



MISSION, VISION & VALUES

Mission

Dreaming Out Loud, Inc.'s mission is to create economic opportunity within DC metropolitan region's marginalized communities, by building a healthy equitable food system.

Vision

DOL is rebuilding urban, community-based food systems through cooperative social enterprise: increasing access to healthy food, improving community health, supporting entrepreneurs and cooperatives from low-income communities; and creating opportunities for at-risk residents to earn sustainable, family-supporting wages and build wealth.

"In 2020, we faced the confluence of dual pandemics—"

"white supremacy, America's longest running malady, and the continued degradation of the notion of the public commons, or collective responsibility to one another — each exacerbating the other with the onset of COVID-19. Like no time before, these sicknesses unfolded live and in living color, exposing the unseen that had always existed in front of our eyes."

Christopher Bradshaw

*Founder and Executive
Director*



Values

We believe that all communities deserve equal access to fresh, healthy food choices, but that achieving this requires moving beyond the "access" paradigm to a focus on community self-determination and food sovereignty. This means that control of the food resources and food system assets that serve the community - including land and water, food-related enterprises, and the capital and labor that go into the food system - must rest with the community members themselves, not with outside entities who claim to know what our neighborhoods need or deserve. We work to create an integrated pipeline to jobs, economic opportunity, and community wealth-building that advances racial equity.



What is Food Sovereignty?

Food First, an internationally recognized policy and activist institute broadly defines food sovereignty as "the right of peoples to democratically control or determine the shape of their food system, and to produce sufficient and healthy food in culturally appropriate and ecologically sustainable ways in and near their territory."

KEY STATS

20,000

shares of the Black Farm Community Supported Agriculture program distributed to **1,200 members**, across **20 community-based sites**.

250,000+

COVID-19 emergency meals coordinated.

45,000+

emergency meals produced, generating **\$350,000+** in revenue for **4 Black woman-owned businesses**, supporting **15 Black workers**.

1,950 lbs

of produce grown.

8,679 lbs

of food composted.

18,000+ lbs

of food recovered into emergency meals

CRITICAL PARTNERS



DC Department of Parks and Recreation



DC Central Kitchen



Produce Plus



World Central Kitchen



Pinke's Eats



Compost Stewards Program



Mid-Atlantic Food Resilience & Access Coalition



City Blossoms



4P Foods



Kelly Miller Middle School



Metropolitan Baptist Church

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