

## Dear Food Bank Manager:

We recently emailed to your office, information about a nationwide effort to help millions of backyard gardeners wishing to share their extra garden produce, more easily find neighborhood food pantries.

The email encouraged you to invite the food pantries and agencies your food bank works with to visit the www.AmpleHarvest.org site and consider registering. You can view a copy of the email at <a href="https://www.AmpleHarvest.org/downloads/PantryLetter.pdf">www.AmpleHarvest.org/downloads/PantryLetter.pdf</a>.

Many food banks have already urged their member agencies/pantries to sign up.

If your food bank does not have the resources to easily forward information about the AmpleHarvest.org campaign, we can help fax information at no cost to you (email <a href="mailto:PantryLetter@AmpleHarvest.org">PantryLetter@AmpleHarvest.org</a> for details).

The AmpleHarvest.org campaign has received enthusiastic support from the USDA, Google.com, many faith organizations, the VFW, Garden Writers of America, numerous food bloggers, etc. (visit <a href="https://www.AmpleHarvest.org/news.php">www.AmpleHarvest.org/news.php</a> to see what others are saying about it.)

AmpleHarvest.org is the only nationwide effort oriented towards connecting millions of home gardeners across the country with their neighborhood food pantry (the site even provides driving instructions from the gardeners home to the food pantry). As such, even those pantries without refrigeration and storage can receive AND distribute the locally grown produce on a same day basis. Pantries are encouraged to report these donations to their food banks.

AmpleHarvest.org also enables local food pantries to list store bought items they need – making it also useful to donors who are not gardeners.

Please visit <u>www.AmpleHarvest.org</u> – then let us know how we can help you help your member pantries/agencies participate in the AmpleHarvest.org campaign.

Sincerely,

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