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OUR BIG IDEA

We make it easy for gardeners to feed hungry people in their community. We teach them that they can donate their surplus harvest to food pantries, and then we connect them with ones nearby.

Social distancing is integral to AmpleHarvest.org's design and protocol. It is run by staff that has always worked from home offices, it has social distancing built in as it works with the individual gardener and not teams of volunteers or gleaners, it includes a social distancing protocol at the time and place of donation of the food.

Our vision is an America where millions of gardeners eliminate hunger. When fresh local food is donated, it helps reduce food related disease and fights climate change at the same time.

THE FIRST 10 YEARS

AND THE NEXT

Like millions of Americans, I wondered how there could be hunger in a country that wastes much of its food. And like millions of American gardeners, I usually grew more food than I could use.

In March of 2009, I realized that these were intimately connected problems and that each provided the solution for the other. From this came the initial concept for what is today, AmpleHarvest.org.

This year we celebrated our 10th anniversary.

It's been an amazing journey. It's been tough promoting an idea that at first glance seems so obvious that everyone wonders why no one thought of it sooner. But it caught on and it works. Thousands of gardeners and food waste warriors, government officials, nonprofit partners, funders and supporters, reporters and bloggers have responded to our call.

We've activated AmpleHarvest.org to respond whenever there is a major problem such as Hurricane Katrina or the BP Oil spill. We've inspired students with game changing ideas of their own; they came to AmpleHarvest.org for guidance on how to make them work. And some of our work in these 10 years has been struggling to bring in the dollars needed to make it all work.



I had no idea where AmpleHarvest.org would ultimately go on the day I launched it. I had no idea that this idea would spark the interest and notice it did; that I'd be a CNN Hero or nominated for the World Food Prize; no expectation of meeting two presidents, and no thought of speaking at conferences, special events, or universities here or globally.

The fantastic response to AmpleHarvest.org includes Google, who quickly supported us, a wonderful team of staff, volunteers and board members. And now, nearly 9,000 food pantries across all 50 states have joined AmpleHarvest.org.

In the past ten years I have learned that it is impossible to predict the future, but looking back at March of 2009, I'm reminded that if you truly identify the root cause of a problem and build something that directly solves it, it will succeed regardless of what the future brings.

The past decade has affirmed my belief that one of the root causes of hunger has been misinformation - "you can't donate fresh food" and missing information - where and when to donate it.

Hunger has always been a scourge of humanity. I created AmpleHarvest.org to end it and the more recent problem of the waste of food. We might someday face difficult problems that look nothing like those of the past. And if we do, AmpleHarvest.org's capacity to help nourish and strengthen food insecure families will be more critical than ever.

I'm confident that AmpleHarvest.org's solution will continue to unleash the passion and the surplus produce of America's 42 million gardeners making for an ever healthier America, come what may.

Although this is our 2019 report, it is being assembled mid-2020 so I can't ignore the dramatic change brought by COVID-19.

AmpleHarvest.org's work and impact is more critical in 2020 than ever. Social distancing (a term I never heard of before this) is built into AmpleHarvest.org. Gardeners grow, harvest and donate individually. Our operations are conducted virtually: all staff have always worked from home offices. And the sudden explosion of gardening nationwide, now estimated to be 58 million gardeners, up from 42 million, has made AmpleHarvest.org a critical component of helping America cope and ultimately recover from the pandemic.

While most of us are not first responders or health care professionals, donating a surplus garden harvest to a local food pantry may well be one of the few things those of us who today feel scared and powerless, can do as our small part of fighting back.

Looking back a few paragraphs, I would still end this report with the same "I'm confident that AmpleHarvest.org's solution will continue to unleash the passion and the surplus produce of America's 58 million gardeners making for an ever healthier America, come what may."





THE IMPACT

Since AmpleHarvest.org's launch nearly 10 years ago, food pantries in our network reported receiving locally grown fresh food has continued to grow. As we network more gardeners to more pantries, the waste of food nationwide diminishes along with hunger and malnutrition, improving the environment on a sustained basis.





