2017 ANNUAL REPORT
Dear Friends of Community Harvest Project,

When it comes to farming, every season is different. From weather variations to different crops, there are some changes we can control, and others, not so much. But one thing we can rely on every year is the support of dedicated community members like you who come together to grow and donate thousands of pounds of vegetables for hunger relief.

2017 was no exception! As you'll read in this report, your fellow volunteers and supporters put in thousands of hours to donate 271,509 pounds of food and educate 1,573 students. Whether it was in the fields in North Grafton, among the apple trees in Harvard, or in the schools of Worcester, you truly made a difference for your neighbors in need.

As we prepare for our next season and its challenges, we cannot thank you enough for being a part of that community. The need for fresh produce and nutrition education in Worcester County continues, and your support ensures that we will be here, helping to build a healthier community.

We look forward to seeing you on our farms this summer!

Sincerely,

Cordelia L. Lyon
Executive Director

Scott Rossiter
Volunteer President
Community Harvest Project (CHP) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization operating in Grafton and Harvard, MA. Our mission is to build healthy and engaged communities through volunteer farming and nutrition education. CHP is dedicated to improving access to healthy fruits and vegetables for those who need them most.

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ON OUR FARMS

FARM EFFICIENCY: Farm smarter, not harder! Thanks to the generosity of our donors we made several changes to increase our farming efficiency. For the fields, we repaired our rototiller, purchased two cultivators, and a chisel plow to help keep the weeds down and reduce soil compaction. In Harvard our newly planted peaches now have a new irrigation line, and both our North Grafton greenhouse and outdoor irrigation were automated.

SOIL HEALTH: Farming can deplete the nutrients naturally found in soil, but by planting certain crops like rye and vetch, we can add those nutrients back. We traditionally cover crop our fields in the fall, but this year we began to rotate our acreage so we can give certain fields a chance to rest and undergo additional cover cropping. Don’t worry, we still grew plenty of produce; our production increased by over 20% from 2016 to 2017!

DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS: It’s not enough to grow nutritious food, it needs to be tasty too! In North Grafton, we grew a number of new vegetable varieties this year, including tomatillos and tatume squash, and we’re excited to trial additional new varieties in our 2018 season. In Harvard, we planted an acre of peaches; though these won’t bear fruit right away, they will help to diversify our fruit donations in the future.
COLLABORATION IS ESSENTIAL: As our vegetable and fruit production increased to over 270,000 pounds, we continued to establish new community partners to distribute our produce:

- Worcester County Food Bank and their network of 120 Partner Agencies
- Bread of Life Food Pantry
- Boston Area Gleaners
- Community Servings
- Family Health Center of Worcester
- Grafton Food Pantry
- Hector Reyes House
- Kylie’s Kare Kitz for Kids
- Loaves & Fishes
- The Virginia Thurston Healing Garden
- You, Inc.

“CHP’s fresh, beautiful veggies help to stimulate our client’s poor appetites when they aren’t feeling well. Seeing the product reminds them of dishes that they used to cook - a gumbo with okra, collards, or a noodle soup filled with produce. Clients will try new foods more readily and are excited to do so.”

Leigh Kalbacker, Community Servings
**LEARNING FAST:** We were thrilled to host 15 interns from local schools including College of the Holy Cross, Clark University, and University of Massachusetts Amherst. Not only did they learn a wide array of farming skills, but they also visited our partners, took nutrition education classes, and completed a group project on composting. They’ll take their newfound knowledge and skills and apply them to a variety of career paths, just as our previous interns have!

“*My favorite part of team leading is meeting new people with a common goal. I’ve loved being able to get to know members of my community while keeping my hands busy.*”

Samantha Axberg, Team Leader

**LEADING THE WAY:** Of course none of this is possible without the lifeblood of our organization: our volunteers! Thanks to their dedication over 25,000 hours were spent sowing seeds, tending plants, harvesting and washing produce. We had an excellent group of 58 Team Leaders who led our volunteers in their field work. We thank them for their tireless dedication to making our nonprofit a wonderful place to volunteer!
THE NEXT GENERATION: Our Sprouting Minds nutrition education program continued to grow as we offered a greater variety of experiences that focused on healthy eating. From field trips to classroom visits to new cooking classes, there was never a dull moment for our 1,573 students! You’ll also notice new educational signs around the farm, so students can learn more about different food and farming concepts.

“Many of my students were very excited and proud of the fact that they helped in the process of helping others. We talk about paying it forward all the time in our classroom.”

