



Oliver Games
Community Relations Manager

“I joined TENN the first week of my freshmen year...it’s incredibly fulfilling to be part of something bigger than myself.”



See Oliver’s Story

Fatima Herrera
Assistant Sustainability Manager

“Being with TENN is an empowering experience...we’re not just delivering food, we’re delivering friendship & support.”



See Fatima’s Story



See What a Community Member Has to Say About Our Programs!

Help Us Build Student Leaders & Fight Food Injustice

Join the supporting team empowering students to develop sustainable solutions to hunger and food waste in the community: Ford Motor Company Fund, Sisters of Mercy, Congregation of St. Joseph, the James Sealey Estate, Loi and Andreas Drath, The Campus Kitchens Project/AARP and 60+ individuals.

More Detroit families struggle with food insecurity than TENN can currently reach. Your donation nurtures innovative collaborations between UDM students and Detroit residents to reach more of these families, alleviate hunger, reduce food waste and support urban agriculture through service, research and education initiatives.

Together, let’s build tomorrow’s leaders and knock out Detroit’s food insecurity for good.

Learn More About Ways You Can Help



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TITAN EQUITY NOURISH NETWORK

Student-Community Partnerships Driving Food Security in Detroit

Since 2011, the Titan Equity Nourish Network (TENN) has built powerful student-community partnerships to tackle an alarming issue in Detroit – nearly 70% of households qualify as food insecure, lacking proximity and economic access to safe, nutritious foods.

TENN, part of the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) Institute of Leadership and Service, develops sustainable solutions to hunger and food waste in local communities by igniting student passion, tapping into community wisdom, and leveraging university expertise.

Since the organization's founding, nearly 300 UDM student leaders and 3,100 volunteers have brought impactful programs to life, engaging with UDM faculty, community partners and campus neighbors to address immediate needs, raise awareness of food justice issues, and find solutions to the root causes of food inequity.



Innovative Programming Partnership Driven

Urban Agriculture

TENN student volunteers manage and tend a 2,500 SF urban garden from March to October and collaborate with other community gardens to produce fresh fruits and vegetables for local families.

Produce Deliveries

Generous donations from Gleaners Community Food Bank, TENN garden output and insightful community input allow us to make regular fresh food deliveries to families in need.

Composting Competition

Our annual event challenges UDM student organizations and community groups to collect produce waste for recycling into nutrient-rich soil compost.

Food Justice Immersion

We partner with food justice nonprofits, student organizations and universities to offer educational opportunities on a variety of sustainability and food sovereignty topics.

We're grateful to our community partners who collaborate with us on these and other programs, including Princeton Street Block Club, Theresa Maxis Senior Apartments, New Martin Park Association, Brilliant Detroit, Make Food Not Waste, Marygrove Garden and JB's Farm.



2023 Impact on Families Facing Food Insecurity

12K+

Pounds of Food
Delivered Locally -
70% Fresh Produce

Pounds of Produce
Delivered from
TENN Garden

400

130

Families Fed Weekly
or Biweekly Through
Produce Deliveries

Students Engaged

650

206

Volunteers at TENN
Service Events