



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:

We believe that equitable access to culture affirming nutritious foods is a human right, and a means to drive opportunity in Washington. This is why we support a statewide network of more than 350 food justice organizations including meal programs and high needs schools.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 QX	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Northwest Harvest EMM.

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Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
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Dear Friend,

I wanted to take a moment and thank you and Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund for your deeply impactful partnership and support. Northwest Harvest is committed to its mission to grow food justice through collective action. Your partnership furthers us in our shared hope to build a stronger Washington - where all people have access to the healthy food they need to thrive.

Enclosed is our annual **FY2024 Donor Impact Report** for our treasured foundation and institutional partners. Our work remains focused on equitable access to nutritious food - for all our Washington neighbors.

This past year we achieved critical milestones - and delivered impact. In partnership with our over 400 Food Access Network community partners, Northwest Harvest last year provided over **25,750,333 meals** to food-insecure households across Washington State communities. This included distributing healthy weekend meal kits to food-insecure children at 44 elementary schools across the state. And providing nutritious groceries to thousands of food-insecure households each day at our no-cost SODO and Fruitvale Community Markets. And investing in capacity-building for innovative programs, including our BIPOC Market Voucher program which last year served over 1300 households throughout the greater Seattle and King County area alone - strengthening the food security ecosystem between families and community food businesses alike.

At our core, we also believe food is more than just nourishment—it's a fundamental part of who we are. Food brings families together around the table, creating memories and bonds that last a lifetime. It is medicine, offering comfort and healing to those in need. It is community, connecting us with our neighbors and building a network of support. And it is identity, reflecting our cultures, traditions, and values.

With these values and objectives front of mind, we remain steadfast in our **ten-year vision to cut hunger in half throughout Washington by 2028**. I look forward to continuing this work you, and with all our deeply committed partners.

Thank you again for all you do. Please don't hesitate to reach me or Laurie Eckardt, Northwest Harvest's Institutional Giving Manager, with any thoughts, or to discuss further.

With gratitude and appreciation.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "TR".

Thomas Reynolds
Chief Executive Officer

*Please advise Laurie Eckardt at 206-923-7425 or lauriee@northwestharvest.org
if you prefer no reports, or reports via email.*

Donor Impact Report

FISCAL YEAR 2024



Northwest Harvest. Growing Food Justice Through Collective Action.



At its heart, your partnership, and funding support of our work grows food security. Sharing food, as Northwest Harvest strives for it to be shared, is deeply personal. It tells individuals and families in our communities they are seen and supported; that they will not be defined by a hardship, by a job loss, or simply by rising food costs that require more than their paycheck may provide. Together with those we serve, we are part of a greater food system that needs each one of us to help ensure it works for everyone.

Your partnership funding means a food-insecure elementary school student in Washington State will bring home a nutritious meal kit over the weekend. It means a family that has experienced a medical emergency can, despite so many other uncertainties, feel welcomed to visit one of our community markets; to shop for food, at no cost, and with dignity. It means that community-based organizations like African Community Housing Development and Alimentando al Pueblo, who work to make communities stronger and richer, will grow mutually supportive food connections with our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Market Voucher Program.

And in Yakima, home to Northwest Harvest's Yakima Distribution Center and Fruitvale Community Market, it means that agricultural workers who harvest the corn, asparagus and other fruits and vegetables we put on our families' tables, have the same opportunity to access those foods for their own.

Your gifts drive our collective work to address immediate needs, and to strengthen the fundamental human and structural components food systems need to thrive – especially in communities where nutritious food, and access to it, is most limited.

We invite you to scan this QR code to view a short video about our work at Northwest Harvest– as together with you, we grow food justice through collective action.



FY2024 BY THE NUMBERS

This past year we achieved critical milestones, and through collective action, delivered impact.

Community Funding Support	\$19.2 million
Food Access Network <i>400+ partners</i>	Nearly 30.5 million pounds of nutritious food - over 25.4 million meals - was distributed statewide. Our Food Access Network allocated food to over 400 partner food and meal programs, providing a consistent source of food and resources, especially to our state's most food-insecure populations: Washington's rural households, and Black, Indigenous and other communities of color.
Three Squares	A University of Washington survey found that households with children are nearly 2x as likely to experience food insecurity as households without children. 44 elementary schools were provided 8,528 meal kits each month for food-insecure students to take home over the weekends.
BIPOC Market Voucher Program	Over 2,379 households have been served, and 23 local Black, Indigenous and People of Color owned businesses received \$320,000 in economic support.
Harvest Pantry	Our Harvest Pantry program served 69 community partners who are not part of our formal food partnerships, but who provide food, along with other much-needed wrap-around support to their community. Harvest Pantry partners pick up items from each of Northwest Harvest's three Distribution Centers. Recent new partners include the American Indian Community Center, Seattle Korean Cultural Center, and Yakama Nation Housing Authority.
SODO Community Market (Seattle) & Fruitvale Community Market (Yakima)	Northwest Harvest's two Community Markets provided community members with consistent, nutritious, no-cost food. SODO Community Market in Seattle continues to serve more than 1,200 households every week from the greater Seattle area. Our second no-cost market in Yakima, Fruitvale Community Market, opened in 2023, and now serves between 800-1000 households each open day.

The numbers are important, but they don't tell our entire story.

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Our vision is ending hunger in Washington state. Together.



Shopping at SODO Community Market



Three Squares Supports Healthy Children

With your partnership support, we are turning numbers like these...

The USDA reports that food prices rose by 9.9% in 2022 and continued to climb by 5.8% into 2023, marking the fastest annual price increase since 1979. Climbing food costs impact economic security and well-being.

- Respondents in a 2022-2023 WA Food Security Survey conducted by the University of Washington and Washington State University identified the **cost of groceries** as their **most difficult and stressful expense to manage** – even more than the cost of housing.
- 49% of respondents had experienced food insecurity in the past month.
- 77% disclosed that they were either “not getting by” or “just barely getting by.”
- Communities of color, including Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous populations, and households with children continue to face disproportionately high levels of food insecurity.

Into stories like these...

“A recent client found our food bank through the Northwest Harvest Food Access Network. He told me that this was his first time visiting and was nervous to show up. I welcomed him and asked if he had any dietary needs and he said he would take anything we had. He was recently unemployed and visibly in distress, so I did my best to lift his spirits and encourage him. A month passes by and he has a new job working at a restaurant. Small actions can make a difference in peoples’ everyday lives.”

– El Centro de la Raza Food Bank, Northwest Harvest partner

Northwest Harvest is community-centered at the heart of it all and will continue to lift up communities and partners working to grow food justice for all throughout Washington.