Woodland Academy Teacher

GET INVOLVED: We are excited to announce that in 2018 we will be offering new educational experiences for students! Sprouting Minds, will continue to offer field trips and classroom visits in addition to three new program series:

• Broccoli Head Chefs: Monthly cooking classes for students ages 9 - 12.
• Celery Sous Chefs: Monthly cooking classes for students ages 5 - 8.
• Pepper Pack: Hands-on farm and nutrition activities for children ages 2 - 4 and their caregivers.

To learn more visit: www.community-harvest.org/education
COMING TOGETHER

Coming together to give back is not just about donations, it’s about building community and relationships that enable us to do great things. Each year we challenge ourselves to be better, and make a bigger impact on our community - and this year our impact together was staggering!

ADOPT-A-ROW & ADOPT-A-TREE: This spring 125 community members adopted 275 rows and 2,800 trees to help kick off the growing season.

PEACH TREE PLANTING: Over 40 volunteers visited our orchard over two days to plant an entire acre of peach trees.

PLANTAPALOOZA: Our annual plant sale was a huge success with over 1,000 visitors and 3,600 plants sold. Our signature free tomato plants flew off the tables!

HARVEST HOME: Our annual fall festival brought 1,500 community members together to celebrate the harvest and increase awareness of CHP’s work. At our 5K, 206 athletes ran 620 miles to support our operations.
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LUNCH & LEARN: Community Harvest Project hosted its inaugural Lunch & Learn. Fifteen companies came together to learn more about our work. Distinguished members from the community including Congressman Jim McGovern shared their moving stories about the meaningful impact we make together as community partners.

COMING TOGETHER TO GIVE BACK CAMPAIGN: Our year-end appeal was a smashing success - we raised our goal of $10,000 and received a generous matching donation of $10,000 from the Padgett family as a result!

“Community Harvest Project is doing incredible work to harness the power of thousands of volunteers and create real results for hungry families. Their leadership serves as a model for ending hunger nationwide – and an inspiration for us all. I am proud to call them a friend and partner in the fight to end hunger for all our families in need.”

Congressman Jim McGovern
THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

You know firsthand the importance of our work and you are as passionate about it as we are! Our farms are where our values come to life, and together we are improving access to healthy fruits and vegetables for those who need it most. Thanks to your support, we are thriving. Thank you for all the generosity and love - we feel it!

$20,000 to $49,999
Fred Harris Daniels Foundation
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
Stonewall Fund

$10,000 to $19,999
Bank of America Foundation
The CarMax Foundation
Doe Family Foundation
George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation
Greater Worcester Community Foundation
Kirby Foundation Fund
The Padgett Family
Ruth H. and Warren A. Ellsworth Foundation
The White Companies Charitable Trust

$3,000 to $9,999
Karen & Robert Catalanotti
Evon & Brianne Soderstrom
Michael Urban & Andrea Bettacchi Urban
The 200 Foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
Chipotle
Cliff Bar Family Foundation
Dell Direct Giving Campaign Foundation for MetroWest

French Family Foundation
Hanover Insurance Group Foundation
The Francis A. & Jacquelyn H. Harrington Foundation
The Mildred H. McEvoy Foundation
Middlesex Savings Bank
Osterman Family Foundation
Osterman Propane, Inc.
People’s United Community Foundation
Project Bread
Reliant Medical Group Foundation Inc.
UniBank
Unum
Waters Corporation
Worcester County Food Bank
Worcester Firefighters Road Race

$1,000 to $2,999
Mary & Craig Athlquist
Bob & Karen Bettacchi
Farokh & Shamsnaz Bhada
Bradford & Sarah McRae
Laura & James Coughlin
Mary DeFeudis
Edward & Maura Feller
Alan & Sondra Greenwald
Brittany & Michael Grenon
David & Rosalie Grenon
Tim & Carolyn Grimes
David & Kelly Guarino
Clare & John Haggerty
Ken Crater & Margaret Ferraro
Christine & William Muller
Sanjay Newton
David & Susan Nicholson

Mark & Katherine Puccio
Scott & Lois Rossiter
Jochen Salfeld
Emily Shugarmar & Ethan Robbins
David & Frances Small
Anne Vanhaaren & Michael Jenkinson
Shirley & Peter Williams
John Wornham
Karen Yeowell & Mark O’Connell
Abbbie Bioresearch Center
Alpha Youth Sports
Atchue Opticians
Avidia Bank
Bemis Associates, Inc.
Country Bank for Savings
DELL Technologies
Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fallon Health
Fay School
Give With Liberty
Hanover Insurance Group
Intel Volunteer Grant Program
Lampin Corporation
Leominster Credit Union
MathWorks
Mill Pond School
Millbury Federal Credit Union
The Milford National Charitable Foundation Inc.
Nativty School of Worcester
North Street Elementary School
Nyro - A Jabil Company
Polar Beverages
Savers Bank
Schwartz Charitable Foundation
St. Mary’s Parish
Target
TD Bank
Tufts University
Webster Five Foundation
Wegmans
N’Weldon Charitable Foundation
Westborough Civic Club
Worcester Garden Club
Worcester Restaurant Group

