

FARM TO PANTRY

GROWING
OUR IMPACT

2020
ANNUAL
REPORT



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OUR MISSION

To cultivate good health and community and to support environmental sustainability by rescuing locally-grown food and sharing it with those in need

OUR VISION

For everyone to have access to healthy, locally-grown food that nourishes our community and is not wasted

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FARM-ACY CART BOUNTY

"I cannot thank you enough for your energies and focus on bringing wonderful foods to people who can use a helping hand. Our organization and patients are so grateful for your efforts. I feel your warmth and generosity from every cell in my body. Alliance's patient population is overwhelmingly comprised of hard working families with children, and they really appreciate the diverse fruits, vegetables and other wonders that you have brought over to Alliance. We hope that as long as there is a need, we can continue this fantastic partnership. Thank you!"

—Joan Churchill, CEO of Alliance Medical Center

A Letter from Our Executive Director



When I joined Farm to Pantry (F2P) in the beginning of the pandemic, I was charged to expand our reach. The combination of the pandemic and the fires crushed Sonoma County hard. One in three of our neighbors now faces food insecurity. Thanks to all of our volunteers, property owners and donors, we were able to respond while still keeping us all safe. This year, I have lived Robin Hood, Stone Soup and daily treasure hunts. I have seen power in the sum of a million small acts. I have been surrounded by good people who care for others every day. I feel lucky, grateful and hopeful.

We have all heard Margaret Mead's quote for years, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." In the months of August and September in coordination with Slow Food, Manzana and Redwood Empire Food Bank, we set out to find every apple we could get our hands on. After gleaning on multiple properties, every day, with multiple teams, I got to see the magic that can come of a group of committed citizens engaging in small acts. The result: 36,000 pounds of apples became 14,000 jars of applesauce which landed at Redwood Empire Food Bank. This was a wall that was over 10 feet high and 20 feet deep. As I looked at all those jars, I was filled with images of all the people and all the places we had picked. All the little acts had made this BIG thing.

We hit major milestones, blew organization records out of the water and garnered awards and accolades, but most importantly, with your help, we have fed more people when they needed it most. As I look ahead to the new year, I fear people will grow weary and momentum will fade, even as the numbers of those suffering in our community will not subside for a long while. However, this team is committed to our mission, and WE will not lose momentum! Our boots will still be pressing the gas pedal. We are fortified by your generosity and by the gratitude of our recipients. "Thank you" is not big enough to express how immense our gratitude is for you, our F2P family. We thank you for believing in this work.

- Duskie Estes

FOOD JUSTICE

This past summer on a 105 degree day, we got to deliver some AMAZING white peaches from Doug Lipton's HomeFarm. Honey-nectar peaches with floral juice that drips down your face when you take a bite; the kind that might be \$6 each at a market. We brought these to a Catholic Charities' homeless camp and got to witness how a peach can change a tough day into smiles. Over the fence, they hollered, "Lady, these are the best peaches ever...never had a peach like this before!" On another day when we were harvesting lettuces with the team at Farm to Fight Hunger, the day we hit 2 million servings rescued, I wept a little at the realization that when I was the chef of my restaurant, sourcing ethically, only the lucky few got access to these precious fruits and vegetables, but now, through Farm to Pantry, they grace EVERYONE'S tables. This WAS food justice!

STONE SOUP

Stone Soup happened when we were pulling together holiday Tamale Kits with Sonoma Family Meal (SFM) and Latino Service Providers. SFM procured whole chickens, masa and husks, and Farm to Pantry was to gather produce. At first, I was worried; it was a leaner time of year...were we going to have enough to contribute? I visited Tucker Taylor at Jackson Family Farms. He walked me out to his field to check on his radishes. As he pulled one out of the ground, the magenta radish was a generous size; he would have the bunches ready in time! I then reached out to Front Porch and Foggy River Farms to see if they might still have any winter squashes. SCORE: delicatas and butternuts! Then my phone rang—it was farmer Wendy at WHOA farms: "Hey, I have lemons and limes. Could you use them this week?" All of the sudden, we had a bounty to contribute to the Tamale Kits as a holiday gift for families in need. Everyone's contributions made it a BIG glorious bag.



COMMUNITY

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—Margaret Mead



BECOME A FARM TO PANTRY PERENNIAL!

Farm to Pantry Perennials commit to supporting us in an ongoing way, monthly or annually. This helps us budget into the future and ensures our sustainability. When we can count on your support all year long and into the future, it allows us to dedicate more time to serving those in need, rather than focusing on fundraising efforts.

You can become a perennial by going to www.farmtopantry.org: hit the "Givers" button and select "recurring donation," where you will have the option to select either monthly or annually.

Thank you to our most generous Perennials!

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AND OVER 250 AMAZING PROPERTY OWNERS!





SHARING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

"I'm in Parkland Senior Housing, and I'd just like to say thank you for all you do for the community and me. You are a blessing in my life."

- Terri Prunty Kay



2020 MIND-BLOWING NUMBERS

In 2020, F2P volunteers gleaned with a fury to meet the mind-blowing spike in need!

We hit

2 MILLION servings rescued

since our inception in 2008 to this past summer

Our volunteers rescued over

230,000 POUNDS

or **920,000** SERVINGS

3 x MORE than what we did in 2019

With the HANDS of

300+ VOLUNTEERS

on **250+** PROPERTIES and FARMS

We delivered to

85+ PARTNERS

DOUBLING the partners we worked with in 2019

our volunteer pool **TRIPLED**

OVER 36,000 POUNDS OF APPLES BECAME...

over **14,000** jars of **APPLESAUCE** for Redwood Empire Food Bank in partnership with Slow Food and Manzana

PUSHING BOUNDARIES beyond Healdsburg

Gleaning & Delivering NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST!

