

DOWNEAST GLEANNING INITIATIVE

2018 IN REVIEW



227,992 pounds of
fresh local food
rescued and
distributed since
2013

Our Impact

In 2018, we partnered with **40** farms, orchards, community gardens, farmers markets, and home gardens to collect **26,101 pounds** of fruits, vegetables, and poultry, resulting in **31,321 meals** for families in need.

These crops were distributed to **28** food security organizations.

We couldn't have done it without the **116 volunteers** who contributed **1688 hours**.

Healthy Acadia's Downeast Gleaning Initiative addresses food insecurity in our region by coordinating farm-based gleaning opportunities throughout Hancock and Washington counties. We connect volunteers with farms, orchards, farmers' markets, and community gardens to collect surplus fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste. We then manage the distribution of fresh produce to food pantries, community meal sites, rehabilitation programs, school backpack programs, and other community organizations. By supplying food pantries with fresh, local produce, we help to ensure that community members and their children who are most in need have the opportunity to maintain a healthy diet, reduce diet related disease, and achieve higher educational outcomes. We are committed to ensuring that all people have access to nutritious, affordable food, making the healthy choice the easy choice.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 GROWING SEASON:

- With the launch of our Teen Ag Program in Washington County, we are building resiliency by training the next generation of food system professionals.
- Nearly 100 grade school and college students supported our gleaning activities this year.
- Goodwill AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates built and maintained an educational "Gleaning Garden" at our Ellsworth office.
- We partnered with the Ellsworth Drug Treatment Court to regularly distribute more produce to people in recovery.



“Thanks to Healthy Acadia's gleaning program, the folks who access our pantry have a greater variety of healthy, fresh, local fruits and vegetables. There are lots of smiles when there are boxes of apples or blueberries from which to choose!”

- Reverend Susan J. Maxwell, Machias Food Pantry

Thank you to our 2018 gleaning partners: Annie’s Pride, Bar Harbor Farm, Bar Harbor Food Pantry, Backstage Farm, Beech Hill Farm, Blue Hill Farmers Market, Blue-Zee Farm, Downeast Family YMCA Camp Discovery Garden, Eden Farmers Market, Ellsworth Farmers Market, Folklore Farm, Four Season Farm, The Good Life Center, Holy Name Catholic Church, Hope’s Edge Farm, Horsepower Farm, Johnston Orchards, Josh Pond Farm, J&P’s, King Hill Farm, the Magic Food Bus, Mill’s Farm, North Branch Farm, Pat and Mike’s Garden, Sandra Smith of Perry, Rogers Farm, Runwater Farm, Simon’s Hancock Farm & Greenhouse, Tide Mill Organic Farm, Two Fox Farm, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, University of Maine Machias Community Gardens and their FOOD Club, Washington Academy’s Community Garden, Welch Farm, Wise Acre Farm, Wreaths Across America, Wyman’s Blueberries, and the many home gardeners that contributed produce throughout the season.



VOLUNTEER

- Harvest fresh produce on local farms
- Deliver produce to food pantries and meal programs
- Tend community gardens

DONATE

Help us make more harvests possible by donating today.

- \$50 = 225 lbs. of food (270 meals for community members in need)
- \$100 = 500 lbs. of food (540 meals)
- \$500 = 2,500 lbs. of food (2,700 meals)
- \$1000 = 5000 lbs. of food (5,400 meals)

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