$500 to $999
Caroline & Eric Alper
Jeffrey Bailey & Ann Moormann
P Raymond & Marguerite Baril
Daniel Cavanaugh
Andrew Clarke
Cathleen Corning & Eve Wittenberg
Charles & Patricia Davis
Robert & Anne Deysher
Sandra & Russell Doty
Michael Erdil & Elizabeth Glackin
Michael & Valerie Evans
Justin & Laine Fletcher
Wanner & Mary Fletcher
David E. Frazer
Martha Heller & Anthony Vaver
Amy & Brent Howard
William & Kathryn Hurley
Larry Iannetti
David & Diane Libbey
Brian & Anne Mazar
Wayne McAluliffe & David Nowell
Thomas Miele
Ellen Mitchell
Mark & Linda Moreau
David & Christine Nichols
Joy Nicholson
David & Christine O’Neill
Judy Sarkis
Mark & Donna Sears
John Snyder & Mignon Dupepe
Sigmund Waraszkiewicz
Judith Warren
Robert & Brenda Yates
Apple Matching Gifts Program
Charles River Labs
Clifford Reno & Sons
Commerce Bank
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine At Tufts University
CVS Health Foundation
Gaudette Insurance
Highfields Christmas Tree Farm
J.F. Cove Insurance Agency, Inc.
J.J. Bafaro Inc.
J.P. Morgan
LeClaire-Vacca Memorial Trail Race
Mary Finn School
Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association
Price Chopper
Pyne Sand and Stone Co., Inc.
Reliant Medical Group
Shire Pharmaceuticals
Sideways Inc.
St. Mary’s School
St. Mary’s Credit Union
Sun Life Financial
Templeman Tree Service, Inc.
Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton & Upton
Window Logic

