

## Project Harvest Newsletter

# NEWS FROM THE HARVEST

#### **Hello Harvesters!**

I am delighted to share with you all that due to all of your help the program has sent 13,590 pounds of fresh produce to local food banks! To break down those numbers a bit, that is:

- 6,499 pounds of produce gleaned,
- 4,623 pounds recovered through the Port of Everett Farmers Market,
- and 2,467 pounds purchased through our Farm to Food Pantry Purchasing Program!

That is 10,000 pounds that would have been tilled under or composted! It is so incredibly the community is coming together in support of local farms to get this nutritious food to food banks! The harvest season is not over yet, let's work to get even more produce to food banks!

-Sarah Gordon

**Project Harvest Gleaning Coordinator** 

### **Upcoming Gleaning Dates**

- Green Bean/Corn Harvest:
   September 11th,10:00am-12:00pm, Snohomish
- Many more on-call events!









#### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:**

#### **Farmers Market Recovery Team**

Morgan Fairbanks and Deb Nelson have dedicated their Sunday afternoons to recovering produce from the Port of Everett Farmers Market! They have helped send over 4,000 pounds of produce to local food banks through their commitment to this effort! Thank you Deb and Morgan for making it all happen! Also very excited to welcome Evan and Nichole to the recovery team!

#### **FARM HIGHLIGHTS:**

#### **Skylight Farms**

Skylight Farms is a family-owned and operated farm in Snohomish! Their farm has kindly hosted six Project Harvest events this harvest season, donating beautiful produce including kale, leeks, tatsoi, mezuna, arugula, cherry tomatoes, and lettuce! So grateful to have the support of this beautiful local farm!



http://skylightfarms.com



#### Lee's Fresh Produce

Lee's Fresh Produce is one of the many farms donating produce upon the completion of the Port of Everett Farmers Market. Every Week, Christy and her family sort through their produce for items that will not hold up until their next market and generously donate it to our program. Thus far, Lee's Fresh Produce has donated over 1,500 lbs of beautiful produce to Food Banks! We are so grateful for their willingness to work with our program.

http://www.leesfreshproduce.com

#### **Bob's Corn**

Bob's Corn welcomed gleaners in their sweet corn field when the heat of the summer threw Bob a curve ball! This unexpected heat ripened corn rows at an accelerated rate, bringing a few successive sweet corn crops on at once! Huge thanks to Bob for connecting with our gleaning program after this turn of events and donating over 4,000 pounds of sweet corn to local food banks through our gleaning program!

http://www.bobscorn.com





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