

Pennsylvania Farm to School Network Success Story: **SAKIRA HARRIS: A STORY OF ORGANIC COMMUNITY CHANGE**

Philadelphia County, PA



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Sakira Harris has served as the Chair of the Food Justice Anti-Racism (FJAR) Committee at Mariposa Food Co-op since 2023, and leads the platform Organic For Me. Harris is currently up for re-election to continue her work on the board to support food justice, equity, and community access to fresh, healthy food. In her role, she has helped lead workshops and community conversations focused on food justice and the bright future of organic farming.

Harris's platform Organic For Me introduces children to gardening, food systems, and agriculture by teaching them how to grow food in small spaces, understand where their food comes from, and connect farming to real-world careers and community wellness. A core principle of Organic For Me is educating people to start small! "I often use the windowsill garden concept to show families and youth that growing food can begin right at home, even in the smallest spaces."

Organic For Me youth activities include planting seeds, building small container gardens, and participating in "farm-to-snack" challenges. Harris has hosted a DIY Plant Workshop at Pentridge Children's Garden, which introduced hands-on gardening education in a family-friendly setting.

Most recently at Organic For Me, Harris hosted a workshop on March 28th, 2026, titled "Growing Safe and Secure Communities." This was a community-style panel (where audience members were the panel), and community voices led the conversation.





The three topics of conversation were organic farming, life insurance, and gun violence awareness. "Participants shared a strong desire to help create meaningful change in the community.

These events and activities give students a hands-on understanding of how local agriculture intersects with entrepreneurship, supply chains, and food access—bringing AG to life in an engaging way. "My goal is to help students see food as more than something they consume—it's something they can grow, protect, and build a future around." Harris's work brings agriculture education practices directly into the classroom to empower students through food literacy and build healthier school communities.

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