Record Breaking Season

Our harvest seasons never cease to amaze me, and I am so grateful for all those who put in the work to make this season a RECORD year!

In 2019, we increased many of our metrics for success thanks to our outstanding leaders, expansion of paid personnel, and dedicated growers. This year, we had 702 distinct volunteers join us in the fields, filling 2,876 roster slots of the 3,311 slots posted; that’s 5,752 volunteer hours! A total of 261 harvests took place, harvesting 30 different crops, yielding our new record of 507,084 pounds of fresh produce. Records were set in the categories of total number of pounds harvested, number of crop varieties in one season, and total number of pounds donated by one grower. Another first, this was our first year utilizing a paid summer intern. These are all wonderful things that would not have been possible without dedicated and hard working harvest leaders and volunteers.

Salem Harvest had the opportunity to share our mission of feeding hungry families by expanded distribution of this bountiful harvest. With such an increase in pounds, we delivered fresh produce to nine Title 1 schools, three low-income or free health clinics, the Clark County WA food bank, Hope Station, and Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program in addition to the 127 MPFS pantries that we typically support. Our organization and mission was also shared in the press. The Statesman Journal, Salem Magazine (pg 26), Capital Press and the Salem Reporter all had articles in their publications about our work. If you haven’t had a chance to read and share these stories with your friends, please do. Sharing the good works that we perform with others is essential to the health and vibrancy of our organization.

When looking at the statistics that 40% of the food grown in the U.S. is wasted, and at the same time, one out of every seven kids in Oregon goes to school hungry, I can get a bit discouraged. How can little me even fathom putting a dent in this big problem? And then I remember my mother’s mantra: small and simple things will bring about great things. The effect of a single person harvesting is small and simple, but when combined with hundreds of other people’s small and simple acts of harvesting – it quickly becomes a great thing affecting thousands of families in our community!

Thank you for all your small and simple acts. It is everyone working together that makes Salem Harvest the amazing, volunteer-powered organization that it is.

- Executive Director

CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION

At only $0.16 per pound to harvest, your donation will go long way. Donate with a credit card or PayPal account HERE

Or mail a check to - Salem Harvest
P.O. Box 483, Salem, OR 97308

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Hunger Dessert’d - February 2020**

Desert hunger during the full month of February by eating as many desserts as you want from participating restaurants and $1 for each dessert will go to Salem Harvest and our mission to feed hungry families. Go to salemharvest.org to learn more about how it works and the restaurants. *Let’s Leave Hunger Behind!*

**Race to Save the Harvest - July 11, 2020**

Run, Walk, Stroll or Skip! Come down to the Riverfront Park on the morning of July 11 and join a 3k or 5k family friendly race, meet Ima Blueberry, and enjoy tasty post race snacks! To learn more and signup, go to our Run Signup page.
OUR MISSION

To feed hungry families by harvesting food that would go to waste.

Salem Harvest connects farmers and backyard growers with volunteers who harvest fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste. All food harvested feeds children or elderly, unemployed, low-income or homeless people, the majority being distributed through Marion-Polk Food Share and its affiliated food agencies. Salem Harvest rescues over 400,000 pounds of fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables annually.