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# He helps gardeners find food bank for their bounty

**G**ary Oppenheimer hates waste.

And he loves gardening.

How all this turned into a nationwide effort to fight hunger is a fable for our time.

It was a few years ago. Someone with Oppenheimer's community garden was lamenting all the unharvested food at the end of the season.

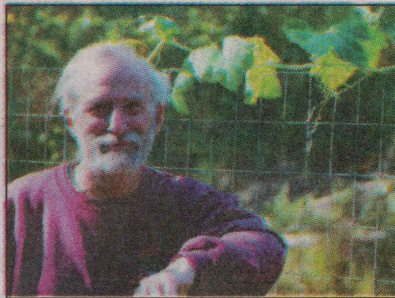
"If we're going to have an ample harvest, the least



**Sandy Bauers**

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we can do is donate it to people in the community who need it," said Oppenheimer, who lives in North



**Gary Oppenheimer**, who hates waste, founded AmpleHarvest.org.

Jersey's Passaic County.

So, naturally, he took on the task of finding a food pantry. No luck. It dawned on him that if he couldn't find food pantries, neither could

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