



*Community Harvest is a regional gleaning project in the greater Wenatchee Valley. Community Harvest helps farmers manage excess, un-marketable products and makes that gleaned produce accessible to the local community through the region's existing emergency food providers. Community Harvest's vision of a healthy, self-reliant community includes access to fresh, locally grown foods for every community member.*

Community Harvest is a project of Community Farm Connection and Rotary First Harvest of Seattle-Harvest Against Hunger. Community Farm Connection (CFC) is a 501c3 non-profit that works with farmers in NCW to bring local foods to consumers. CFC organizes a multi-farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), works with local restaurants acting as a liaison between farmers and chefs, and also has a store front, Farmhouse Table, which provides an outlet for fresh, local produce year round.

The primary goal for Community Harvest's first season is to create a solid foundation on which to build a strong gleaning project. Some of our more detailed goals are as follows: build relationships with at least 5 new farm partners, create partnerships with at least 5 community stakeholders, engage 75 volunteers, and collect a total of 20,000-50,000lbs of produce.

Community Harvest anticipates conducting at least 15 orchard gleans and at least 10 row crop gleans in the 2012 growing season. We are also encouraging growers to contact us with seconds/culls that will not fetch a market price.

According to a recent survey conducted by Community Harvest, 100% of food banks in Chelan, Douglas and Grant counties do not have enough fresh produce for their clients and as a result, many buy produce on a weekly basis. In addition, 86% of food banks report an increase in clientele over the past year. As need grows it is becoming increasingly important for us to draw on local resources.

North Central Washington is full of rich agricultural land and communities with a strong heritage of community service and self-reliance. Community Harvest combines these strengths to provide our neighbors who are most in need with access to fresh, healthy foods.

As a long term community stakeholder we are hoping you will be able to contribute to Community Harvest; your investment and participation will ensure the success of this program.



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The following are some of our anticipated needs:

- Community Harvest needs **volunteer** groups to go out and do the actual gleaning in the fields. Organizing a group to donate time to do a glean would be helpful.
- We would like to standardize our harvest containers as much as possible for easy management and transportation of produce. A donation of **boxes, lugs, and picking bags** will make harvesting much more efficient.
- We need **pint containers** for harvesting and distributing smaller soft fruits such as raspberries and strawberries.
- Community Harvest would like to see some of the donated food processed, so that food banks can distribute the produce throughout the winter. Donated **use of a commercial kitchen, juicing, or drying facility** would make a substantial difference in the longevity of donated produce this fall.
- We also seek **financial contributions** to cover additional staff time, supplies, and unexpected expenses.

All contributions to this program will be recognized in promotional materials; contributions are also tax deductible. Large donations and partnerships will also be recognized with a press release.

To make a donation or if you have any questions please contact Alison Detjens:  
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