PERSONAL STORIES

"We are especially grateful for fresh vegetables and fruit that are donated to us by area gardeners through the AmpleHarvest program."

Whosoever Food Pantry – Philadelphia, PA

"We are an AmpleHarvest.org participating food pantry. We just want to express our appreciation for the fresh produce gardeners provide."

Leavenworth Mission Food Pantry - Leavenworth, KS

"We are so grateful for all the gifts from the garden we receive. The harvest from gardeners helps us provide thousands of our neighbors with healthy produce. The clients we serve look forward to fresh greens, fresh fruit and fragrant herbs. Thank you to every organization, gardener and green thumb! You nourish a community."

Center for Food Action – Multiple locations in NJ

"We are very grateful to AmpleHarvest.org for providing us some fresh food that our clients can come and make selections like they were at any regular grocery store or farmer's market and provide healthy meals to their families."

Community Action Center – Lorton, VA

"It's exciting to see as our clients come in and they see the pantry has fresh produce for them. Many of them would rather have that instead of the canned goods we give them."

Elwood Community Food Pantry – Elwood, IN

"Our seniors really love the fruits and vegetables that are donated. They always go and grab the fruits and vegetables first before they even grab the canned food."

Mercy Brown Bag Program – Oakland, CA

"We want to say thank you to our community and to Ampleharvest.org for all of the work they do."

Snohomish Community Food Bank – Snohomish, WA



NEW FOOD PANTRIES

West AL Food Bank Northport AL
Freedom House Hope Pantry Huntsville AL
New Horizons Int'l Inc. Food Pantry Searcy, AR
Temple Baptist Church, Jonesboro AR
Riverview HOPE Campus, Fort Smith AR
Gospel Rescue Mission Tucson AZ
Hope International Food Pantry COOLIDGE AZ
Kingdom of God/King Kingman AZ
Radiant Food Pantry Surprise AZ
Project: NEEDS Redondo Beach CA
Redemption Out Reach Center, San Jose CA
Quinn Community Outreach Corporation Food Pantry Moreno Valley CA
Cal State LA Food Pantry Los Angeles CA
Foothill Unity Center Monrovia CA
Porchlight Community San Diego CA
White Pony Express Pleasant Hill CA
Community Through Hope Chula Vista CA
Teen Challenge San Francisco CA
Giant Nutritional Center Visalia CA
Trinity Neighborhood Food Pantry San Jose CA
Hope Crossing Food Bank, Denver CO
Harvest of Hope Pantry, Boulder CO
The Bridge South Windsor CT
Person to Person Stamford Stamford CT
Brighter Bites Washington DC DC
Healthy Pantry Center Newark DE
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Ministerio Guerreros de Cristo, inc New Port Richey FL
MDC WOLFSON SHARK PANTRY Miami FL

