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Farm & Food Justice for All

To the Editor:

The article "Paying a Price for Donuts, Burgers, and Pizza" (January 25th) is an insightful glimpse at the life threatening health risks growing in the South Bronx, spurred on by poor food choices and even poorer food options. However, the article fails to mention some exciting, positive developments. South Bronx residents and organizations have made some great strides towards creating an alternative food system in the Bronx, giving residents options beyond fast food and grease.

There is a growing movement in the Bronx and citywide to create Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Programs and help community gardens establish urban farm stands. The South Bronx CSA Program, with help from a New York City organization, Just Food, is located in the Bronx neighborhood this article describes. CSA works like a cooperative of sorts, connecting a group of South Bronx residents and organizations to fresh and affordable produce direct from a regional farmer. CSA programs enable access to high quality and affordable food while providing an important source of income to our region's farms. They also help to build relationships between rural farmers and urban community members interested in improving neighborhood food choices and health.

People in any NYC neighborhood can start up their own CSA program, or get involved in urban farms to grow their own nutritious food, by contacting Just Food at 212.645.9880 or info@justfood.org.

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