison
- Weekly free produce distribution
- Pathways to entrepreneurship and land ownership

Food access, housing stability, health, and economic mobility are deeply connected, and our work reflects that.

WHAT IS SUPPORTING HEALTHY AGRICULTURE (SHA)?

A 12-week cohort that reconnects multi-generational families to land, knowledge, and opportunity.

Participants:

- Learn to grow their own food
- Gain hands-on farming experience
- Explore agriculture as a business pathway
- Engage in conversations about agricultural history and systemic inequities
- Learn trauma recovery
- Participate in healing and bonding activities for families

98 graduates to date

This is about reclaiming knowledge—not just learning skills.

DO YOU HELP PEOPLE START AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES?

Yes, our Farm Business Development Program supports farmers and growers in starting and scaling businesses.

We provide:

- Business planning and strategy
- Licensing and regulatory guidance
- Access to state and federal programs
- Support building a sustainable income

3-5 agricultural businesses launched

HOW DO YOU PROVIDE FOOD ACCESS?

Urban Triage distributes **10,000+ pounds of organic produce annually.**

Weekly distribution: 2312 S. Park Street, Madison

- No requirements
- No sign-ups
- No barriers

427 families served annually

Food access should never depend on income or circumstance.

WHAT IS THE HEMP SPECIALTY CROP WORKGROUP?

A program introducing participants to hemp as an emerging economic opportunity

Participants learn:

- Cultivation fundamentals
- Legal and regulatory frameworks
- Business development

This work connects directly to economic empowerment and ownership.

A new organic hemp and CBD wellness brand launches in Spring 2026.

WHERE ARE COMMUNITY GARDENS LOCATED?

Urban Triage is expanding access to land across Madison in 2026:

- Heifetz Park (South Madison)
- Emerging Adults Transitional Home
- Capitol Garden

These spaces support:

- Food production
- Skill-building
- Community connection
- Safe, accessible learning environments

WHAT EVENTS TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

Urban Triage hosts year-round agricultural events that connect people to the land and to each other.

Key events include:

- Community Garden Groundbreaking (March)
- Seed Starting Workshop (April)
- Annual Harvest Festival (September)
- Cooking and Food Prep Classes (Ongoing)
- Intro to Hemp (Ongoing)

These events are about more than participation.

They are about belonging.

Urban Triage's agriculture programming changed my life. I went from having limited access to fresh, healthy food to growing my own and improving my health within a year. This program doesn't just provide food—it builds confidence, stability, and real opportunity.

-URBANTRIAGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT, SOUTH MADISON

Every seed is a step toward equity.

An Invitation to Dane County and the City of Madison

Dane County and the City of Madison have made meaningful commitments to food equity and the well-being of all residents, particularly those on Madison's south side. Urban Triage is proud to be doing that work on the ground every day, in partnership with the community. We believe the strongest outcomes happen when community organizations and local government work together. Urban Triage welcomes the opportunity to align our agriculture programs with the County's and City's equity goals and to grow that partnership in meaningful ways. Together, we can ensure every family in Dane County has access to fresh, healthy food and that our community's agricultural future is rooted in opportunity, ownership, and shared prosperity. We invite your support, your partnership, and your presence at the table.

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