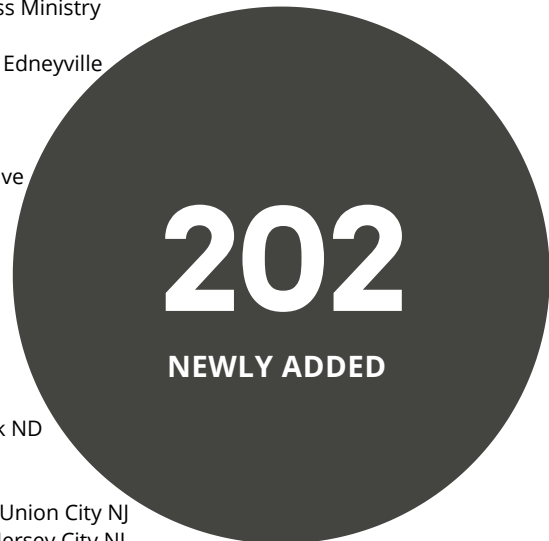
Catholic Charities Lake City, Lake City FL
Houseofhope Merritt Island FL
Lindy Bush Food Pantry Navarre FL
Shepard Road Presbyterian Church Mulberry FL
Helping Hands, Brevard Adventist Community Services Titusville FL
Crossview church food Pantry Jacksonville FL
Christ Central Labelle FL
Feeding & Helping Georgians Atlanta GA
Lighthouse Food Pantry Dallas GA
Manna, Inc. Thomson GA
Helping Hands St. Marys GA
St. Michael the Archangel Food Pantry Woodstock GA
CrossView Church Food Pantry Hoschton GA
Feeding Hawaii Together Honolulu HI
Southeast Linn Community Center Lisbon IA
King's Harvest Ministries Davenport IA
Hope Lutheran Church Food Pantry Eagle ID
Chief Food Pantry Chicago IL
Chief's Food Pantry Ministries Chicago IL
All Saints Lutheran Church Food Pantry Palatine IL
Unity Kitchen Crete IL
Salvation Army Macomb IL
Two Rivers Head Start Agency Aurora IL
Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry, Aurora IL
Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry Lombard IL
Soup-n-Share Outreach Program Madison IL
HopeFULL Food Pantry Joliet IL
Eves Garden Foundation Chicago IL
UI Health Pilsen Food Pantry Chicago IL

Congregation Beth Am Buffalo Grove IL
Pecatonica Community Food Pantry Pecatonica IL
St Francis of Assisi Chicago IL
Mission of Christ Lutheran Food Pantry Chicago IL
New Life Baptist Church Food Pantry Greencastle IN
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Salvation Army Munster IN
Elwood Food Pantry Elwood IN
Mission of Grace EVANSVILLE IN
Freedom Church Mobile Food Pantry Lebanon IN
Gunner James Burnam Food Pantry Martinsville IN
Open Doors Sheridan IN
The Salvation Army Evansville IN
Mary Lee Maier Community Pantry Avon IN
Al-Amin food pantry Gary IN
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 Roachdale Christian Church Food Pantry Roachdale IN
 The Liberty Hope Center Indianapolis IN
 MIRACLES HAPPEN Food pantry Merrillville IN
 The Creek Food Co-op Indianapolis IN
 Vaughn-Trent Community Services Bonner Springs KS
 Barton Food Pantry Great Bend KS
 Breakthrough (Episcopal Social Services) Wichita KS
 Feed a Friend, inc OWENSBORO KY
 Lee County Helping Hands Beattyville KY
 Zack's Kitchen Henderson KY
 Outreached Hands Ashland KY
 Alive Community Outreach Owensboro KY
 Valley Goods Resource Center Owensboro KY
 Yellow Creek Baptist Church Pantry Pals Owensboro KY
 South East Associated Ministries Louisville KY
 Delgado Singe Stop Care Corner New Orleans LA
 YoungsvillePantry Youngsville LA
 Needham Community Council Food Pantry Needham MA
 Bedford Community Table/Pantry, Inc. Bedford MA
 Medway Village Food Pantry Medway MA
 First Baptist Church Amherst Amherst MA
 Berkshire Food Project North Adams MA
 North Taunton Food Pantry Taunton MA
 MUM Silver Spring MD
 Mason Dixon Community Services Street MD
 Gray Community Food Pantry Gray ME
 Bib and Tucker Ellsworth ME
 Livermore little free pantry Livermore ME
 Salvation Army Escanaba MI
 Oakland Hope Waterford MI
 Bountiful harvest Inc. Brighton MI
 Oxford/Orion Fish Oxford MI
 Mulliken Food Pantry Mulliken MI
 Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf Oakdale MN
 CAPI USA Brooklyn Center MN
 CROSS Services Rogers MN
 Food For Life Food Shelf - New Life Church of Ramsey RAMSEY MN
 Aitkin Area Food Shelf Aitkin MN
 The Salvation Army Kirksville Food Pantry Kirksville MO

