

Johnson City, TN • Build It Up! Tennessee

PROGRAM MISSION

Build It Up East TN aims to improve the health of our community and economy and preserve our preserve our region's cultural heritage through the promotion of local, sustainably grown food.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Participation

- 2 Program Leaders, 2 full time participants, 4 part time participants
- Program dates June 18 – August 17
- 150 volunteer hours

• Projects

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND IMPACT

- Training week headed by Veronica Limeberry covered a number of topics relevant to community organizing, hunger, gardening and the East Tennessee region
- Maintained two beautiful community gardens at Shakti and ETSU, with the food eaten by participants or used for our workshops
- Held a Local Foods Fundraiser featuring delicious quiche and a talk with a local organic farmer
- Held a series of workshops at Shakti featuring worm bins, chemical free gardening, and food preservation
- Major partners for the summer were the ETSU Community Garden and Shakti in the Mountains (a women's community center)

MAJOR PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES ENGAGED

- Shakti In the Mountains – a women's community center where we maintained a garden in exchange for space for our workshops
- ETSU Community Garden and the ETSU Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO) which gave us more garden space and helped us with events

GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

- Expand our leadership team
- Find a more permanent location for a community garden
- Involve more participants and volunteers in our program next year

• Funding Total: \$1,135

- Raised \$1135 through fundraising efforts, including music events and a Local Foods Brunch
- In kind donations included land for our gardens and space for our workshops

