

News Release



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AMPLEHARVEST.ORG ANNOUNCED AS WINNER OF THE GLYNWOOD “2011 WAVE OF THE FUTURE” AWARD

Nationwide hunger/nutrition initiative enabling thousands of food pantries to receive excess garden produce to be honored at awards ceremony in New York City.

For Immediate Release

West Milford, NJ – (October 4, 2011) – The AmpleHarvest.org Campaign announces that it has been selected to receive the 2011 Glynwood Wave of the Future Harvest Award.

Glynwood's Harvest Awards honor organizations, farmers and businesses across the United States for innovation and leadership in sustainable agriculture and regional food systems. Since 2003, the Harvest Awards have shined a bright light on these exemplary efforts in order to inspire others.

This year, AmpleHarvest.org along with the other three winners of the Harvest Awards will participate in a panel discussion open to the public on Monday, October 24 at the 92Y TRIBECA in downtown Manhattan.

Moderated by Glynwood President Judith LaBelle, the winners will discuss their work, their challenges and the models they've created to increase their community's access to locally produced foods. Guests will have the opportunity to speak with the winners at a reception immediately following the event while enjoying small plates prepared with regionally-produced food by chefs whose restaurants support local food on their menus -- Chef Jimmy Carbone, Jimmy's No. 43; Chefs Charles Rodriguez and Heather Carlucci-Rodriguez of Print Restaurant; Chef Bill McDaniel of The Red Cat, and Chef Alex Raji of Txikito as well as Slyboro Ciderhouse and Doc's Draft hard ciders, both produced in New York.

The AmpleHarvest.org Campaign was originally created in 2009 to help America's 40+ million home gardeners share their excess garden bounty with their neighbors in need by providing an online resource listing neighborhood food pantries eagerly accepting donations of fresh produce. This is critically important to the tens of millions of Americans who rely on food pantries to help feed their families since food pantries usually don't have access to the fresh food otherwise commonly available at local supermarkets.

Nearly 4,500 food pantries spread across all fifty states have registered with more signing up daily. A national map of the registered food pantries can be viewed at www.AmpleHarvest.org/map.

According to founder Gary Oppenheimer, "The American food bank network is a very efficient resource helping America's 33,500+ food pantries purchase processed food very inexpensively but this model does not work well for fresh food, especially locally sourced food. AmpleHarvest.org addresses this issue by moving information instead of moving food thereby helping thousands of local food pantries get access to locally grown fresh produce that otherwise would have been thrown away or left to rot in the garden.

"AmpleHarvest.org is honored to be the recipient of this award and to get the opportunity to further share our sustainable 'no food left behind' model with others."

About AmpleHarvest.org

AmpleHarvest.org, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 charity which has received backing and support from the USDA, Google, Inc., National Gardening Association, the Garden Writers of America, Rotary International, National Council of Churches, Veterans of Foreign Wars, food banks nationwide, numerous faith groups and many others. The AmpleHarvest.org Campaign, in pursuit of its "no food left behind" mantra, works to diminish hunger, improve nutrition and help the environment in America by enabling gardeners nationwide to easily find a local food pantry eager to receive the excess garden bounty. For more information on the campaign, visit www.AmpleHarvest.org/press or call AMPLE-6-9880 (267-536-9880).

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About Glynwood

Glynwood's mission is to save farming by strengthening farm communities and regional food systems. The goal is for small and mid-sized farmers to thrive, on the land and in the market place. Located in the Hudson Valley and operating its own sustainably managed farm, Glynwood's unique niche is to empower communities to support farming and conserve farmland through its community programs, public education and leadership in environmentally sustainable agriculture. Major Glynwood programs include Keep Farming™, the Modular Slaughterhouse Initiative, the Glynwood Institute for Sustainable Food and Farming, and the Apple Project: Saving Orchards with Cider. To learn more about Glynwood and its initiatives, visit www.glynwood.org.