

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

Sharing Food in October

- **30,599 lbs.** purchased from **25 MoCo Farms**
- Supported **32 Food Assistance Providers** (FAPs) and **2 monthly school markets**
- Most purchased item: **3,213 lbs.** of **winter squash**

Sharing Food in November

- **15,490 lbs.** purchased from **24 MoCo Farms**
- Supported **32 Food Assistance Providers** (FAPs) and **1 monthly school market**
- Most purchased item: **1,869 lbs.** of **winter squash**

Volunteer Appreciation



Events this Fall have brought a lot of uncertainty to the regional food system. With the **government shutdown and the halting of SNAP benefits**, the capacity of Food Assistance Providers has been stretched even more to meet the needs of our community. Luckily, Manna saw an **increase of almost 50 new food runner volunteer sign-ups in October and November**, which is **more than double the amount of new runners procured in the year prior**. This work truly could not be done without their dedication. Pictured here is long time volunteer **Paul**, delivering produce from **Amaranth Acres to Guru Gobind Singh Foundation** for their bi-weekly distribution. Since his **first pick-up on December 1, 2023**, Paul has conducted **764 food runs** through Farm to Food Bank & Community Food Rescue.

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