



Kidlinks  
WORLD

**WE ASK  
FOR  
YOUR  
SUPPORT  
2021**





We do not need to remind you of the difficulties the world has faced this past year.

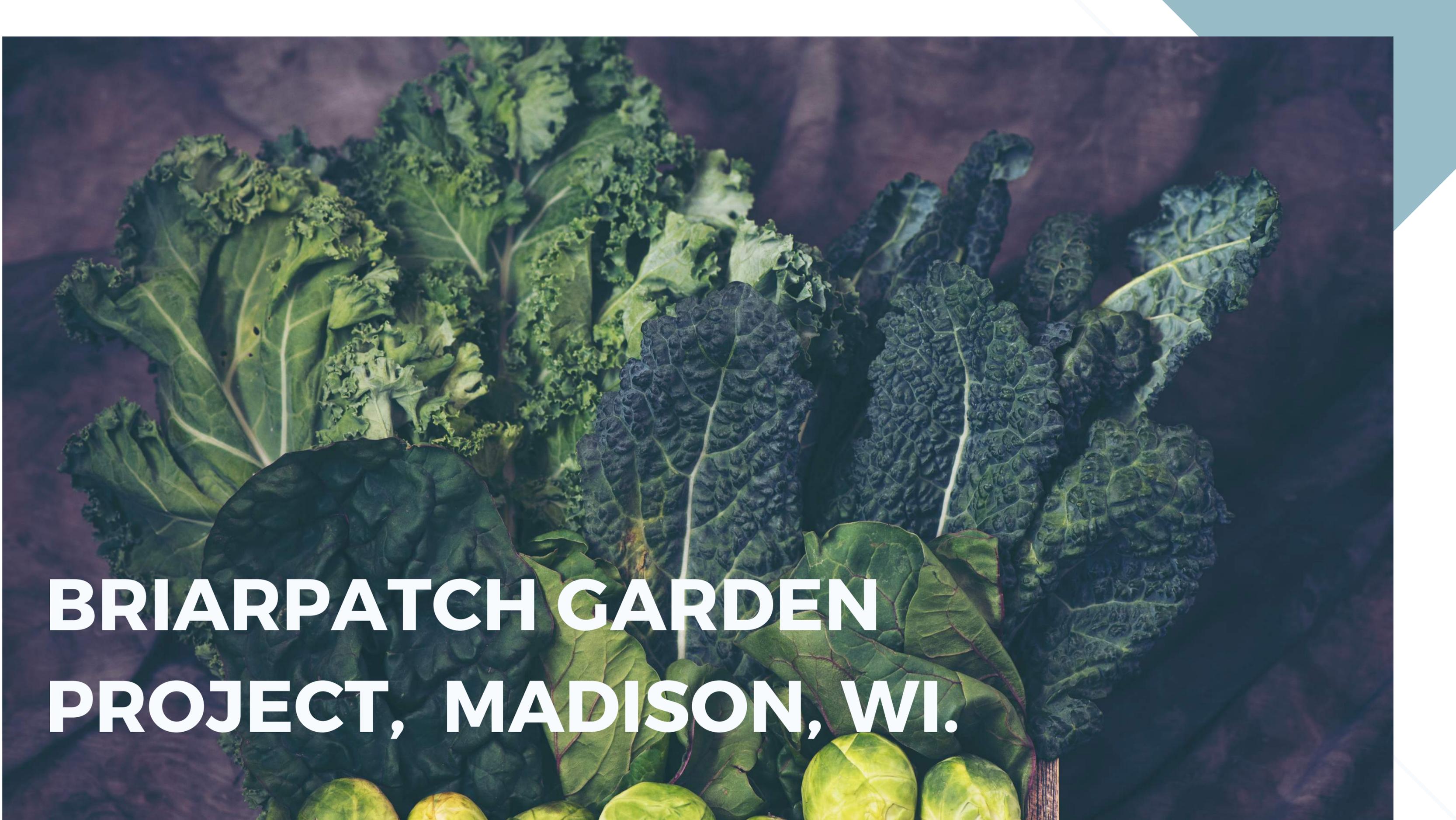
Instead we want to share some wonderfully uplifting news about four projects that we are supporting at this time.

We encourage you to support a project that resonates with you! Your generosity makes our work possible.

KIDLINKS WORLD INC

**We are seeking to  
raise \$50,000**

This is an ambitious request, but we believe we can do it with your help.

A close-up photograph of a basket filled with fresh vegetables. The basket is overflowing with various types of leafy greens, including curly kale and dark, textured leafy greens. At the bottom of the basket, several Brussels sprouts are visible. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wooden table or a backdrop. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures and colors of the vegetables.

**BRIARPATCH GARDEN  
PROJECT, MADISON, WI.**



Since 2017, this gardening project administered by Kidlinks has engaged vulnerable youth from Briarpatch Youth Services in Dane County, Wisconsin, to work together to grow fresh, sustainable produce, which is donated to local area food pantries. The students learn the fundamentals of agriculture, basic business skills, and the value of healthy organic food through short lessons at the start of each workday on the farm. Participants are also linked to other Kidlinks food garden projects in South Africa through videos and presentations.

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**Goal for  
2021 is  
\$2500**

## EXPAND THE TEAM

We are seeking funds to cover the stipends of the farm manager and a student education intern for the 2021 growing season.

