



2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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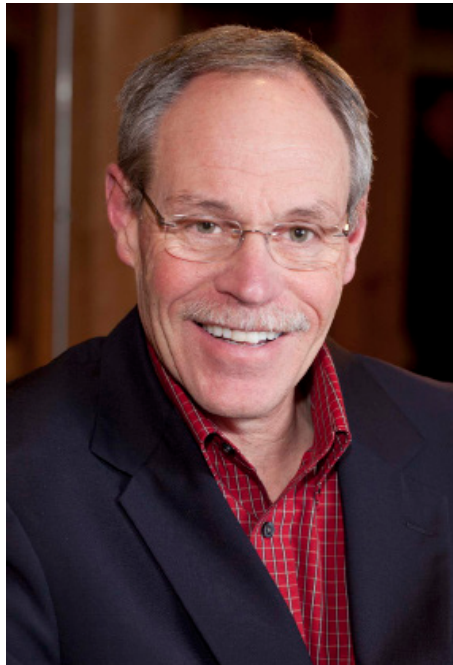
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Dear Friends of Community Harvest Project,

When it comes to farming, every season is different. From weather variations to different crops, there are some changes we can control, and others, not so much. But one thing we can rely on every year is the support of dedicated community members like you who come together to grow and donate thousands of pounds of vegetables for hunger relief.

2017 was no exception! As you'll read in this report, your fellow volunteers and supporters put in thousands of hours to donate 271,509 pounds of food and educate 1,573 students. Whether it was in the fields in North Grafton, among the apple trees in Harvard, or in the schools of Worcester, you truly made a difference for your neighbors in need.

As we prepare for our next season and its challenges, we cannot thank you enough for being a part of that community. The need for fresh produce and nutrition education in Worcester County continues, and your support ensures that we will be here, helping to build a healthier community.

We look forward to seeing you on our farms this summer!

Sincerely,

Cordelia L. Lyon
Executive Director

Scott Rossiter
Volunteer President

CHP BY THE NUMBERS



Okra flowering in front of Brigham Hill Community Farm, North Grafton, MA

Community Harvest Project (CHP) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization operating in Grafton and Harvard, MA. Our mission is to build healthy and engaged communities through volunteer farming and nutrition education. CHP is dedicated to improving access to healthy fruits and vegetables for those who need them most.



Apple trees budding at Prospect Hill Farm, Harvard, MA



1,103,496

Servings of local fruits and vegetables

271,509

Pounds of fresh produce donated

80,000

Individuals served

26,204

Volunteer hours

8,456

Volunteers visited our farms

1,573

Students provided nutrition education

58

Volunteer Team Leaders

15

Student Interns

11

Hunger relief partners

ON OUR FARMS

FARM EFFICIENCY: Farm smarter, not harder! Thanks to the generosity of our donors we made several changes to increase our farming efficiency. For the fields, we repaired our rototiller, purchased two cultivators, and a chisel plow to help keep the weeds down and reduce soil compaction. In Harvard our newly planted peaches now have a new irrigation line, and both our North Grafton greenhouse and outdoor irrigation were automated.



SOIL HEALTH: Farming can deplete the nutrients naturally found in soil, but by planting certain crops like rye and vetch, we can add those nutrients back. We traditionally cover crop our fields in the fall, but this year we began to rotate our acreage so we can give certain fields a chance to rest and undergo additional cover cropping. Don't worry, we still grew plenty of produce; our production increased by over 20% from 2016 to 2017!



DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS: It's not enough to grow nutritious food, it needs to be tasty too! In North Grafton, we grew a number of new vegetable varieties this year, including tomatillos and tatume squash, and we're excited to trial additional new varieties in our 2018 season. In Harvard, we planted an acre of peaches; though these won't bear fruit right away, they will help to diversify our fruit donations in the future.



2017 PARTNERS

COLLABORATION IS ESSENTIAL: As our vegetable and fruit production increased to over 270,000 pounds, we continued to establish new community partners to distribute our produce:

- Worcester County Food Bank and their network of 120 Partner Agencies
- Bread of Life Food Pantry
- Boston Area Gleaners
- Community Servings
- Family Health Center of Worcester
- Grafton Food Pantry
- Hector Reyes House
- Kylie's Kare Kitz for Kids
- Loaves & Fishes
- The Virginia Thurston Healing Garden
- You, Inc.



"CHP's fresh, beautiful veggies help to stimulate our client's poor appetites when they aren't feeling well. Seeing the product reminds them of dishes that they used to cook - a gumbo with okra, collards, or a noodle soup filled with produce. Clients will try new foods more readily and are excited to do so."

