TigerMountain Foundation

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TigerMountain Foundation welcomes press inquiries, media requests, and partnership conversations. Our team is available for interviews, site visits, and comments on topics related to urban agriculture, food insecurity, workforce development, and community revitalization in the Phoenix metro area.

About TigerMountain Foundation

Founded in 2007 by Darren Chapman, TigerMountain Foundation is a Phoenix-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit and Arizona Qualified Charity that focuses on urban agriculture, workforce development, and skills education. TigerMountain transforms vacant lots and business campuses into productive community spaces while equipping participants with the life skills, nutrition education, and workforce education to build sustainable futures.

TigerMountain uses Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) — a proven framework that builds on the existing strengths within a community rather than importing external solutions. We offer a hand up, not a handout, to help individuals and communities thrive.

Our Work

TigerMountain currently operates three community garden sites in low income and food deserts neighborhoods. Participants grow fruits and vegetables for markets and donations. All revenue is reinvested directly into TigerMountain's initiatives.

Regular Saturday sessions integrate experiential learning, small-scale farming, and the arts. The sessions make the gardens a hub for community life, and learning, not just food production.

Impact

- More than 550,000 people impacted over the years
- Approximately 50,000 volunteers engaged
- Fruits and vegetables provided for more than 300,000 meals
- More than 57,000 pounds of fresh produce for markets
- More than 300 sites transformed
- 85% non-recidivism rate among justice-involved participants

TIGERMOUNTAIN INITIATIVES

Community Gardens

More than just passive green spaces, these are economic and educational ecosystems where youth and adult participants learn what it means to show up, perform, and be valued. Surplus produce is sold at farmers markets across the Valley.

Workforce Development

TigerMountain participants complete our Personal Strategy Roadmap to identify their needs and help with goal setting. Hands-on education helps participants develop professional habits and practical skills that translate directly into careers and living-wage jobs.

Landscaping Services

TigerMountain's edible landscaping crew provides services to homeowners and organizations throughout the Phoenix metro area. Services include property cleanup, landscape design & installation, irrigation system work, maintenance, and agri-landscaping. All proceeds flow back into community initiatives, making the landscaping operation simultaneously a workforce development pipeline and a funding engine.

Reentry & Justice Partnership

TigerMountain partners with segments of the judicial system to support formerly incarcerated citizens in rebuilding their lives. Many of TigerMountain's staff and senior leadership, are justice impacted and/or formerly incarcerated individuals from the communities they serve.