



QUAKER OAKS FARM

ENVIRONMENTAL AND
CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD

Dear friends of Quaker Oaks Farm,

Greetings from Quaker Oaks Farm (QOF), a very special place that we all know and love, and a land that has been stewarded by the Wukchumni people for millennia. Our Board Members acknowledge the uniqueness of this land, its history, and the community that has built it, as we continue our commitment to stewarding it.

The past two years have been complex and rewarding. We have struggled with water issues and simultaneously made strides on a ground water recharge project. Our Board Chair, Yaynicut Franco, received a Multi-benefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) grant for her work with the Wukchumni Tribe to do habitat restoration on the farm. With that funding there are now two Land Stewards working full time to clean up, clear debris, create pollinator and animal habitat, and prepare for a ground water recharge basin that will help to revitalize the tule tract.

Maintaining aging buildings and infrastructure has been a focus of the board this past year. The roof, water heater, and refrigerator in the Lovett house have been replaced, and the Sanger House ductwork and piping are under renovation. We are excited to welcome a young couple with a two-year-old to the farm. We are supporting multigenerational living which is culturally relevant and important during these times of limited housing availability and skyrocketing rental rates.

We'd like to express our gratitude for outgoing Board Member Clara Medina, who has served since 2021. Thank you for your time, energy, and creative contributions to our projects, trainings, and revitalization of our work post-pandemic at the farm.

Finally, it seems imperative that we say out loud that QOF stands with migrants and those speaking truth to power. We are committed to being a place of safety and respite for those doing important transformational work in the Central Valley. If you would like to support our ability to host these groups, please donate today.

With love, light, gratitude and solidarity,
The Board of Quaker Oaks Farm



Yaynicut Franco
Chairperson



Genna Kules
Secretary



Darlene Franco
Treasurer



Andrew Glazier
Board Member



FINANCIAL INSIGHTS

CASH ON HAND **\$15,077.78**

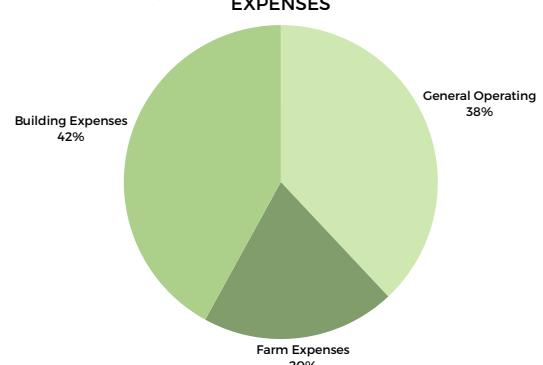
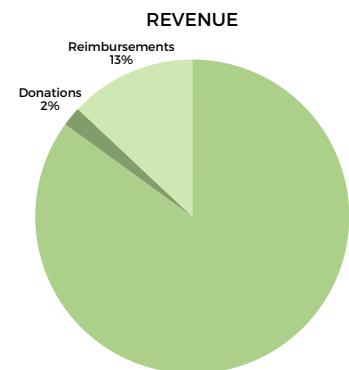
DEBT **\$0**

2024-2025 REVENUE

Rental Fees	\$38,190.50
Grants	\$0
Donations	\$948.56
Reimbursements	\$5,610.94
Total Revenue	\$44,750.00

2024-2025 EXPENSES

General Operating	\$35,898.20
Farm Expenses	\$18,823.74
Building Expenses	\$40,243.18
Total Expenses	\$94,965.12



QUAKER OAKS FARM VALUES



VISALIA FRIENDS MEETING



Visalia Friends Meeting (Quakers) congratulates Quaker Oaks Farm on another impactful year. The addition of native plants to our beloved landscape benefits us all, including pollinators and people, and we are grateful that our shared land is able to produce food for elders. Thank you for our long-term partnership and continued collaboration.

