HOW TO HELP

- ☑ **Become a donor or sponsor**
- ☑ **Volunteer**
- ☑ **Donate materials**
- ☑ **Contributions**
- ☑ **Tools**

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OUR HISTORY

Originally from Cameroon, Yves Doumen settled in Springfield in 2017. His passion for agriculture led him to create The Motherland Community Project—an innovative oasis on Springfield's East side. Here, fresh fruits and vegetables flourish, but it's more than just produce—it's a classroom. Community members learn gardening skills and have access to nourishment right outside their doors.

As a member of the Illinois Army National Guard, Yves Doumen welcomes veterans and the entire community to engage in this transformative initiative. Together, we're sowing seeds of positive change, combating food insecurity, and fostering sustainable urban agriculture.

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The MOTHERLAND Community Project

The Motherland Community Project *is an inspiring agricultural project nestled in the heart of Eastside Springfield.*

Our vision?

A thriving community where everyone has equitable access to fresh food to live an active and healthy life.

Our mission? To improve the health of underserved communities by addressing disparities in access to fresh food while inspiring youth and communities to engage in urban agriculture and entrepreneurship.

WHAT WE DO

Sustainable Agriculture and Innovative Production:

- **Community Gardens:** These community gardens serve as vibrant spaces where residents can grow their own fresh produce, fostering a sense of community and promoting healthy eating. Our community spaces help build trust, foster intercultural connections and promote diversity.
- **Food Hub:** Our food hub connects local growers with consumers, ensuring that fresh, locally sourced food is accessible to everyone.
- **Agriculture Incubation and Entrepreneurship:** We support aspiring farmers and entrepreneurs by providing resources, training, and mentorship to help them succeed in sustainable agriculture. Our approach aims to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion within the Illinois food production system.
- **Innovation:** We combine Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) with permaculture techniques, fostering sustainability and productivity.

Conservation:

- **Native Plants and Pollinators:** We prioritize native plant species that support local ecosystems and attract pollinators like bees and butterflies.
- **Compost Production:** Composting organic waste helps enrich soil, reduce landfill waste, and promote sustainable gardening practices.
- **Regenerative Agriculture:** Our conservation efforts focus on regenerating soil health, preserving water resources, and promoting biodiversity.

WHAT WE DO (Cont'd)

Community Development Projects:

- **Neighborhood Revitalization and Beautification:** We work to transform neglected spaces into vibrant community areas, enhancing the overall quality of life for residents.
- **Land Acquisition and Development:** Our efforts involve securing land for community gardens, green spaces, and other projects that benefit the neighborhood.
- **Community Service Center:** This center serves as a hub for education, workshops, and community events, fostering connections and empowerment.
- **Agritourism:** Our project attracts people of all ages and backgrounds, making it a vibrant agritourism destination in Springfield.

Advocacy:

- Through advocacy, we raise awareness about food justice, urban agriculture, and community well-being. Our signs at the gardens serve as powerful messages, encouraging others to join our cause. Our outreach efforts at various cultural and public events help spread the word of this very important work taking place in our community.

Apiary:

- **Beekeeping:** Our apiary promotes pollinator health and produces delicious honey. By maintaining beehives, we contribute to biodiversity and enhance crop yields.
- **Honey and Honey Byproducts Production:** From honey to beeswax candles and other products, our apiary generates valuable resources while benefiting the environment.

FROM OUR GARDEN

LOCATIONS

MOTHERLAND GARDEN

Our location at 815 S 15th Street is the flagship of this urban agricultural project. Established as a 501 (c)(3) in 2021.

LEWIS MARTIN GARDEN

The Lewis Martin Garden is located at 2201 South 16th Street. It was named after a Black soldier wounded in battle who lived in Springfield.

MICRO-PANTRIES

Located at each garden, the micro-pantries aim to alleviate the immediate food needs of the surrounding communities.

HIGH TUNNEL

Construction of our high tunnel green house is underway. High tunnels extend the growing season, protecting plants from frost, and provide a warm environment for crops.