

AmpleHarvest.org^(SM)

"Sharing your garden bounty with Neighbors in Need"

A message from United Way

Neighborhood Backyard Gardeners Can Help Your Food Pantry

No one needs to tell you how difficult it is to meet the increasing food needs of your community today. We all do our best, but more is needed.

Backyard gardeners in your community can help. They often grow more fruit, vegetables and herbs during the growing season than they can use, and would be eager to share some with your food pantry - if only they knew about it.



The AmpleHarvest.org^(SM) Campaign was established in May 2009 with the goal of enabling millions of America's backyard gardeners to quickly find local food pantries in need of fresh produce. It has received support from Google.com, the USDA, food banks, faith organizations as well as writers/bloggers across the country (see www.AmpleHarvest.org/feedback.php) and was highlighted in May 2009 on CNN Heroes program (see www.AmpleHarvest.org/news.php).

Registering your pantry is easy, quick and FREE. Just visit www.AmpleHarvest.org to register your pantry*. In addition to entering the name, address, phone and other information about your pantry, you can also upload a digital photograph of your pantry if you have one, to make it easier to find. You can also list store bought items your pantry most desperately needs, for donors who want to help even when the gardening season is over.

Do not worry if your pantry does not have refrigerated storage. Most pantries arranged for produce donation and client pickup on a same day or next day basis. The new (free!) AmpleHarvest.org iPhone app can even help enable the donation of store bought items.

More than 2,000 food pantries across all 50 states have already registered and more are signing up every day. You are encouraged to visit www.AmpleHarvest.org to learn more about it (go to the FAQ's page first) and to register.

Many gardeners are eager to reach into their backyards to help their neighbors in need. AmpleHarvest.org helps them find you. **Register today!**

** Although you register on AmpleHarvest.org via the Internet (you can use a home or public library computer if you like), your pantry does not need to be connected to the Internet to be found on AmpleHarvest.org.*