All of us believe, deep down, that a healthy, socially just food system should be the norm, not the exception. For our next 50 years, we aspire to an ever-greater role in this transformation. We want to find ways to ensure the economic viability of sustainable agriculture. We want social justice to play a central role in the way food systems are shaped. And we want to continue to be the place that people look to when they seek a vibrant, forward-thinking example of farming and food system education, research, policy innovation, and public service.

In 2017 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UCSC Farm & Garden and the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems. In the five decades since Alan Chadwick founded the original garden project at UCSC, we’ve trained generations of new organic farmers and gardeners, built a model undergraduate experiential education program, and helped shape a more sustainable food system through research and policy efforts. In 2017 we want to plant the seeds of financial security for the next 50 years and beyond to ensure that future generations will learn at the Farm & Garden and that our Center’s impact will continue to grow.

We hope you will join in launching us into our next 50 years so that we all—teachers, learners, and community partners—can realize the Center’s greatest potential as the country’s foremost organic agriculture teaching program, a cutting edge experiment station, and a beautiful and treasured community resource.

Many hands built our Center over the decades, and thousands of community members and funders who believe in our work supported us. We are reaching out to this circle of supporters now to help us make our 50th year a successful foundation for the next fifty. Whether you contribute financially or by sharing your time and expertise, whether you join our 50th anniversary events or help broadcast our announcements about them, we are strengthened by your participation.
Help Lay a Foundation for 50 More Years

The Farm & Garden 50th Fund

Now is the time to build the foundation for our next fifty years of teaching and research through vital improvements on the ground at the UCSC Farm and Alan Chadwick Garden. The Farm & Garden 50th Fund will help make this possible. For information on giving to the 50th Fund or to special projects and scholarships, please see below and on our website, casfs.ucsc.edu/about/support-casfs.

Celebrate! Join Us for 50th Year Events

We are planning an exciting calendar of events in 2017 to celebrate our 50th anniversary featuring the First 50 Celebration & Symposium at CASFS July 28-30. More events are being added to the calendar so be sure to check back on our website throughout the year. Join us as a guest, a volunteer, or a sponsor.

Find out more ways to give, get involved, and celebrate! Contact us at casfs@ucsc.edu or (831) 459-3240. To find out more about donating, including business sponsorship opportunities, gifts of stock, or planned giving, please contact Anne Hayes, Director of Development, UCSC Social Sciences Division, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 • (831) 502-7274 • adhayes@ucsc.edu.

50 Years of Working Toward a Healthy, Socially Just Food System

• Trained more than 1,500 apprentices who now have started organic farms, training programs, urban agriculture and food projects across the country
• Created the nation’s first agroecology and sustainable food system undergraduate program
• Led efforts to require sourcing of just, sustainable food in UC campus purchasing programs
• Pioneered organic and sustainable production methods that now are widespread
• Developed and published organic farmer training manuals in use worldwide by agricultural educators
• Crafted programs to support UC students facing food insecurity, including food pantries, dining hall programs, and CalFresh enrollment