

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

Sharing Food

- **10,525 lbs.** purchased from **18 Moco Farms**
- Supported **31 Food Assistance Providers (FAPs)**
- **7** of those FAPs were **schools**
- Most purchased items: **2,793 lbs.** of **winter squash**

Ag History Farm Park Hubs

The **Compost Education Hub**, a project led by our partners the **Montgomery County Master Gardeners**, is a site to teach the art of composting to encourage more residents to start the practice in their own backyards. This project is particularly interesting because **food scraps from Manna enter the system, are turned into soil, and then that soil is used in the MG Demonstration Garden to grow vegetables** that are donated back to Manna.

The group then walked down to the Park building to witness the ribbon cutting of a **new cold storage “microhub”** that can be used by farmers to hold product for donation or sale. The hope is that this can **serve as an experiment to test out the concept of combining a bunch of small orders from farms into one larger order** that can be used by the school system or other vendors that are looking for a larger amount of product at one time.

Compost Hub



Micro Hub



Upcoming Events

End of growing season debrief will be **Monday, November 18th from 9am to 11am** at Manna's warehouse. Be on the lookout for more details.

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Manna operates Farm to Food Bank in partnership with the Office of Food Systems Resilience, the Office of Agriculture, and the Montgomery County Food Council.