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AmpleHarvest.org To Be Recognized For Exceptional Service By Points of Light

HONOREES TO INCLUDE NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE, CITI AND CANCER SURVIVOR
AMY PATERSON

For Immediate Release

Newfoundland NJ – (October 3, 2013) – AmpleHarvest.org is pleased to announce that it will be recognized by Points of Light at an awards ceremony at the Italian Embassy in Washington DC on Oct 11, 2013.

Points of Light, the largest organization in the world dedicated to volunteer service, will also be giving the annual Tribute Awards to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, corporate service leader Citi and to Amy Paterson, a cancer survivor who came up with a novel child care solution for parents in treatment.

President George H. W. Bush inspired the founding of Points of Light in his inaugural address in 1989 when he stated “I have spoken of a thousand points of light, of all the community organizations that are spread like stars throughout the Nation, doing good. We will work hand in hand, encouraging, sometimes leading, sometimes being led, rewarding.”

The Points of Light Tribute Awards honor individuals and organizations whose extraordinary contributions to volunteering and service have made their communities and the world better – safer, greener, healthier, more equitable, more prosperous, more educated and less vulnerable – and whose leadership inspires others to discover their power to change the world.

According to AmpleHarvest.org Founder and Executive Director Gary Oppenheimer, “We are delighted and honored to be recognized by Points of Light. AmpleHarvest.org, a four year old charity, enables millions of backyard gardeners nationwide to donate their excess garden produce to a nearby food pantry when they have harvested more than they can use. It functions as a resource enabling any backyard gardener to help end hunger, malnutrition and food waste in their own community.

“At its core, AmpleHarvest.org is the community in action. It is individuals across our nation sharing the excess bounty of their gardens to help feed their neighbors in need - a true reflection of the Points of Life credo that ‘any definition of a successful life must include serving others.’”

Historically the food pantries that help feed tens of millions of Americans have only been able to offer jars, cans and boxes processed food.

AmpleHarvest.org has changed that.

“Whether they deliberately plant more than is needed to help their community or they simply woke up one morning to too many cucumbers or tomatoes in the garden, AmpleHarvest.org educates, encourages and enables them to donate the excess bounty to a nearby food pantry – something they’ll likely continue to do for the rest of their gardening life,” noted Oppenheimer.

The event, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Neil M. Bush and His Excellency, The Ambassador of Italy, Claudio Bisogniero and Mrs. Laura Denise Bisogniero, will be emceed by *Fox New*’s Greta Van Susteren and Italian actress Elisabetta Canalis. Special guests include singer, Pia Toscano, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., broadcaster Paul Berry, and former White House adviser David Plouffe.

About AmpleHarvest.org

AmpleHarvest.org, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization, which diminishes malnutrition, hunger, and food waste in America by educating, encouraging, and empowering growers to easily

find a nearby food pantry that is eager to receive their excess garden bounty. For more information on the campaign, visit <http://www.AmpleHarvest.org/press> or call AMPLE-6-9880 (267-536-9880).

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About Points of Light

Points of Light – the world’s largest organization dedicated to volunteer service – mobilizes millions of people to take action that is changing the world. Through affiliates in 250 cities and partnerships with thousands of nonprofits and corporations, Points of Light engages 4 million volunteers in 30 million hours of service each year. We bring the power of people to bear where it’s needed most. For more information, go to www.pointsoflight.org.

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