## INCREASE THE VOLUME OF FRESH FOOD TO DONATE TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

In 2019, we donated more than 1,200 lbs of fresh produce to the River Food Pantry.

**PURPOSE**

**YOUTH ARTS AND  
EDUCATION CENTER**  
ALEXANDRA, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA





In partnership with the Gumboots Foundation, South Africa, Kidlinks is raising funds to help build this much needed youth center in one of South Africa's most deeply impoverished townships, Alexandra (Alex). Here, crime, drugs and child abuse are rampant. Giving youth a chance to discover their potential through after-school programs including arts and education takes them off the streets, keeps them safe under supervision of caring and inspirational local role models, many of whom have been through the same programs offered at the center. This center is the culmination of over 25 years of hard work by several youth empowerment projects that started at the grassroots and have graduated many successful young adults who will give back through mentorship to students at the center.



In 2019, The Gumboots Foundation purchased vacant land in Alex and has commenced building the center to cater for dance, music, and other performing arts activities in addition to educational support.

With all its challenges and complexities, Alex is a vibrant and energetic community with enormous resources of talent. It is deserving of your support. Your donation will go towards refurbishing the shipping containers into a kitchen, change rooms, toilets and showers, an office, classrooms, storage areas and landscaping.

**We only need \$17,500 to complete phase 1 of  
project development!**

**KITCHEN SET-UP-\$7500  
CHANGE ROOMS- \$2500  
TOILETS & SHOWERS-\$4000  
CLASSROOMS- \$2000  
LANDSCAPING \$1500**



## PHASE 1

Progress to date



## PHASE 1

Performing arts



## PHASE 2

After School Education  
Programs

# OUR VISION



**KIDLINKS SMALL  
FARM INCUBATOR**  
KAYSERS BEACH, E. CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA



This brand new Kidlinks initiative is well on its way to success. South Africa currently faces complex challenges with climate change, high youth unemployment and poverty, as well as pervasive food insecurity. These challenges are especially prevalent in the Eastern Cape, where we work. The Kidlinks Small Farm Incubator will address these social and environmental challenges simultaneously.



We are developing a 23-hectare demonstration farm and training center which will combine hands on training, an online learning curriculum and expert local instructors to empower emerging youth farmers who may otherwise be unemployed.



Specifically, emerging farmers will gain hands-on training in regenerative farming allowing otherwise unused land to be converted to sustainable farmland that can sequester carbon. Students will also gain skills in soil management (cover crop planting), biofertilizers, and compost to reduce the need for energy intensive inputs and fertilizers.

The main output of the farm will be high-value vegetables to sell to the local community and retailers. It will also help trainees learn business, marketing, and management skills. Students will be given the management tools and support they need to start their own businesses, as well as access to land on-site once they complete their training.

We have purchased the farmland, installed, and repaired the fencing, refurbished a borehole, prepared a half hectare field, and planted cover crops. The next step is finalizing irrigation, recruiting students, and beginning production.

We seek your support with start-up funds for student stipends, to set up a wash station and packing area, purchase a small pick-up truck so we can start our program in early 2021.



KIDLINKS SMALL FARM  
INCUBATOR

**Goal for  
2021  
is \$25,000**

**START TRAINING IN EARLY 2021**

Funds needed to cover 9 months of stipends for 2 students, study aids and transportation \$2800

**BUILD A WASH STATION AND PACK HOUSE**

Install concrete slab and footings, portal frame building over recycled shipping containers, plumbing, sinks and tables. Total Cost \$15,000

**PURCHASE A USED PICK UP TRUCK**

Single Cab Toyota Truck \$7,200

# IKWHILI PRIMARY LIBRARY

## CWILI-KEI MOUTH,

EASTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA.



Contributors Michelle Storm, Steve Meyer and Kidlinks members feel excited about the recent accomplishments of the library project since 2011, which continues to run successfully under the Principal, Mr. Sisilana and the Librarian Assistant, Maureen Balfour. The library project benefits many children in Kei Mouth, providing them with opportunities to enhance their education and career opportunities in a safe and nurturing space.

Up until the Covid -19 lockdown the library was being used regularly, well maintained and stocked with beautiful, illustrated Xhosa and English books, as well as literacy games, plenty of paper, pens, pencils and colored crayons to encourage writing. A Little Library, (“bring a book, take a book”) has gained popularity allowing for the exchange of books outside school. During Covid -19, following strict lockdown measures, an outdoor classroom was established supporting a small group of students under Maureen Balfour’s guidance and tutelage. During this period, activities have included the introduction of new books, reading comprehension, writing, and spelling activities, that were supplied by Michelle Storm on a weekly basis for Maureen to collect and distribute.



I LOVE READING



CELEBRATING  
READING



COVID LEISURE TIME  
READING



# READING WITH MEANING

Maureen Balfour sharing a story

**Goal for  
2021 is  
\$5000**

**Maureen Balfour stipend - \$1500**

**Stationery supplies and annual  
cleaning - \$500**

**Repairs to the library - \$1000**

**New Books - \$2000**

# CONTRIBUTE

**Please make your tax-deductible  
donations online at:  
<https://www.kidlinksworld.org/donate>**

**Alternatively, you can mail your check  
to:**

**Kidlinks World, Inc.  
P.O. Box 628283  
Middleton, WI 53562**

**Donations from South Africa can be  
made via EFT to:  
Kidlinks Small Farm Incubator  
First National Bank  
Account# 62857339694**



Thank You !

