

## **Rolling Harvest Food Rescue Farm Partner Agreement**

The generosity and community spirit that you have shown has enabled Rolling Harvest Food Rescue (RHFR) to distribute more than 4.5 million servings so far of your locally-grown nutritious, delicious food to thousands of struggling,

food-insecure families. 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 pick up and distribute, and a rapid response gleaning team ready to glean what you can't harvest 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 seasonal crops throughout the growing 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 protects the donor from civil and criminal liability arising from food donated in good faith, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

## **Food Quality**

It is critical that the produce donated still be fresh enough to be visually appealing and to taste good, otherwise we will defeat our educational mission of encouraging consumption of the healthy foods you so generously donate. Through generous support, we now have multiple coolers providing RHFR with safe, efficient storage for all donations. Rolling Harvest works hard to keep donated produce cooled and stored properly from the time it is picked up until it is distributed.

## Compensation Opportunities – RHFR Produce Purchase Program

RHFR has created a "Produce Purchase Program" that allows us to give wholesale price reimbursement to our Farm Partners for some highly desirable produce that might not otherwise be donated – especially fruit of any kind. In these cases, RHFR will contact the farmers who donate to us and inquire if they have any of the produce we are looking for and at what price they could sell them to us. We will always prioritize the farms/farmers who regularly donate to RHFR.

We are an IRS tax-exempt 501-c-3 nonprofit organization (EIN# 27-4630639), and, as such, are pleased to provide you with receipts for any tax-deductible food and in-kind donations on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly basis. Please check with your accountant about your specific eligibility regarding donations and tax deductibility.

THANK YOU for helping provide fresh, healthy produce to our neighbors in need. For more information about Rolling Harvest Food Rescue, please go to our website: www.RollingHarvest.com and follow us on Facebook.

For (Farm Name):\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature\_\_\_\_\_DATE: \_\_\_\_\_DATE: \_\_\_\_\_DATE:

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