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I hope can join us on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. for a Funders Breakfast Briefing on the cutting-edge work of our grantee: <u>AmpleHarvest.org</u>. Although until recently an all-volunteer effort, the work of <u>AmpleHarvest.org</u> has already captured national attention from the Huffington Post to the White House.

Using the power of the Internet to solve a problem that has kept fresh food out of America's food pantries, <u>AmpleHarvest.org</u> connects neighborhood gardeners with local food pantries empowering those with excess produce to easily help feed their hungry neighbors. The result is a growing networked system providing an ongoing local fresh food supply, diminishing malnutrition and obesity, and helping the environment – all at no cost to the community.

Imagine the potential impact of linking America's 40+ million backyard and community gardeners with the nation's 33,500 local food pantries! Further leveraging its potential impact, AmpleHarvest.org's network is already being used to connect other sources of excess produce and food items to local food pantries.

Come hear Gary Oppenheimer, the founder of <u>AmpleHarvest.org</u> and 2010 CNN Hero, discuss the organization's current work and the exciting plans for its strategic growth. Joining him will be Jennifer Johnson-Rothman, communications director for Center for Food Action and <u>AmpleHarvest.org</u> board member, Wendy Worden.

Whether your concern is the environment (keeping tons of excess produce out of landfills reduces greenhouse gases), feeding the more than 50 million Americans who need food assistance, improving nutrition, fighting obesity or funding innovation, you will want to know more about the work of <u>AmpleHarvest.org</u>.

The Briefing will run from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30th at the Ittleson Foundation, 15 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City. Please call Maureen Bracken at (212) 794-2008 to let us know if you can join us. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Anthony C. Wood