

"To merely say 'thank you' to Fig would fall short of the mark. In shining a light on the Monocacy Farm Project as their 2020 Social Mission Partner, Fig also illuminates the urgent needs of our underserved communities and of the Earth, our common home. We are moved to that place of deep gratitude from which we, united with the broader community, are called to act—TOGETHER!"

—Project Director,  
Sister Bonnie Kleinschuster, OSF



Left to right: Project Director,  
Sister Bonnie Kleinschuster, OSF  
Project Manager, Eli Stogsdill  
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Amy Baringer  
Board Member, Bob Drake



## Introducing our 2020 Social Mission Partner: The Monocacy Farm Project

**AT FIG**, we believe in the power of a community that works together to identify needs and find solutions—and is passionate about helping its neighbors. We believe in the mission of the Monocacy Farm Project—our 2020 Social Mission Partner. Please consider supporting and surrounding them this year.

**IN 2012, THE SCHOOL SISTERS** at St. Francis sold a portion of their property in Hanover Township along the Monocacy Creek. True to their Franciscan tradition, the Sisters sought a sustainable use for their remaining farmland and committed to feeding the hungry, caring for the earth, and growing healthy community. Nourished by the support of local businesses, individuals, foundations, interfaith coalitions, and volunteers, the seed planted just 7 years ago has continued to grow. Today, the Monocacy Farm Project includes: community garden plots, production fields, a young apple orchard, a propagation greenhouse with rainwater collection, and solar power systems.

The Project's Grow Healthy Community Initiative donates weekly supplies of organically-grown produce to area food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters throughout the growing season. Educational workshops for children and adults are presented throughout the year on gardening, ecology, health, and sustainability. In 2019, the farm initiated a "Pick-Your-Own" program for those wishing to harvest fresh fruits and vegetables. All donations received through the Community Gardens and Pick-Your-Own support the Grow Healthy Community Initiative.

Community Gardens open April 15, 2020. Reserve your pre-tilled plot now—email [elli@MonocacyFarmProject.org](mailto:elli@MonocacyFarmProject.org)

Want to learn more or get involved? Investigate or donate at [MonocacyFarmProject.org](http://MonocacyFarmProject.org).

