



# LEARNING THROUGH GARDENING

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Dear Mr. Habiak,

On behalf of the New Jersey Agricultural Society, I would like to thank the Middlesex County Fair Association for your generous donation of \$3,000 to the Learning Through Gardening school garden grant program.

Learning Through Gardening is proud to report that we have just completed our 15<sup>th</sup> year. Since 2002, we have launched 90 school gardens serving 39,000 preschool and elementary school students in rural, suburban, and urban communities all over New Jersey. We are also proud that a recent survey showed that 82% of our grant recipients continue to have active garden-teaching programs. Our program is backed by the nation's oldest agricultural organization, founded in 1781.

We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of the Middlesex County Fair Association over the years. Your grants have enabled us to sustain and grow our mission of introducing young children to agriculture and good nutrition through school gardens.

Currently, there are 38 New Jersey schools connected to the Learning Through Gardening program, including five in Middlesex County, including: Barclay Brook Elementary School in Monroe Township, Lincoln Annex School in New Brunswick, Cranbury School, Samsel Upper Elementary School in Parlin, and Lawrence Brook Elementary School in East Brunswick. Your generous grant will enable us to expand the garden-teaching programs at these schools.

We look forward to taking part in the Middlesex County Fair's opening ceremonies this year and sharing our school gardening program with your audience.

The New Jersey Agricultural Society is very grateful for the ongoing support of the Middlesex County Fair Association, which has been vital to our success. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Taylor  
Director

Learning Through Gardening