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## **2016 “CENTERPIECES FOR PANTRIES” LAUNCHED**

**Dinner Centerpieces: Let it Grace Your Table One Day And Feed Another Family the Next**

**For Immediate Release**

**Newfoundland NJ – (October 25, 2016) –**

As we approach the holiday season, millions of families nationwide will be hosting or attending Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners with a sumptuous table graced with a floral centerpiece - one that will soon wilt and be thrown away.



Yet for millions of other families who rely on food pantries to help feed their family, these holidays will just be another evening struggling to get food on the table.

What if you could spend less for the centerpiece \*and\* help your neighbors in need simultaneously?

A simple solution is to replace the flowers, however beautiful they might be for a moment, with something that can actually bless two tables.

AmpleHarvest.org, the nationwide food waste non-profit that enables millions of home



## Centerpieces for Pantries

BLESS TWO TABLES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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gardeners to donate excess garden produce to a nearby food pantry, encourages people, whether they are a dinner host or the guest, to use a centerpiece of whole fruit and vegetables instead of flowers.

The AmpleHarvest.org “Centerpieces for Pantries” initiative, now in its fifth year, helps people share what they’ve been thankful for with those who are not quite as lucky. Nearly 8,000 food pantries spread across all fifty states have joined AmpleHarvest.org.

Harvested from your garden purchased from a farmers market or store, the fresh food adds lots of color and character to the table.

You can be as creative as you want with the arrangement or even have your kids contribute to the dinner by letting them create it using the whole fruit, vegetables and nuts. It also might be a fun way to introduce your kids to “exotic” food such as kiwi, eggplant, papaya, etc.

Then once the dinner is over, visit [www.AmpleHarvest.org/holiday](http://www.AmpleHarvest.org/holiday) to find a food pantry in your neighborhood eager for the donation.

It’s important to remember that food pantries can only accept whole food. If the food is cut, carved or pierced with tooth picks, they will not be accepted by most food pantries.

Giving thanks for what we have should be accompanied using what we have wisely as well as concern for those who have less than us. Let the centerpiece grace your table one day and feed another family the next. Visit [www.AmpleHarvest.org/holiday](http://www.AmpleHarvest.org/holiday) to learn more.

AmpleHarvest.org, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization which works to diminish food waste and hunger in America by educating, encouraging and empowering growers to easily find a local food bank eager to receive the excess garden bounty.

For more information on the campaign, visit [www.AmpleHarvest.org/press](http://www.AmpleHarvest.org/press) or call AMPLE-6-9880 (267-536-9880).

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