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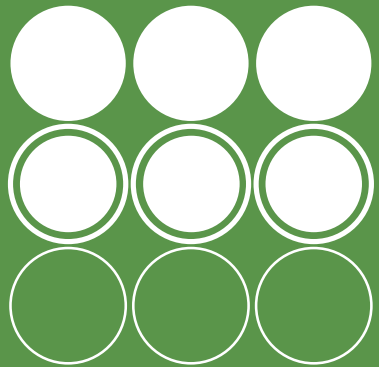
HARVEST AGAINST HUNGER

King County Farmers Share
2019
annual report



utilizing a grant from the
King Conservation District,
relationships between
farmers and food banks
are developed to both
support farmers and to
increase access to healthy,
fresh foods in food
insecure populations

develop



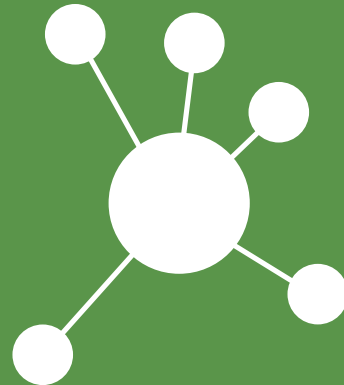
develop contract models for program sites to use in purchasing produce from farmers

alleviate



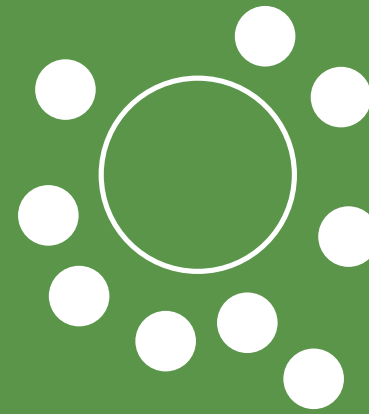
alleviate hunger in food insecure King County communities

partner



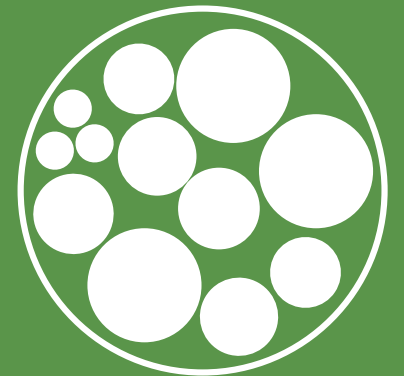
partner between food banks and King County growers

