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7,000TH FOOD PANTRY JOINS AMPLEHARVEST.ORG

One out of every five food pantries in America can now receive fresh food from a local grower because of the growing AmpleHarvest.org network.

For Immediate Release

Newfoundland NJ – (October 10, 2014) – AmpleHarvest.org, the nationwide program that enables tens of millions of home and community gardeners to donate excess garden produce to a nearby food pantry announces that more than 7,000 food pantries, food banks, soup kitchens, food closets, food shelves and food cupboards are now “visible” to nearby growers eager to donate their excess harvest.

Launched in 2009, AmpleHarvest.org uses technology to bypasses the American food bank network’s “hub and spoke” architecture that has largely prevented local growers from donating food. It accomplishes this by first, educating and encouraging, and then enabling America’s 42 million home and community gardeners to share their harvest directly with a local food program thereby helping the needy in their own community.

NANA’s House in Mastic NY recently registered itself at AmpleHarvest.org and joined the previously registered 6,999 pantries, further expanding access to fresh food for their clients. According to Wendy Falanga of NANA’s House, “Fresh produce donations are so important to our

organization, especially since we provide food and services to children. Most of the time we receive canned goods and other non-perishable items, which are appreciated, but do not offer as much nutrition as fresh vegetables. Receiving fresh produce donations would help us offer more nutritious options to the children we serve, so we are excited to be a part of AmpleHarvest.org and hope the community will share their extra produce with us!”

“The historic inability to donate fresh food to a community food program has contributed to America’s huge food waste problem while also forcing nearby food programs to only offer processed food.”, noted AmpleHarvest.org’s founder and Executive Director Gary Oppenheimer. “Every food program that registers at AmpleHarvest.org is another point on the map that growers can find and support – for the rest of their gardening life.”

About AmpleHarvest.org

AmpleHarvest.org, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization that diminishes food waste, hunger and malnutrition in America by educating, encouraging and empowering growers to easily find a nearby food pantry eager to receive the excess garden bounty. For more information on the campaign, visit www.AmpleHarvest.org/press or call AMPLE-6-9880 (267-536-9880).

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