$250 to $499
David Asher
Shari Belanger
James Brinkerhoff
James & Paula Buonomo
Liz Colognesi & Robert Winchell
Maureen Daily
Dan Delvecchio
Mimi & Peter Dorward
Karen Eisenhauer & Rachel Gerstein
Barbara Fargo
Andrew & Robin Feldman
Kate Flanagan-Helmes & Daniel Helmes
Kenneth & Pamela Grew
Lester Hensley
Edward & Marjorie Hurwitz
James & Joan Sundstrom
Christine Judycki-Crepeault & Peter Crepeault
Audrey & Robert Kavanagh
Alexander Keefer
Marc & Mary Levesque
Ann Lisi & Joel Greene
Lisa McDonough
Terry Melim
Richard O’Day
Julie & John O’Reilly
Brock Padgett & Joanne Isaa-Padgett
Suzanne Pah
Jossie & Jonathan Panek
R. Scott Perry
George & Debora Picard
Dan Pierson
Marsha & Philip Platt
Henry & Susan Rauch
Dennis & Kelly Rice
Paul & Janet Rivard
Timothee & Jennifer Rodrigue
Amber Sarkar
James Sicard
Kenneth Stevens
Voon Seng Lai
Maria Whalen
Donna & Ted Williams
Michael & Hilary Wynne
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Church Of The Good Shepherd
College of the Holy Cross
Collette Motors Inc.
Elas Hanna Realty
FM Global Foundation
Google Inc.
Ideal Resins Inc
International Ceramic Engineering
Koopman Lumber Co., Inc.
Mancuso Insurance Agency, Inc.
Millbury Savings Bank
Precision Engineering Inc.
Re-Elect McGovern Committee
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
United Way Of Massachusetts Bay
and Merrimack Valley
$100 to $249
Douglas Adams
John & Lisa Adams
Maura & Herbert Alexander
Randy Allmon & Sandy Laprade
Carolyn Ambrose
Reginald & Jean Anderson
Robert Anderson
Warren & Janet Anderson
Beth Arnold
Steven Backhaus
Kristin & Joseph Bafaro
Heather Baker
Jacqueline & Daniel Baran
Janet Barlow
Michael Bebko
Jeff Belanger
Donna & Alton Blanchard
Muriel Bohaboy
William Bombard
Carol Bonnar
Jayanta Bose
Richard & Carol Boulangers
Jonathan Bruck & Michelle Axelrod
John Bryant
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Steve Chanis
Richard & Sharon Clarke
David & Betty Coleman
Margaret Collins
Steve & Debbie Crater
Paula Cullinane & Jeffery Fuller
Christopher & Molly Cutler
David Damiano & Barbara Tabak
Joyce Danielson
Marc & Theresa Dauphinias
Thomas & Rachel David
Michael & Deborah Defuria
Karen Desrosiers & Michael Desrosiers
Angela Diette
George Dresser & Margaret McCandless
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M Elaine Dunn-Angus & Jonas Angus
Charlie & Chris Eppinger
Joseph & Marjorie Featherstone
Gregory Findlen
James & Laurel Finger
Erika Flanagan
Kevin Foley & Leah Flanigan
James & Michelle Fraser
Eric & Michelle French
Maria Fung
William & Raisa Gaines
Lee & Dina Gaudette
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Vinod George
David & Charlotte Gibbs
Suzanne & Michael Gillman
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Ivan Green
John Greenwood
Bruce Hagaer
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Nancy Hallen
Elia Hanna
Heather Harkness
Michelle Hart
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Peg & John Hubbard
Alix Jansma
Ian & Maureen Johnson
Robert Johnson
Trudi Kamien
Nancy Karsberg
Nora Keil
Luke Kembeck
Kendra & Zachary Kerzee
Adam & Laura King
Harry & Sharon Koteas
Stephen & Louise Kristo
Anna Kundmann
Darlene & Daniel Kuzmak
Beata Lalacher
Melissa LaMotte
William LaPointe
David & Anne Marie Legge
Gail Leonard
Walter & Leslie Leslie
Leo Linehan & Kristine Hentschel
Bill Loefholm
Lora Fickett
Thong Ly & Lieu Ngo
Edward Madaus
Kay Malloy
Bob & Melissa Marriott
Keith & Lisa Martin
Brenda McHugh & David DeGrand
Vic Mefia
Michelle & Douglas Liston
Lori Muhr
Shannon Mulken
Amanda Mulligan
Michael & Laura Newstein
William & Mary Nicholson
Beth O’Rourke
Diane Quinlan & Robert Quinlan
Mary Rose Paradis & Max Hess
Elyssa & Randall Pellish
Christopher & Jane Petrie
Amanda Piccioli
Gail & Robert Plante
Eldon & Susan Pond
Roger & Jennifer Powell
Maureen Power
Mark Radosta & Alexis Henry
Thomas & Andrea Randall
Cheryl & Gerald Reno
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David Schwarz & Anne Lindsay
Jill Scola
Denise & Edwin Shea
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William Woodley
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AmazonSmile Foundation
Aonica Companies Foundation
Anderson Automotive
Aon Foundation
County Heat Treat
Fall River Garden Club
First Baptist Church
Grafton Police Association
Halstead Insurance Agency
Melvin S. Cutler Charitable Foundation
Scott’s Landscaping
Silver Fox Motor Coach Tours
Southbridge Garden Club
Tiptop Country Store
UBM LLC
United Way of Central Massachusetts

Unforeseen circumstances remind us that farming is always unpredictable, which is why we are so grateful to our Monthly Givers.

Just as our neighbors rely on our donations, CHP counts on monthly donations to help us through difficult months.

We are delighted to offer Monthly Givers new wonderful benefits, check out bit.ly/CHPMonthlyGiver to learn more.

Statement of Operations
Year ending December 31, 2017

INCOME
Community & Corporate 431,666
Grants 188,805
Other Income 54,606
TOTAL INCOME 675,077

EXPENSE
Farm & Program Expense 541,403
General & Administrative 89,997
Fundraising & Outreach 39,597
TOTAL EXPENSE 670,997
Operating Surplus 4,080
Depreciation 102,318

NET DEFICIT (98,238)

Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2017

ASSETS
Cash & Cash Equivalents 186,803
Accounts & Grants Receivable 47,500
Prepaid Expenses 4,158
Investments 196,270
Property & Equipment, net 3,194,143
TOTAL ASSETS 3,628,894

LIABILITIES
Accounts Payable 11,519
Accrued Expenses 165
TOTAL LIABILITIES 11,684

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted 3,617,210
Restricted 0
TOTAL NET ASSETS 3,617,210

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS 3,628,894

Audited financial statements available upon request.
2018 Calendar

Opening for Volunteers in Grafton  May 1st
Plantapalooza Plant Sale  May 19th
Sunflower Festival  July 28-29th
Opening for Volunteers in Harvard  September 4th
Harvest Home Festival & 5K  November 4th

For a detailed listing of all CHP events, visit www.community-harvest.org/events

For more information about volunteering or to schedule a group, visit www.community-harvest.org/volunteer

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