access



increase access to healthy, fresh produce in food insecure populations

support

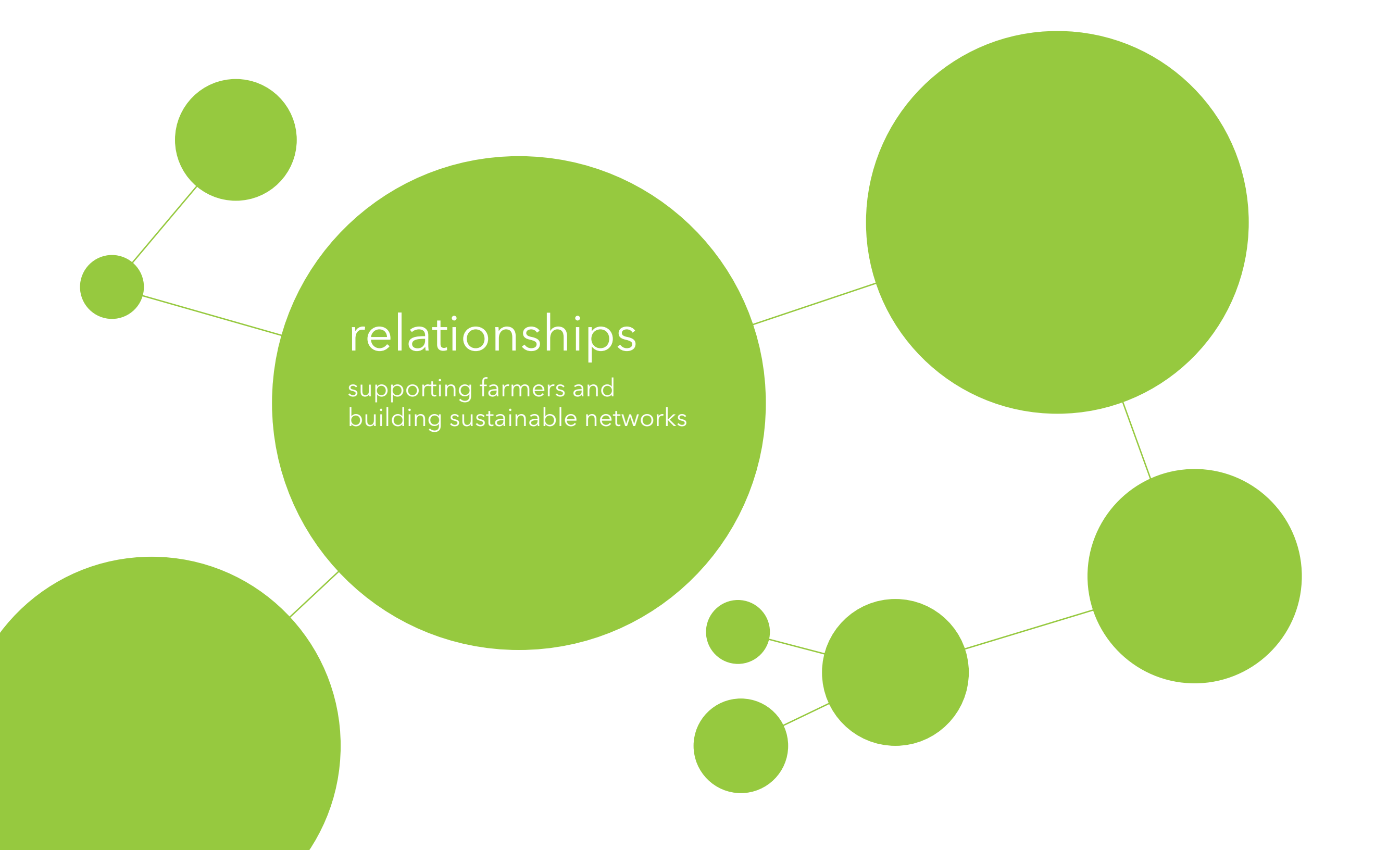


support farmers by providing a consistent outlet for their produce



flexibility

different agencies
have different needs



relationships

supporting farmers and
building sustainable networks



filling a gap

offering produce that is
not often available and is
nutrient dense to people
who don't typically
have access to it

supporting farmers through market stability



seconds produce

support farmers by providing a consistent outlet for their produce

pre-season contracting

farmers get funds upfront to help in traditionally lean winter and early spring months

post-season contracting

often used when there is an abundance of a particular in season crop that farmers need to sell quickly



farmer partner
pounds of produce
donations
types purchased

oxbow
1,159 lbs
10% discount
beets, chard, kale,
peppers, winter
squash, green
beans, parsley,
carrots, collards,
beans, radishes,
celery, parsnips,
leeks

white center food bank

"we've been able to offer beautiful,
fresh produce to our customers at a
time of year when we typically don't
have much a great selection"



vashon maury food bank

"our island foodbank serves many people who may not have access to locally grown, low carbon footprint, organic produce. part of our mission is to get the food we grow to as many people as near to our farm as possible no matter their current financial situation. as a farm still working to be financially sustainable we cannot afford to donate food in the large volumes most useful to our foodbank. we are grateful to this program that lets us meet in the middle on pricing - we get to reach more folks in our community and the foodbank gets discounted locally grown, organic food"

farmer partners

**northbourne farm
matsuda farm
forest garden farm
provo farm**

pounds purchased
types purchased

**745.5 lbs
salad mix, broccoli,
tomatoes, peaches,
garlic, cucumbers,
turnips, chard,
kale, onions**

pounds gleaned
types gleaned

**397 lbs
nectarines, toma-
toes, green beans,
kale, cucumbers,
cauliflower, lettuce**

spotlight agency

vashon maury food bank

building relationships

funding provided by the King County Farmer's Share has fostered the creation of new relationships between the Vashon Food Bank and island farmers. each summer, island gardeners inundate the food bank with donations of enormous, overgrown zucchini and small quantities of high quality produce. our organization serves 200 clients weekly, many of whom represent large families.