Leigh Kalbacker, Community Servings

PEOPLE POWER

LEARNING FAST: We were thrilled to host 15 interns from local schools including College of the Holy Cross, Clark University, and University of Massachusetts Amherst. Not only did they learn a wide array of farming skills, but they also visited our partners, took nutrition education classes, and completed a group project on composting. They'll take their newfound knowledge and skills and apply them to a variety of career paths, just as our previous interns have!



LEADING THE WAY: Of course none of this is possible without the lifeblood of our organization: our volunteers! Thanks to their dedication over 25,000 hours were spent sowing seeds, tending plants, harvesting and washing produce. We had an excellent group of 58 Team Leaders who led our volunteers in their field work. We thank them for their tireless dedication to making our nonprofit a wonderful place to volunteer!

“My favorite part of team leading is meeting new people with a common goal. I’ve loved being able to get to know members of my community while keeping my hands busy.”

Samantha Axberg, Team Leader

SPROUTING MINDS

THE NEXT GENERATION: Our Sprouting Minds nutrition education program continued to grow as we offered a greater variety of experiences that focused on healthy eating. From field trips to classroom visits to new cooking classes, there was never a dull moment for our 1,573 students! You'll also notice new educational signs around the farm, so students can learn more about different food and farming concepts.

"Many of my students were very excited and proud of the fact that they helped in the process of helping others. We talk about paying it forward all the time in our classroom."

Woodland Academy Teacher



GET INVOLVED: We are excited to announce that in 2018 we will be offering new educational experiences for students! Sprouting Minds, will continue to offer field trips and classroom visits in addition to three new program series:

- Broccoli Head Chefs: Monthly cooking classes for students ages 9 - 12.
- Celery Sous Chefs: Monthly cooking classes for students ages 5 - 8.
- Pepper Pack: Hands-on farm and nutrition activities for children ages 2 - 4 and their caregivers.

To learn more visit:
www.community-harvest.org/education

COMING TOGETHER

Coming together to give back is not just about donations, it's about building community and relationships that enable us to do great things. Each year we challenge ourselves to be better, and make a bigger impact on our community - and this year our impact together was staggering!

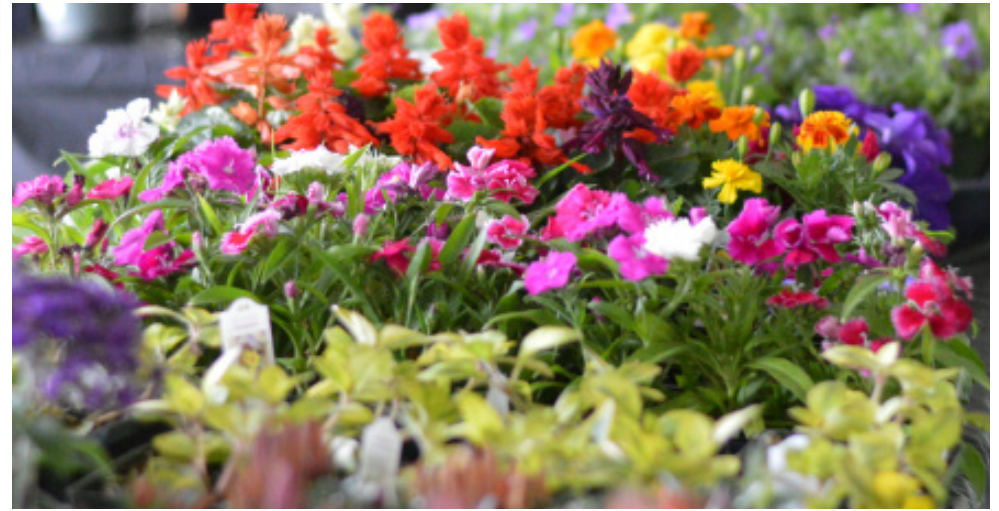
ADOPT-A-ROW & ADOPT-A-TREE:

This spring 125 community members adopted 275 rows and 2,800 trees to help kick off the growing season.



PEACH TREE PLANTING:

Over 40 volunteers visited our orchard over two days to plant an entire acre of peach trees.



PLANTAPALOOZA:

Our annual plant sale was a huge success with over 1,000 visitors and 3,600 plants sold. Our signature free tomato plants flew off the tables!



HARVEST HOME:

Our annual fall festival brought 1,500 community members together to celebrate the harvest and increase awareness of CHP's work. At our 5K, 206 athletes ran 620 miles to support our operations.

COMING TOGETHER

LUNCH & LEARN: Community Harvest Project hosted its inaugural Lunch & Learn. Fifteen companies came together to learn more about our work. Distinguished members from the community including Congressman Jim McGovern shared their moving stories about the meaningful impact we make together as community partners.



