Kaima Organic Farm

Social and Environmental Action Learning for Distressed Youth

2013 / Year One: A Story Told in Pictures

Chapter I: It starts with an idea…

Day 1: What have we gotten into!

Earth Movers

After clearing tons of boulders and debris the land is ready for the first planting season

Adding the compost to the land

Mixing

Installing the main water pipe, a donation by Netafim. Planting begins within days.

How exciting - signs of life begin to appear!

A salad in the making...

Hey, it's starting to look like a real farm!

Summer 2013 pilot program participants reflecting on their work and taking a much deserved break.

KAIMA "TO DO" CHECK LIST

The First Six Months...

- ✓ Scout for land
- ✓ Ready the rocky soil for planting
- ✓ Add compost
- ✓ Create planting rows
- ✓ Lay irrigation pipes
- ✓ Put up fencing
- ✓ Plant first crops
- ✓ Recruit participants for summer pilot
- ✓ Harvest first crops
- ✓ Distribute first food baskets
- ✓ Attract hundreds of volunteers
- ✓ HAVE FUN ! ! !

Chapter II: The Work Continues…

KAIMA "TO DO" CHECK LIST

The Second Six Months…

- ✓ Completed our highly successful summer pilot
- ✓ Launched our year-long program
- ✓ Grew our customer base beyond our target goal
- ✓ Harvested the summer crops and replanted for fall and winter
- ✓ Welcomed hundreds more visitors
- ✓ Built a much-needed winterized outdoor shelter from which to conduct our educational programming and parcel out our weekly baskets.
- ✓ Developed a new website in English which connects educators to the farm and it's unique philosophy.

Our story takes an unexpected twist: The calm before the storm…

December 2013 saw Israel's worst storms in more than 60 years. Some areas of the Jerusalem hills received half a meter of snow. Beautiful though it is, the snow had a harsh impact on agriculture.

As were others, Kaima Organic Farm, was hit hard. As you will see, we rallied to rise above this *Force Majeure* with the help of some amazing volunteers!

Preparing for Thursday packing and deliveries. It seemed like business as usual, but wait…

What happened to our crops?

Getting creative - with all roads to the farm closed, no students arrive for Thursday's busy harvest and market day. Brave, warm-hearted volunteers help make sure our veggies are packaged and delivered in prime condition to our CSA customers The race is on to save what can still be brought to market. We use a makeshift indoor center as our staging area.

Getting organized

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Filling orders...

The end is in sight!

Chapter III: To be continued…

Thanks to our program participants, volunteers, and donors, we are back on track. please help us write the next chapter in 2014 by donating and voluteering!

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Come to Kaima Organic Farm - Roll up your sleeves and plant some stuff!

Everyone is welcome.