four island farms were delighted to provide produce at prices and in quantities that allowed all food bank customers to take their share. Forest Garden Farm, Northbourne Farm, Provo Farms, and Matsuda Farm were delighted to provide food-insecure islanders with plentiful access to salad mix, turnips, onions, tomatoes, kale, peaches, garlic, and broccoli, totaling 745.5lbs.

as the summer progressed, farmers began reaching out with gleaning op-

portunities and donations of produce that were harvested, but unlikely to sell. Northbourne Farm invited Harvest for Vashon to glean 15lbs of kale and 55lbs of cherry and heirloom tomatoes. Matsuda Farm provided 100lbs of harvested cucumbers and 45lbs of harvested cauliflower, and two gleans yielding 70lbs of kale and 40lbs of green beans. Provo farms frequently added an extra 10lbs of tomatoes and peaches for free at pick up.

additionally, a fifth island farm attempted to participate in the program and ended up donating the contracted head lettuce for free due to a crop deficiency discovered during harvest. many local farmers have utilized the Vashon Food Bank to feed their families during the winter, and all of our participating farmers have expressed pride in providing prime, healthy produce to Vashon's underserved families.



university district food bank

"this program brought local produce into the food bank that wouldn't have been included otherwise. it was used to help launch our new pantry at Magnuson Park which reaches 100 families per week as well as supplement the produce we used for the 185 families on our home delivery program"

farmer partners

Farmstand Local Foods
Steel Wheel
Oxbow
Sound Vegetables
Alki Market Garden
Faith Beyond
Summer Run

pounds purchased
types purchased

2,666 lbs

radishes, zucchini, fava
beans, rhubarb, peas,
turnips, fennel, broc-
coli, beans, cucumber,
squash, tomatoes, green
beans, garlic, jalapeno
peppers, onions, blue-
berries, lettuce, poblano
peppers, chard, cauli-
flower, bell peppers,
cabbage





south seattle college

"many students personally thanked us for bringing this amazing produce to them! students had expressions of wonder and delight, and many of them were introduced to new, healthy foods to cook at home"

farmer partner

frisky girl farms
cascadia greens
tonnemaker farms

pounds of produce
donations
types purchased

927.5 lbs
\$137.5 discount
prize Choy, purple mizuna,
vitamin greens, carrots,
apples, pears, kale, chard,
broccoli, potatoes, acorn
squash, butternut squash,
kabocha squash



farmer partner
pounds of produce
matching funds
types purchased

clean greens farm
1,375 lbs
\$2500
asian radishes,
hakurel turnips,
bok choy, purple
mustard greens,
turnip greens,
romaine lettuce,
mustard greens,
broccoli, collard
greens, kale, rain-
bow chard, lemon
cucumbers, green
beans, melons

rainier valley food bank

"when clients expressed preferences
or that they liked a specific produce
we would re-order" by "building rela-
tionships with local farms"



plateau outreach ministries

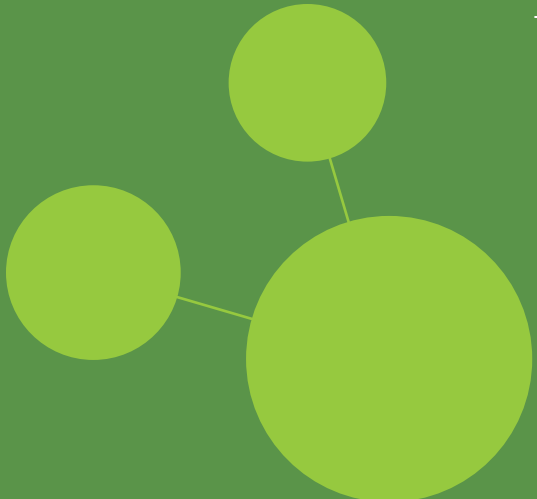
"it was great being able to buy foods from local farmers and support those who grow food locally. i loved being able to provide blue berries to our food bank clients a food that is usually to expensive for our client to budget in"

farmer partner

pounds of produce
types purchased

lily's fields farm
small blessings farm

883.75 lbs
Kale, Collards,
Lettuce, Turnips,
Kohlrabi, Peas,
Chard, Green On-
ions, Blueberries,
Tomatoes, Greens,
Squash, Carrots,
Peppers