The Visalia Friends meet for worship on Sundays at 10:30am. For more information please visit their website: www.visaliaquakers.org

COMMUNITY

WUKCHUMNI TRIBE & WUKCHUMNI FARMS

The Wukchumni Tribe partners with QOF because of our deep connection to this land and our commitment to its stewardship, as our Wukchumni people have done since time immemorial. Our tribal members and staff have taken lead on farm maintenance and hosting composting, gardening, and seed collection workshops. We are very grateful to call this place home and to be able to expand our gardens and nursery. Recently we renovated and cleaned up the Lovett house for exclusive use for meeting and office space, Language Classroom, and temporary housing for our farm workers, youth interns, and tribal elders.

www.wukchumnitribe.org

WILD HEARTS ADVENTURE CO.

Wild Hearts partners with QOF to regularly allow school aged children access to nature to view wildlife and learn about local fauna and flora, both from our guides teaching the children and from the use of the beautiful signs that QOF has installed. Our access to the trails at QOF not only enriches the lives of these children, it also helps QOF to keep the trails maintained through use.

Thank you Quaker Oaks Farm!

www.wildheartsadventure.com



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

QOF Board members have hosted various volunteer and educational days along with the Wukchumni Tribe, Indian Youth Service Corps, MLRP Grantees, Latino Outdoors, and community members to expand our pollinator gardens, assist the Wukchumni Farms team with starting native seeds, and cleaning up brush and debris in the Tule Tract area as we prepare for a ground water recharge project.



POLLINATORS HEDGEROWS

1,362

**Native plants in hedgerows
& basketry gardens**

Valley Oak, Willow, Elderberry, Muqwort, Narrowleaf Milkweed, Sedge, Deergrass, Redbud, Mulefat, Silver Bush Lupine, California Buckwheat, Yerba Mansa, California Rose, Golden Rod, & White Sage



Bird, Animal, & Insect Sightings:

Blue Herons, Barn Owls, Cooper's Hawks, Red-Tailed Hawks, Coyotes, Bobcats, Rabbits, Squirrels, Raccoons, Skunks, Monarch Butterflies, Ladybugs, Green Lacewings, & lots of Native Bees





CONTINUING TRADITIONAL NAMING CEREMONIES

Pictured: Evangelina “Wihxnad hut'a'a Xoi” is shown swaddled in a blanket and secured onto a traditional Yokuts baby cradleboard with a finger woven belt, carried by her Great-Aunt Darlene Franco (Wukchumni).
*Cradleboard and belt made by Kat Lugo (Yowlumni)



CULTURAL EDUCATION

The Wukchumni Tribe regularly hosts school field trips and community education events at the farm. The Wukchumni engage their young people in stewardship of the land, and invite those who are interested in learning TEK and cultural practices to join them. With funding from the Wukchumni MLRP grant, we have increased the number of native plants used by the Wukchumni, and other Yokuts and Mono tribes for traditional basket weaving, medicines, and foods. Intentional basketry gardens will allow tribal elder basketweavers easier access and to gather these plant materials.

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Since Spring of 2020, the Wukchumni Tribe has operated their food sovereignty project at QOF, utilizing a 1/2 acre plot for raised garden beds, vegetable rows, keyhole garden, 3-bin compost system, hoophouse for native plants, and a native seed library. The Tribe also maintains a flock of hens for fresh eggs and they utilize the manure for their compost. The Wukchumni integrate culture, history, traditional ecological knowledge, and regenerative agriculture practices into food production and stewardship strategies. Currently, the tribe distributes fresh eggs, produce and medicinal plants grown at QOF to tribal elders and community at their Wukchumni Tribal Food Pantry in Visalia.



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Quaker Oaks Farm acknowledges that we operate on a portion of the traditional land of the Wukchumni Yokutch that is currently held in trust by Visalia Friends Meeting. We are grateful for the developing relationships and partnerships between QOF and the Tribe, and for all the Wukchumni individuals who are board members, advisors, volunteers, and program participants. We honor the Wukchumni elders of the past and present, and the emerging youth.



Remembering our dear friend
Hector Lalo Franco
1954 - 2024

Community leader, teacher,
good relative, & friend to all.

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Together we can restore and heal the land
with the medicine of plants and people.

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