SOWING SEEDS FOR 2021



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Continuing our commitment to education and training



GROW-A-ROW

Developing partnerships with Corazon, Burbank Housing, School Garden Network and Farm to Fight Hunger to reactivate community gardens



EASTWARD BOUND

Focusing additional efforts in Sonoma Valley



GROWING OUR TEAM

Needing more hands in the garden, we are expanding our team



CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Developing lasting connections with companies invested in our work—launching with Piper Sonoma in 2021!



CULTIVATING TEAM CLEAN

Team-building for your business or organization—custom glean experiences



GROW-A-ROW

"When we decided to replant some of our vineyard last spring, we saw an opportunity. We took a small portion of that acreage and created a partnership with Farm to Pantry. It was a wonderful experience for all of us here at Hafner Vineyard. Duskie Estes gave us advice on what to plant, and we went to work. Our vineyard crew along with a few of us from the winery planted, trellised and tended the garden. Jose Luis, from our vineyard crew, actually donated the majority of the plants, while a local nursery provided the rest. We grew tomatoes, peppers, chilis, zucchini and cucumbers as well as tomatillos. Over 1,000 pounds of produce was picked by F2P volunteers with help from a few of us, too. In this county of such wealth and beauty, helping F2P feed our friends and neighbors was very rewarding to us all. Our winter garden of 2,000 white and red onions for F2P will be planted next week."

- Parke Hafner

SYSTEMIC CHANGE

Farm to Pantry supports UN Sustainability Goals (SDG) that reinforce each other for positive impact.

Farm to Pantry has identified the following Sustainability Goals relevant to our work:

- **ZERO HUNGER**—gleaning food to fight hunger
- **GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**—nutritious foods help increase health and well-being
- **QUALITY EDUCATION**—you can't concentrate in school if you are hungry
- **REDUCED INEQUALITIES**—being a voice and partner in equity for all in our community
- **RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION**—reduce food waste
- **CLIMATE ACTION**—reducing our emissions' footprint
- **PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**—partnering with farmers, government, businesses and other nonprofits



Spotlight: Climate Action

We are reducing greenhouse gas emissions by rescuing food that would otherwise go wasted. The amount of carbon of which we spared the air was equivalent to the following:



17

The emissions of a car driving around the world 17 times is equivalent to all the emissions we spared in 2020.



30

The greenhouse gas emissions we spared were equal to the emissions of 30 homes over a year.



225

The amount of carbon F2P kept out of the atmosphere in 2020 is equivalent to the sequestration work of 225 acres of national forest in a year.



FRESHLY PICKED!

NORTH BAY SPIRIT AWARD

Melita Love, Founder of Farm to Pantry



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

from the Sonoma County Conservation Council



Follow us on social media



NORTH BAY NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Duskie Estes, Executive Director



CIVIL EATS



FEATURED IN

The Press Democrat, Healdsburg Tribune and Sonoma West Publications, Sonoma Magazine, Made Local Magazine, San Francisco Chronicle and Wine Spectator with segments on NorCal Public Media, KRCB and KSRO radio highlighting our partnerships in the community, work to feed firefighters and those out of work due to covid and grapes going unharvested due to smoke taint

CAMEOS

Duskie Estes on Oprah Winfrey Network and Food Network

...and more on our website

GROWING THE TABLE

Growing the Table precipitated from a dire necessity to address the needs of fledgling small farmers and those facing food insecurity in the midst of the worst American hunger crisis we've seen in generations. Farm to Pantry was enlisted as a partner to manage the food box distribution to recipients in Sonoma County and include recipes also translated into Spanish.

Demand for food aid has increased eight-fold in some of the hardest-hit communities. Lines of cars stretch for miles at distribution sites, and food banks are still scrambling to meet this tremendous increase in demand.

California Farmers have seen their markets decrease by 50%, leaving them with excess produce and commodities for which they cannot find buyers. Restaurants and large food service institutions like schools and offices are no longer consistent clients. Simply put, many California farmers are struggling to keep their farms.

The Growing the Table initiative began because about one-in-five Californians are struggling with food insecurity, while farmers and ranchers struggle simultaneously.

Growing the Table aims to help small, racially and gender diverse, regenerative/organic farms and ranches to participate in market alternatives that provide these farmers with a wholesale payment for their harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables. This food is distributed to tens of thousands of food insecure families all over the state, with the help of F2P in Sonoma County.

This partnership provides a market alternative for over 200 California farms and has stepped up their delivery by tens of millions of additional pounds of food.

Supporting ethnically diverse farms is now especially important if you look at the state of the American agricultural system. Whereas in 1920, there were nearly a million black farmers, there are now only 45,000 black farmers in the U.S. Today, less than 2 percent of all farmers in the United States are Black. We need to put land and infrastructure back into the capable hands of black, brown and indigenous farmers.

In addition to providing meals to food-insecure families, averting potential food waste and helping struggling farmers, Growing the Table's work will hopefully help shift demand in the food supply chain toward a regenerative future and ensure greater racial and gender equity in the program and in the new economy.





Farm to Pantry is committed to rescuing food that would otherwise go wasted and getting it to people in need. The food is out there; all we have to do is go get it. No one should be left behind.

–Duskie Estes, Executive Director



**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GIVERS,
GROWERS AND GLEANERS!**

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