Avondale UMC Food Pantry KANSAS CITY MO
 Cornerstone UMChurch Food Pantry O'Fallon MO
 Lamb House Camdenton MO
 Greater Mt Calvary Jackson MS
 Edwards Street Fellowship Center Hattiesburg MS
 MUTEH Jackson MS
 The Lord's Supper Homeless Ministry Madison MS
 Community Food Pantry at Edneyville Hendersonville NC
 Hope Street Food Pantry Charlotte NC
 Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, Inc. Newton NC
 UNC REX Food Pantry Raleigh NC
 Clemmons Food Pantry Clemmons NC
 NT Schools Backpack New Town ND
 Adopt-A-Block ND Bismarck ND
 St. John UMC Bridgeton NJ
 Allen Village Newark NJ
 Saint Joseph's Food Pantry Union City NJ
 Gothic Knight Food Pantry Jersey City NJ
 At The Feet Of Jesus Luke 10:39 Jersey City NJ
 Granite hills food pantry Reno NV
 Second Chance Foods Brewster NY
 Helping Hands of the East End Yaphank NY
 People to People Nanuet NY
 TOUCH-TOGETHER OUR UNITY CAN HEAL CONGERS NY
 Charlotte's Table Ronkonkoma NY
 Catholic Family Center - Community Resource Services Rochester NY
 Salvation Army Wellsville NY
 CHOICE Food Pantry White Plains NY
 Newark Food Closet Newark NY
 Community Cupboard Middle Island NY
 Naples Open Cupboard Naples NY
 The Food Pantries for the Capital District Albany NY
 Success Center Sodus NY
 Spencer VanEtten Community Food Cupboard Spencer NY
 Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry @ St Joseph the Worker Epiphany Parish Liverpool NY
 Shelter Rock Church Food pantry Manhasset NY
 Lake Township FISH Hartville OH
 Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley Youngstown OH
 Gahanna Residents in Need Gahanna OH
 Poasttown First Church of God Middletown OH
 Reach Out Lakota West Chester OH
 Emerging Streams Food Pantry STRYKER OH
 Beyond the Walls Elyria OH
 Hope Food Pantry Columbus OH
 God's Food Bank, Inc. Guthrie OK
 Oakcliff Food Pantry Oklahoma City OK
 Gladstone Food Pantry Gladstone OR
 Portland Rescue Mission - Shepherd's Door Portland OR

Trinity Community Church Tigard OR
 Hope's Table Tualatin OR
 Kingdom Life Global Ministries Orefield PA
 Feeding the Flock Ministries Cheswick PA
 Lad's Pantry Florence SC
 Hope in Lancaster, Inc. Lancaster SC
 Calvary Chapel Leesville Leesville SC
 SNAC Sumter SC



Westmoreland Food Bank WESTMORELAND TN
 The LORDs Child Knoxville TN
 Westside Community Food Ministry Tullahoma TN
 Corner Cupboard Boerne TX
 Calvary Houston Food Pantry Friendswood TX
 RevPantry McKinney TX
 Katy Christian Ministries Katy TX
 Helping Hands Food Bank Austin TX
 Waco Shepherds Heart, Inc aka - Shepherds Heart Waco TX
 Texas Avenue Baptist League City TX
 The Salvtion Amry Texarkana TX
 Metroport Meals On Wheels Keller TX
 Gateway Church Spring TX
 Northeast Community Food Pantry El Paso TX
 HCHC Care Management Harrisonburg VA
 Hope Distributed Rockingham VA
 Emmanuel Episcopal Harrisonburg VA
 MMUMC Food Pantry New Market VA
 St Olaf Food Pantry Norge VA
 A Place of Miracles North Chesterfield VA
 Mount Vernon Baptist Church Food Pantry Glen Allen VA
 Plenty! Floyd VA
 HIS Pantry at SHSF Bennington VT
 Shelburne Food Shelf Shelburne VT
 EJU Food Shelf Jericho VT
 Granite Falls Community Coalition Food Bank Granite Falls WA
 Concern For Neighbors Food Bank Mountlake Terrace WA
 Fields of Grace Richland WA
 Mukwonago Food Pantry Mukwonago WI
 Fondy Food Pantry Fond du Lac WI



FOOD WASTE WEEKEND

Each year, AmpleHarvest.org has named a specific weekend calling for clergy of all faiths to teach their congregations about food waste. The weekend was created to specifically reach out to AmpleHarvest.org's two stakeholders - food pantries and gardeners - to bring the message of reducing food waste to the community.

