



Farm to Family Fund Annual Report

2017-2018



The Farm to Family Fund is proud and grateful to have completed our fifth year! We are proud of the work that has been done by our all-volunteer board, which has nurtured and developed this project for five years. We are grateful for the numerous volunteers that have supported our work, for the many friends and institutions that have made contributions and, especially for the private family foundation, which has given us a challenge grant of \$10,000 for the last three years. This grant matches our fundraising 2 for 1 up to \$10,000. The Fund, a project of the Center for Sustainable Living, a 501(c)3 organization, continued the mission to make healthful, sustainably produced food available to low-income households and to support local farmers who endure the risk of producing food through the winter months. The fund purchases food from vendors at the Bloomington Winter Farmers' Market (BWFM) at half price at the close of market each Saturday and donates this food weekly to The Rise, the Community Kitchen of Monroe County, and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

We are also pleased to share some exciting news. Janice Lilly and Deborah Piston-Hatlen worked with the Non-Profit Legal Clinic at the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University to become an independent 501(c)3. The IRS gave us a favorable determination of our tax-exempt status in late May. The other news for this past season was the introduction of our gift cards. We offered these at the Bloomington Winter Farmers' Market during November and December, at the Advent Fair at Trinity Episcopal Church the first Sunday in Advent and at First United Church during Advent. These cards give a donation to Farm to Family Fund in honor of the recipient. They were a big success, as can be seen in our financial statement, raising almost \$1300.

Many of our donors are becoming regular contributors. Numerous individuals are now giving on an annual basis and several institutional givers are doing the same. Again this year, we were able to meet the foundation challenge grant, receiving the full \$10,000. This gave us the ability to buy all that the farmers at the winter market had to sell.

Becoming independent

Increasing volunteer participation

Becoming better known

During the 2017-2018 season, Fund purchased \$23,500 worth of food to donate to local agencies that made it available to low income households in our community. In addition, we purchased \$4000 worth of eggs for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard in June, 2017. The decrease in purchases at the market this year is a direct result of the terribly cold and cloudy weather in January and into February this past winter. Farmers had much less produce and regular market customers were eager to purchase much of what was available. This demonstrates how we serve both our purposes of providing healthful, fresh food to low income households and of supporting local farmers who grow using sustainable methods during the winter months.

As was the case last year, our ongoing focus is to become better known in the community and to continue to develop a base of committed donors. Next year we plan to look for an Indiana University student intern, who will be fulfilling degree requirements for an internship, to help us become better known in the community and

to continue to develop a committed donor base. The Fund governing committee for the 2017-2018 season consisted of Janice Lilly, Deborah Piston-Hatlen, Tessa Mandra, Amina Shabani and Stephanie Smith. We continue to be a totally volunteer organization, with over 90% of our funds going to food purchases. We have been very grateful to the Center for Sustainable Living for hosting our project for the past several years. However, one of the exciting changes for us with becoming our own 501(c)3, is that we will be able to retain the 5% administrative fee (which was certainly worth it!) on all donations to buy food. This means that going forward over 95% of the funds we raise will go to purchasing food for low-income households. We close with gratitude to our volunteers, our donors and our farmers!



FOODS PURCHASED

Apples 14 bushels
Arugula 78 bunches
Basil 56 bunches
Beets 8 bunch
Bok choy 2 heads
Cabbage 15 lbs.
Carrots 5 bunches
Chard 59 bunches
Chinese cabbage 50 heads
Cilantro 3 bunches
Collards 36 bunches
Eggs 480
Garlic 2301 heads
Green onions 115 bunches
Greens, mustard 52 bunches
Greens, turnip 11 bunches
Jerusalem artichokes 33 cartons
Kale 505 bunches
Lettuce mix 83 bags
Lettuce, heads 213
Lettuce, romaine 3
Microgreens 255 oz.
Microgreens 64 bags
Potatoes 5 ¾ pecks
Potatoes 628 lbs.
Radishes, daikon 245 lbs.
Radishes, fall 2 lbs.
Radishes, salad 97 bunches
Salad greens 200 bags
Shitake mushrooms 46.5 lbs.
Spinach 146 bags
Squash, butternut 1236 lbs.
Squash, mixed winter 776 lbs.
Sweet potatoes 493 lbs.
Turnips 37.5 lbs.
Turnips, hakuri 76 ½ lbs.
Turnips, red stem 32 bunches
Turnips, salad 6 bunches

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,821.80	
DONATIONS		
Sisters of Providence Peace and Justice Fund	\$300.00	
First United Church	\$300.00	
Unitarian Universalist Church Green Sanctuary Task Force	\$200.00	
Trinity Episcopal Church	\$500.00	
Individual donors		
Beth Perney		
Amina Shabani		
Mark & Gloria Lilly		
Janice Lilly & Cary Buzzelli		
Deborah Piston-Hatlen & Merrill Hatlen		
Pat Martin		
Marlon Pierce		
Allison Schnable		
Nancy & Randy Parker		
Patti Pizzo		
Linda Houseman		
Mitchell Farmer		
Carl Ipsen		
Joan White		
Total individual donations	\$2,865.00	
Gift cards	\$1,294.00	
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$5,459.00	
Foundation Challenge Grant	\$10,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,280.80	
EXPENSES		
CSL fee	\$775.45	
Supplies	\$27.43	
PayPal fee	\$4.69	
IRS 501(c)3 fee	\$275.00	
IN Dept. of State incorporation fee	\$31.00	
Total non-food purchases	\$1,113.57	
Food purchases		
Eggs for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	\$2,184.00	6/2017
Bloomington Winter Farmers' Market		
December	\$3,723.94	



January	\$1,690.65
February	\$1,655.88
March	\$4,725.48
Total food purchases	\$13,979.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,093.52
BALANCE	\$4,187.28