TheDCH’s Top Ten for 2012

For 35 years, the Delaware Center for Horticulture has served communities. We use plants to beautify, inspire and build pride in ourselves and our neighborhoods. Look what we’ve been able to accomplish this year through partnerships and support.

**Broad Recognition:** Pennsylvania Horticultural Society honored the Urban Farm as a tri-state greening champion; Destiny Community Development Center named TheDCH a 2012 Business Community Champion; and the Secret Garden volunteers received the Governor’s Outstanding Service Award

**Trees for Energy Savings:** planted 86 shade trees in Delaware City, and planted more than 800 trees in New Castle and Kent counties

**Urban Renewal:** Celebrated completion of new trees and infrastructure improvements in Rodney Square, Wilmington’s premiere green space

**Purposeful City Farming:** grew 1,380 pounds of fresh produce for needy families on Wilmington’s east side, where access to fresh food is poor.

**Training Advocates:** The long anticipated Tree Steward certification launched successfully, with 26 graduates in the first class

**Community Involvement:** 664 volunteers contributed 5,400 hours to TheDCH programs and events, valued at more than $120,000

**Celebrating Great Gardens:** 60 homeowners and organizations and hundreds of guests participated in the 30th anniversary of the popular Wilmington City Gardens Contest & People’s Choice Tour, and a People’s Choice Award with online voting

**New Edu-Recreational Programs:** Family Fun workshops for families with children ages 4-10 and fantastastic Flower Arrangement of the Month serve wider audiences

**More H.E.L.P.:** The Horticultural and Environmental Leadership Program for rising 8th graders expanded into two free summer experiential learning programs

**New signs:** 30 streetscapes and traffic islands maintained by TheDCH are getting signs to recognize the local businesses that sponsor them

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**Financials***

**Total Income:** $1,349,353

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TheDCH manages more than 30 public landscape spaces and traffic islands like this one on North Scott Street in Wilmington, with the support of local businesses and organizations.
Secret Garden volunteers have been inspiring children at the Ministry of Caring Child Care Center for 16 years and in 2012 were honored with the Governor's Volunteer Service Award. The garden will be redesigned in 2013 to include outdoor classroom space and regraded to address stormwater runoff issues.
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Expanded in 2012, The DCH’s fun, educational programming includes the popular make-and-take Flower Arrangement of the Month class, family programs, lectures, workshops and more.
In 2012, The DCH led a pilot program of education and tree planting for energy conservation in Delaware City. The successful effort, conducted in partnership with Delmarva Power, yielded 86 new shade trees — 15% more than anticipated. Look for similar efforts in Townsend in 2013.
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