"Community Harvest Project is doing incredible work to harness the power of thousands of volunteers and create real results for hungry families. Their leadership serves as a model for ending hunger nationwide – and an inspiration for us all. I am proud to call them a friend and partner in the fight to end hunger for all our families in need."

Congressman Jim McGovern



COMING TOGETHER TO GIVE BACK CAMPAIGN: Our year-end appeal was a smashing success - we raised our goal of \$10,000 and received a generous matching donation of \$10,000 from the Padgett family as a result!



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

You know firsthand the importance of our work and you are as passionate about it as we are! Our farms are where our values come to life, and together we are improving access to healthy fruits and vegetables for those who need it most. Thanks to your support, we are thriving. Thank you for all the generosity and love - we feel it!

\$20,000 to \$49,999

Fred Harris Daniels Foundation
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
Stonewall Fund

\$10,000 to \$19,999

Bank of America Foundation
The CarMax Foundation
Doe Family Foundation
George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation
Greater Worcester Community Foundation
Kirby Foundation Fund
The Padgett Family
Ruth H. and Warren A. Ellsworth Foundation
The White Companies Charitable Trust

\$3,000 to \$9,999

Karen & Robert Catalanotti
Evan & Brianne Soderstrom
Michael Urban & Andrea Bettacchi Urban
The 200 Foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
Chipotle
Clif Bar Family Foundation
Dell Direct Giving Campaign
Foundation for MetroWest

French Family Foundation
Hanover Insurance Group Foundation
The Francis A. & Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation
The Mildred H. McEvoy Foundation
Middlesex Savings Bank
Osterman Family Foundation
Osterman Propane, Inc.
People's United Community Foundation
Project Bread
Reliant Medical Group Foundation Inc.
UniBank
Unum
Waters Corporation
Worcester County Food Bank
Worcester Firefighters Road Race

\$1,000 to \$2,999

Mary & Craig Ahlquist
Bob & Karen Bettacchi
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Bradford & Sarah McRae
Laura & James Coughlin
Mary Defeudis
Edward & Maura Feller
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David & Rosalie Grenon
Tim & Carolyn Grimes
David & Kelly Guarino
Claire & John Haggerty
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Christine & William Muller
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David & Frances Small
Anne Vanhaaren & Michael Jenkinson
Shirley & Peter Williams
John Wornham
Karen Yeowell & Mark O'Connell
Abbvie Bioresearch Center
Alpha Youth Sports
Atchue Opticians
Avidia Bank
Bemis Associates, Inc.
Country Bank for Savings
DELL Technologies
Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fallon Health
Fay School
Give With Liberty
Hanover Insurance Group
Intel Volunteer Grant Program
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Mill Pond School
Millbury Federal Credit Union
The Milford National Charitable Foundation Inc.
Nativity School of Worcester
North Street Elementary School
Nypro - A Jabil Company
Polar Beverages
Savers Bank
Schwartz Charitable Foundation
St. Mary's Parish
Target
TD Bank
Tufts University
Webster Five Foundation
Wegmans
N Weldon Charitable Foundation
Westborough Civic Club
Worcester Garden Club
Worcester Restaurant Group

\$500 to \$999

Caroline & Eric Alper
Jeffrey Bailey & Ann Moormann

P Raymond & Marguerite Baril
Daniel Cavanaugh
Andrew Clarke
Cathleen Corning & Eve Wittenberg
Charles & Patricia Davis
Robert & Anne Deysher
Sandra & Russell Doty
Michael Erdil & Elizabeth Glackin
Michael & Valerie Evans
Justin & Laine Fletcher
Warner & Mary Fletcher
David E. Frazer
Martha Heller & Anthony Vaver
Amy & Brent Howard
William & Kathryn Hurley
Larry Iannetti
David & Diane Libbey
Brian & Anne Mazar
Wayne McAuliffe & David Nowell
Thomas Miele
Ellen Mitchell
Mark & Linda Moreau
David & Christine Nichols
Joy Nicholson
David & Christine O'Neill
Judy Sarkis
Mark & Donna Sears
John Snyder & Mignon Dupepe
Sigmund Waraszkiewicz
Judith Warren
Robert & Brenda Yates
Apple Matching Gifts Program
Charles River Labs
Clifford Reno & Sons
Commerce Bank
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine At Tufts University
CVS Health Foundation
Gaudette Insurance
Highfields Christmas Tree Farm
J.F. Cove Insurance Agency, Inc.
J.J. Bafaro Inc.
J.P. Morgan
LeClaire-Vacca Memorial Trail Race
Mary Finn School
Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
Milford Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.
Price Chopper
Pyne Sand and Stone Co., Inc.
Reliant Medical Group
Shire Pharmaceuticals
Slideways Inc.
St. Mark's School
St. Mary's Credit Union
Sun Life Financial
Templeman Tree Service, Inc.
Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton & Upton
Window Logic

