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## Landscape Designer and Master Gardener Kurt Keister Joins Green House Venture Board of Directors

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The Green House Venture is pleased to announce that Kurt Keister has joined its board of directors. Keister is a professional landscape designer and project manager with Garden Oasis Landscaping in St. Louis, where he has planned, designed, and managed the development of a wide variety of residential landscape and hardscape projects for the past 13 years. He also teaches Hardscaping at the Missouri Botanical Garden and is a volunteer in their Senior Outreach Program.

Keister holds a Master Gardener Certification from the University of Missouri-Extension and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

“We are fortunate to have someone with Kurt’s impressive credentials join our board and help us continue to grow our plant-based STEM educational programs for urban elementary school students,” said Tom Purcell, President of Green House Venture. “His extensive knowledge of plant species, climate, soil, and sun exposure will be particularly helpful as we study a variety of food crops at our outdoor Embankment Greenway educational laboratory and address critical challenges facing urban communities and disadvantaged youth, including poor nutrition and dietetics.”

Keister earned a BA in Communications & Marketing at the University of Missouri – Kansas City.

The Green House Venture is an innovative STEM education program dedicated to educating and inspiring elementary students to create a sustainable world. Through

hands-on experiences in bioscience and urban agriculture, the GHV equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to address pressing challenges in science, nutrition and dietetics, and agriculture. The organization aims to make a meaningful impact on the future of education and sustainable practices.

For more information about The Green House Venture, visit [www.greenhousetl.org](http://www.greenhousetl.org) or send an email to [craig@workman-company.com](mailto:craig@workman-company.com).