



# GROW

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **GROW Grants \$10,000 to Pete’s Garden / Kids Feeding Kids: Cultivating Knowledge and Community Growth**

Kansas City, Missouri – For the second year, Kids Feeding Kids, a program started by Pete’s Garden, has received a \$10,000 grant from GROW: A Catering Educational Foundation (formerly ICAEF), acknowledging the program's outstanding contributions to food awareness within its community.

This grant underscores GROW’s dedication to advancing education, charity, and community engagement within the catering industry.

Lon Lane, Immediate Past Chairman of the GROW, highlights the significance of this support: "The grant provides essential resources to programs like Kids Feeding Kids, enabling them to enhance curriculum development, fund educational events, facilitate instructor training, and produce educational materials."

“The GROW Grants program is essential to our mission to expand our reach and create a strong catering community,” says Linda West, GROW Chairwoman. “We are dedicated to making a positive difference in the industry and in the work of our grantees well into the future.”

### **About Kids Feeding Kids**

Based in Kansas City, Missouri, [Kids Feeding Kids](http://www.kidsfeedingkids.org) is an offshoot of Pete's Garden, a food recovery program established by Tamara Weber. In 2021, Weber launched Kids Feeding Kids with initial funding from Patrick Mahomes. The program's mission is to educate students about food access and sustainability while empowering them to make a positive impact in their community. Through Kids Feeding Kids, students prepare and distribute up to 1,000 free, take-home family dinners, fostering both learning and community service.

The grant applications were reviewed by the GROW Scholarship Committee. Funding for the grants was then voted on by the GROW Board of Trustees.

### **About the ICAEF**

Established in 2002 by a passionate collective of catering professionals, GROW: A Catering Educational Foundational Foundation (formerly ICAEF) is committed to advancing education and philanthropy within the catering industry. Collaborating with educational institutions, trade shows, and organizations, the Foundation facilitates and promotes advanced education opportunities for catering professionals and individuals in related fields.

For more on Pete's Garden and Kids Feeding Kids, please visit [www.petesgarden.org](http://www.petesgarden.org) and [www.kidsfeedingkids.org](http://www.kidsfeedingkids.org)

For more on GROW, please visit [www.growcatering.org](http://www.growcatering.org)