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Charter School for Students with Dyslexia Builds Spherical Garden to Grow Cafeteria Food
Program funded by Let's Move Pittsburgh provides fresh, healthy food for children.

Pittsburgh, Pa. – [Provident Charter School](#), a new school for students with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences, plans to construct a spherical garden this year to provide fresh, healthy food for students. The students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will have a hand in growing vegetables and herbs in this uniquely-designed edible garden, giving them the opportunity to learn how food is produced and to savor the fruits of their labor during school lunches. This program is one of 40 winners of the [Let's Move Pittsburgh Champion School Awards program](#), which provides mini grants to fund healthy initiatives in Allegheny County schools.

Grant recipients are selected based on the impact and sustainability of the projects they propose. Schools submit program applications in three categories: “Bag the Junk,” for programs that promote nutrition and wellness education; “Get Kids Moving,” for initiatives that aim to increase student physical activity; and “Teach Kids to Grow and Cook Food,” for projects that teach students to grow and prepare their own healthy meals. Winning schools receive \$1,000 in grant funds, which they use to supplement existing wellness initiatives or to implement new programs that improve student health.

Let's Move Pittsburgh, an initiative of [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#), announced the recipients of its 2017 Champion Schools awards in early May. The award grant winners are: Angels' Place – North Side, Angels' Place – Swissvale, Beth Shalom Early Learning Center, Community Day School, Curtisville Primary Center, Earthen Vessels Outreach, Fred L Aiken Elementary, Kentucky Avenue School, Mon Valley School, Pittsburgh Banksville K - 5, Pittsburgh Conroy, Pittsburgh Dillworth Traditional Academy, Pittsburgh Faison K - 5, Pittsburgh Linden K - 5, Pittsburgh Minadeo PreK - 5, Southminster Child Care Center, St. Edmund's Academy, Sto-Rox Upper Elementary, Urban Pathways K - 5 College Charter School and Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School.

The seed grant recipients are: Avalon Elementary, Bellevue Elementary, Brightside Academy, East Union Intermediate Center, Glenn Montessori School, Homewood-Brushton Child Development and Education Center, La Escuelita Arcoiris, Manchester Academic Charter School, Mt. Washington Children's Center, Pittsburgh Liberty K - 5, PLEA, Providence Connections, Provident Charter School, Regency Park Elementary, Riverview Children's Center, South Fayette Elementary, Sunrise School, Thomas Home Child Care, Woodland Hills Intermediate and Wright Childcare Solutions.

The Heinz Endowments generously provided funds for the awards. To learn more about Champion Schools, as well as other Let's Move Pittsburgh programs, visit letsmovepittsburgh.org.

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About Let's Move Pittsburgh: Let's Move Pittsburgh is a program of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden, with support provided by UPMC Health Plan. It brings together a variety of local healthcare providers, educators, parents, caregivers, and community organizations, and is committed to providing a healthier learning environment for students across Allegany County. The program, inspired by First Lady Michelle Obama's national *Let's Move* initiative, works to spread nutritional awareness, promote physical activity, and educate children about the importance of healthy food choices.

About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: phipps.conservatory.org.

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