



IHartHarvest, Inc.
THE POTATO PROJECT
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A Unique Ministry Serving Local Hunger Issues

We are a TE 501(c)3 PA Domestic Charity Organization
 C/O: 1892 Moselem Springs Rd, Hamburg, Pennsylvania 19526

- **Start Date:** Original idea founded in November 2008
- **Description:** Unique ministry outreach addresses local hunger issues. From Berks County PA USA, we are growing and producing free food for neighbors in need on donated lands by volunteers. We are a Diaconal, Faith Ministry by The Word of GOD, in Jesus, by the power of The Holy Spirit.
- **Overview:** The Potato Project is volunteers like yourself, coming together to plant, tend, harvest and help provide food to neighbors finding themselves in need.
- **Scriptural Foundation:** What you do to the least of those, who are members of His family, you do as if you did it to Him.
- **General Information:** 2011: An estimated 50 million Americans, including elderly people and children, go to bed hungry each night or not knowing.
- **Mission:** Efforts to provide, from what we have, to make a local impact helping neighbors in need.
- **First Harvest:** Fall 2009
- **Awards:** >Perhaps, treasures in heaven, if one is to think about what the Holy Spirit drives.
 >The Greater Berks Food Bank: Jim and Anna Connors Volunteerism Award 2011-2012 Season.
- **Products:** From 2009 through 2014 Harvest: Over half a million pounds of fresh grown food - 525,676 pounds of potatoes, some squash, and carrots, all donated to local food pantries and the Greater Berks Food Bank for neighbors in need.
- **Phone:** (484) 648-0381

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- * Your Time,
- * Your Financial Stewardship,
- * And Your Possessions...

We Need YOU.

Join Us!

Helping Neighbors In Need

Check Our Web Site & Come Help With Harvest
 Do Mission Work In Berks County, PA

The Story of **THE POTATO PROJECT**

- In **2009** we planted 1.3 Acres in the back yard, harvesting **7,733 pounds of potatoes** with the help of local churches and Kutztown Scout Packs, all given freely to local food pantries and the Greater Berks Food Bank. We touched around **1,406 families** in need with fresh food on the table.
- For **2010** with Rev. Paul Hansen of Zion Moselem Lutheran Church, we expanded the project to 6.3 Acres, giving **28,512 pounds** to neighbors in need in about **2,500 families**.
- **2011** we harvested **77,000 pounds of potatoes** and tried summer squash providing **80,285 pounds of fresh food to local pantries and the Greater Berks Food Bank**, with **988 volunteers** giving their time to help neighbors in need. Estimated 5,000 families in need over the harvest season were touched augmenting food on their plates.
- **2012** we were conservative with our potato acres in the impending drought, and began the field corn project selling corn to the mill to help with expenses toward the next Spring for seed potatoes and fertilizer. In a difficult year we harvested **49,000 pounds** of potatoes helping some **4,400 families in need**.
- For **2013** Season; the **goal was 100,000 pounds**. Harvested and grown for donation was **202,291 pounds** of potatoes on 18.5 acres! The potatoes were **valued** by GBFB @ **\$153,741.16** at 76 cents per pound, from less than 18,700 seed potato pounds as prepared in two 4 hour cutting sessions by 59 volunteers each session on a Saturday and Sunday in the Spring of mid-April. We augmented meals with fresh food for more than **8,100 households**, about 22,680 people were reached. Over **1,367 volunteers** participated in this Work from Spring through the end of harvest in October.

Help Us Help, Local Neighbors in Need

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- **2014** harvest of **8 acres of potatoes** in high density planting this year, have reached and augmented local meals with fresh food for an estimated **30,000 households**, about **84,000 people in need** during the month of September, being children, single parents, senior citizens, and all those in between.
- We have hosted over **900 volunteers** who have helped and served this season, fully aware this is a Holy Spirit Driven Ministry, of GOD's Word, given in Jesus, through this Diaconal Mission. More groups signed up this year to help than pounds we had to harvest.
- We harvested and supplied over **153,000 pounds of potatoes**, from our goal of 120,000 this season, and **4,855 pounds of fresh grown carrots**, being **157,855 pounds of fresh food all donated for neighbors in need in our local area**.
- This provided harvest was **valued at \$117,689.80** via The Greater Berks Food Bank @ .76/pound. The Food Bank is presently serving over 300 qualified charitable food programs among who they distribute to 100,000 qualified persons, through and including local food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, Kids Cafes, Weekender Backpack Programs and senior housing facilities.
- For **2015 Season**: 8 acres of high density planted potatoes, 1 acre of baby carrots, and 1 acre of sweet corn. **654 volunteers** helped with harvests with distributions reaching a calculated **24,942 families** being about **69,841 souls** with **124,717 pounds of potatoes**, **20,581 pounds of sweet corn**, **5,682 pounds of carrots**, and assorted other vegetables all donated.
- In **2016**, we did 8 acres of high density planted potatoes, 2 acres of carrots, and 1 acre of sweet corn. **687 volunteers** helped with harvests with distributions reaching a calculated **31,118 families** being about **87,132 souls**. We harvested: **155,592 pounds of potatoes**, **5,937 pounds of sweet corn**, and **15,635 pounds of carrots**, and assorted other vegetables all donated.
- **2017** harvest: **6,910 pounds of sweet corn**, **30,607 in carrots**, **229,694 pounds potatoes**, **751 pounds watermelon** reached some **46,000 families**. **846 volunteers** gave of their time in help with the project, aiding about **115,000** local hungry neighbors in need!

2018 the story lives on: Potatoes, Carrots, Sweet Corn planned, all for neighbors in need! Join us! Please make a donation today.