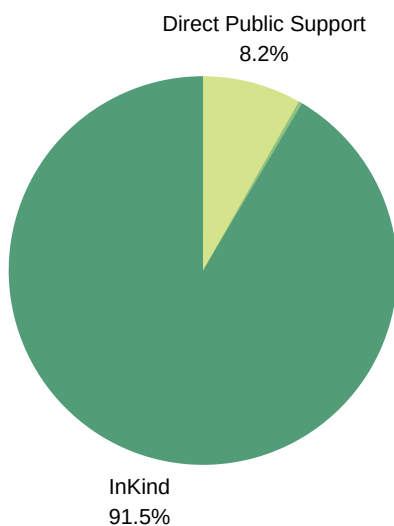
Food Waste Weekend is a unified Call-to-Action Action that takes advantage of the fact that **70% of America's food pantries are in a house of worship** and about 35% of the congregants in the pews are likely to be gardeners. To prepare the clergy, AmpleHarvest.org operates a website, FoodWasteWeekend.org, with teachings about food waste and its impacts including food insecurity, calls to action for the community, and sample sermons for Bhuddists, Christians, Jews, Hindus, Muslims, Secular Spiritual Leaders, and Unitarian-Universalists.

After four years of organizing the Food Waste Weekend, we realized we could do more. Fighting the appalling amount of food waste and hunger could be done every day. For 2020, we've retooled our efforts into a new program, **Faith Fights Food Waste**. This extends the opportunity for faith community to present these food waste solutions at any time and fight hunger constantly.

OUR LATEST NUMBERS

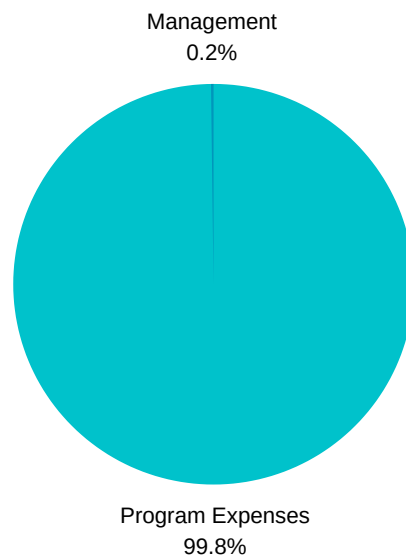
A large percentage of the donations made to AmpleHarvest.org in 2019 came in the form of gardener education and outreach. In addition to the revenues listed below, Google AdWords, Deloitte and AppNexus together donated over \$1 million of valuable in-kind services that allow us to increase visibility of AmpleHarvest.org, upgrade the data quality of our food pantry data base as well as improve the operations of the website. These corporate partners recognize the value of the service we offer and without their support, AmpleHarvest.org would not have the impact that we have today.

REVENUE



Direct Public Support: \$144,603.25
Indirect Public Support: \$2,427.68
Other: \$6,141.05
Inkind: \$1,602,000.00
Total: \$ 1,755,171.98

EXPENSES



Program Expenses: \$1,764,579.85
Management Expenses/Overhead: \$4,138.37
Total: \$1,768,718.22

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our individual donors and partners for their support in 2019, and for empowering AmpleHarvest.org in our mission to eliminate food waste, including:



Special thanks to the staff, interns and volunteers as well as the boards of directors advisors of AmpleHarvest.org. These people, some of whom have been with us from nearly the beginning, are deeply committed to help to make AmpleHarvest.org as impactful as possible.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all who share in our passion for eliminating food waste and hunger in America.