For 34 years the Delaware Center for Horticulture has served you and your community. We use plants to beautify, to inspire, and to build pride in ourselves and our neighborhoods. We focus our attention and resources on local needs. Our list of partners, members, donors and volunteers grows longer every year. Just look what we have been able to accomplish this past year with your help.

Planted 1,300 new trees putting TheDCH over the 10,000 mark since the our founding in 1977

772 volunteers provided 6,621 generous hours worth almost $145,000

Discover TheDCH Week increased membership by 10% again, for a total of 20% since 2009

Our two beehives produced 150 lbs of honey

Graduated the 7th class from our green jobs training program for ex-offenders. Since 2009, they have planted more than 1,500 trees throughout Wilmington.

Major landscaping and stormwater engineering system completed in the Trolley Square ACME parking lot

Helped to launch 4 new community gardens

Programming expanded downstate with 320 new trees in Seaford and a green jobs training program in Georgetown

31st Anniversary of Rare Plant Auction® raised nearly $100,000 for our greening programs

TheDCH family keeps growing – We’re happy to report that in 2011 two of our staff members delivered healthy babies, and four new employees joined our team.

Financials*

Income

- Greening Programs: 69%
- General Operating: 18%
- Fundraising: 3%
- Education Programs: 3%
- Building & Grounds: 6%

Expenses

- Greening Programs: 58%
- General Operating: 24%
- Fundraising: 6%
- Education Programs: 6%
- Building & Grounds: 5%

Total Income: $1,648,128
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