



Community Food Share

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Hi Boulder & Broomfield County Producers,

My name is Leigh Pond and I am the AmeriCorps VISTA/Produce & Gleaning Coordinator at Community Food Share, a non-profit in Louisville. I am currently reaching out to local growers in an effort to connect local farms with Community Food Share to help bring in more nutritious Colorado produce to food insecure community members. Community Food Share is looking to strengthen its partnerships and procure more local produce.

Community Food Share is the Feeding America food bank serving Boulder and Broomfield counties. Last year we distributed close to 10 million pounds of food to hungry individuals. With hunger currently impacting 1 in 8 people in both counties, we are working to alleviate the burden of this concern so families can focus on other needs. This year our goal is to distribute 10.3 million pounds of food but our focus isn't just on the amount of food but the quality, as well as the freshness. Currently, our goal is for 35% of our distribution to consist of fresh produce. We would love to surpass this goal.

I am reaching out to ask for your consideration when you are planting and harvesting this year. If you plant extra, are surprised by a surplus, or have blemished produce this season that is unsaleable – please don't hesitate to consider donating to Community Food Share. Fresh, local produce is the first produce to be distributed and clients are always happy to receive it. Creating more local produce partnerships around Boulder and Broomfield counties helps bring more fresh, nutritious and delicious produce to members of our community. Our volunteers are also very eager to help in the process of gleaning and can be trained to follow your farm's etiquette.

There are several beneficial tax credits for producers donating product to food banks. The Charitable Crop Tax Credit, HB 14-1119, is Colorado State's tax credit and the PATH Act is the federal tax credit. If you would like more information on either of these pieces of legislation we are happy to provide you with some literature.

If you have not been to Community Food Share we would love to have you come by for a tour. Our warehouse and cooler spaces allow us to store product for the minimal time needed before it gets distributed to agency partners and clients. Additionally, our recent purchase of a second mobile pantry truck allows us to distribute even more food, including locally grown produce, to those who cannot come to our warehouse.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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