



## Rolling Harvest Food Rescue Farm Partner Agreement

*Connecting local farmers  
with neighbors in need*

The generosity and community spirit that you have shown has enabled Rolling Harvest Food Rescue to distribute more than four million servings so far of your locally-grown nutritious, delicious food to thousands of struggling, food-insecure families each week, many of whom suffer from diet-related health issues. Although originally created to fill the nutritional gap affecting low-income neighbors in need, we have found that our work is also of significant benefit to our local farming community who hate to see good food plowed under or thrown away.

We have a corps of volunteers to pickup and distribute, and a rapid response gleaning team ready to harvest what you can't get to for donation. From this has also grown opportunities for Rolling Harvest to thank our partner farmers by offering teams of volunteers for projects like weeding or harvesting potatoes.

**Please contact us if you would like to schedule a “thank you” work session during the season.**

Rolling Harvest is able to operate under The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Protection Act, signed into law in 1996. The purpose is to "encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals." The Act gives sweeping protection for the donor from civil and criminal liability arising from food donated in good faith, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

- **Nutrition Education Outreach**

We have also come to realize that simply delivering your donated food is not enough to ensure that everyone benefits and that there is no waste. Either at one of our weekly on-site free farmer's markets, or during normal operating hours, the pantries we partner with are encouraged to work with our Nutrition Educator and present vegetables and fruits in appealing ways to encourage clients to try them. We offer samples, cooking tips and recipes along with your produce for families to take home and enjoy.

- **Food Quality**

***It is critical that the produce donated still be fresh enough to be appealing and to taste good, otherwise we will defeat our educational mission of encouraging consumption of the healthy foods you so generously donate. If you think it is better suited for compost or animal feed, please keep it for that purpose.***

We now, through generous support, have a cooler for “storage” crops with a longer shelf-life and teams of volunteers that can glean before a farmer plows under a crop for the season, and can offer help with an emergency affecting your crops.

Volunteers at Rolling Harvest work hard to keep donated produce cooled and stored properly from the time it is picked up until it is delivered but we have limited capacity. Food pantries also have storage issues, especially for items needing to be refrigerated.

For greens and other vegetables with a more limited shelf-life, we try to deliver the same day to the pantry but it still might be another day before recipients take home the food.

**We ask donating farms/stores to keep this time frame in mind.**