\$250 to \$499

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Barbara Fargo
Andrew & Robin Feldman
Kate Flanagan-Helmes & Daniel Helmes
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Lester Hensley
Edward & Marjorie Hurwitz
James & Joan Sundstrom
Christine Judycki-Crepeault & Peter Crepeault
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Alexander Keeler
Marc & Mary Levesque
Ann Lisi & Joel Greene
Lisa McDonough
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Richard O'Day
Julie & John O'Reilly
Brook Padgett & Joanne Issa-Padgett
Suzanne Pahr
Jossie & Jonathan Panek
R. Scott Perry
George & Debora Picard
Dan Pierson
Marsha & Philip Platt
Henry & Susan Rauch
Dennis & Kelly Rice
Paul & Janet Rivard
Timothee & Jennifer Rodrique
Amber Sarkar
James Sicard
Kenneth Stevens
Voon Seng Lai
Maria Whalen
Donna & Ted Williams
Michael & Hilary Wynne
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Church Of The Good Shepherd
College of the Holy Cross
Collette Motors Inc.
Elias Hanna Realty
FM Global Foundation
Google Inc.
Ideal Resins Inc
International Ceramic Engineering
Koopman Lumber Co., Inc.
Mancuso Insurance Agency, Inc.
Millbury Savings Bank
Precision Engineering Inc.
Re-Elect McGovern Committee
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
United Way Of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley

\$100 to \$249

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 Jacqueline & Daniel Baran
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 Richard & Carol Boulanger
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 John Bryant
 Elliott Calamari
 Janet & James Camyre
 Bill Caswell
 Steve Chanis
 Richard & Sharon Clarke
 David & Betty Coleman
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 Steve & Debbie Crater
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 Joyce Danielson
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 Thomas & Rachel David
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 Joseph & Marjorie Featherstone
 Gregory Findlen
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 Eric & Michelle French
 Maria Fung
 William & Raisa Gaines
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 Karen & Louis Gencarelli
 Vinod George
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 Suzanne & Michael Gillman
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 Ann Golub-Victor & Phil Victor
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 Nancy Hallen
 Elias Hanna
 Heather Harkness
 Michelle Hart

Scott & Karen Henderson
 Peg & John Hubbard
 Alix Jansma
 Ian & Maureen Johnson
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 Trudi Kamen
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 David & Anne Marie Legge
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 Lora Fickett
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 Brenda McHugh & David DeGrand
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 Gail & Robert Plante
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 Roger & Jennifer Powell
 Maureen Power
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 Mary Richardson

Monthly Givers

Caroline & Eric Alper
 Donna & Alton Blanchard
 Elliott Calamari
 Lora Fickett
 Linda Fite
 Anna Kundmann
 Tom & Sherrie McNamara
 Bradford & Sarah McRae
 Julia Paxson
 Jochen Salfeld
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 Silver Fox Motor Coach Tours
 Southbridge Garden Club
 TipTop Country Store
 UBM LLC
 United Way of Central Massachusetts

Unforeseen circumstances remind us that farming is always unpredictable, which is why we are so grateful to our Monthly Givers.

Just as our neighbors rely on our donations, CHP counts on monthly donations to help us through difficult months.

We are delighted to offer Monthly Givers new wonderful benefits, check out bit.ly/CHPMonthlyGiver to learn more.

Statement of Operations

Year ending December 31, 2017

INCOME

Community & Corporate	431,666
Grants	188,805
Other Income	54,606
TOTAL INCOME	675,077

EXPENSE

Farm & Program Expense	541,403
General & Administrative	89,997
Fundraising & Outreach	39,597
TOTAL EXPENSE	670,997

Operating Surplus

4,080

Depreciation

102,318

NET DEFICIT

(98,238)

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2017

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	186,803
Accounts & Grants Receivable	47,500
Prepaid Expenses	4,158
Investments	196,270
Property & Equipment, net	3,194,143
TOTAL ASSETS	3,628,894

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	11,519
Accrued Expenses	165
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,684

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	3,617,210
Restricted	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS	3,617,210

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

3,628,894

Audited financial statements available upon request.



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2018 Calendar

Opening for Volunteers in Grafton	May 1st
Plantapalooza Plant Sale	May 19th
Sunflower Festival	July 28-29th
Opening for Volunteers in Harvard	September 4th
Harvest Home Festival & 5K	November 4th

For a detailed listing of all CHP events, visit
www.community-harvest.org/events

For more information about volunteering or to
schedule a group, visit
www.community-harvest.org/volunteer

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