pike place food bank

"we loved purchasing fresh produce from a local farm! one week that was especially memorable was the week where every visitor got to take home a pint of fresh cherry tomatoes. we received wonderful feedback from our clients"

farmer partner
pounds of produce
matching funds
types purchased

lee's fresh produce

2,591 lbs

\$2038

peas
zucchini
pea vines
green beans
tomatoes
beans
cucumbers



farmer partner
pounds of produce
donations
types purchased

oxbow
2,000 lbs
10% discount
romaine lettuce,
squash, beans,
kale, cucumber,
carrots, zucchini,
beets, peppers,
celery, radishes,
collards, parsnips,
leeks

jewish family services

"having a dedicated fund for locally
produced vegetables, really helped
our overall budget and allowed us to
use funds to purchase other essen-
tials for our food bank program"



hopelink

“we were able to strengthen our gleaning partnerships with the KCFS funding and well as provide food to other local food banks, including the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank, the Issaquah Food Bank, Holy Innocents Catholic Church Food Bank, and other organizations such as Plateful and Praisealujah”

farmer partner

oxbow
carnation farm
local roots
steel wheel farm

pounds of produce
matching funds
types purchased

6,649 lbs
\$8388.16
Cabbage, Cauliflower, Radishes, Beans, Beets, Carrots, Braising Mix, Parsley, Squash, Kale, Leeks, Collards, Parsnips, Radicchio

spotlight agency hopelink

flexibility to support farmers

with the King County Farm Share grant Hopelink has been able to build stronger relationships with local farms in the area by buying produce directly for our food banks. this has been helpful for Hopelink, but also has proven useful for the farmers as well.

on tuesday october 24th of 2019, the Snoqualmie Valley was flooded after intense rainfall. usually the farmers have more notice, but nature, as always, is unpredictable.

the monday before the flood it was all hands on deck for the farmers along the Snoqualmie River. many were out harvesting whatever they could until dusk fell. the forecast predicted that the flooding wouldn't reach its height until tuesday afternoon. while this was true for many farms further down the river, Steel Wheel Farm, being the first farm after Snoqualmie Falls in Fall City, was not so lucky. the night before the flood, Ryan Lichttenegger, owner and farmer, and

his team were out all day harvesting and saving what they could, but he went to sleep thinking he would have more time the next day. Ryan's field flooded tuesday morning, completely covering and destroying almost all his 7 acres under production. this was a huge blow to the farm. losing crops means losing revenue and this can mean life or death for small farms. thankfully Steel Wheel was able to save enough food and had enough savings to ride out the flood damage.

using Hopelink's farm purchasing power thanks to King County Farm Share, we were able to place orders with Steel Wheel, and other local farms such as Local Roots Farm and Oxbow Farm in Carnation, to help mitigate the costly effects of the flood. our farm partners were able to move along perishable excess produce that was harvested because of the flood and our food bank clients were able to take home gorgeous organic produce. it was a win-win that strengthen our community and farmers.





south king county food coalition

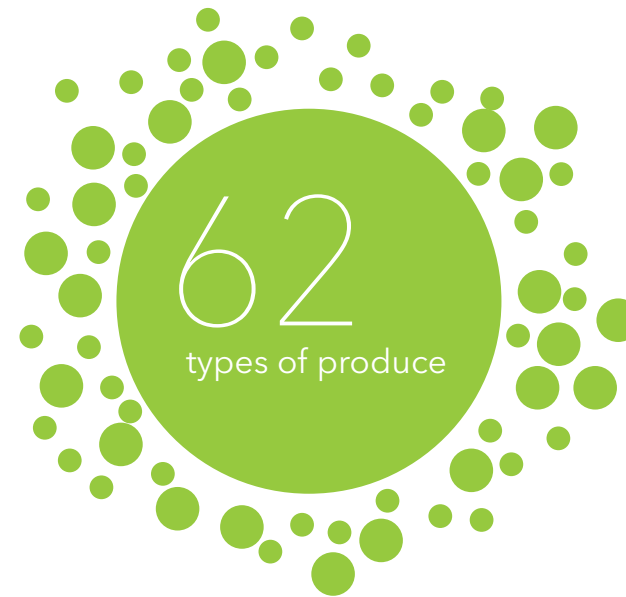
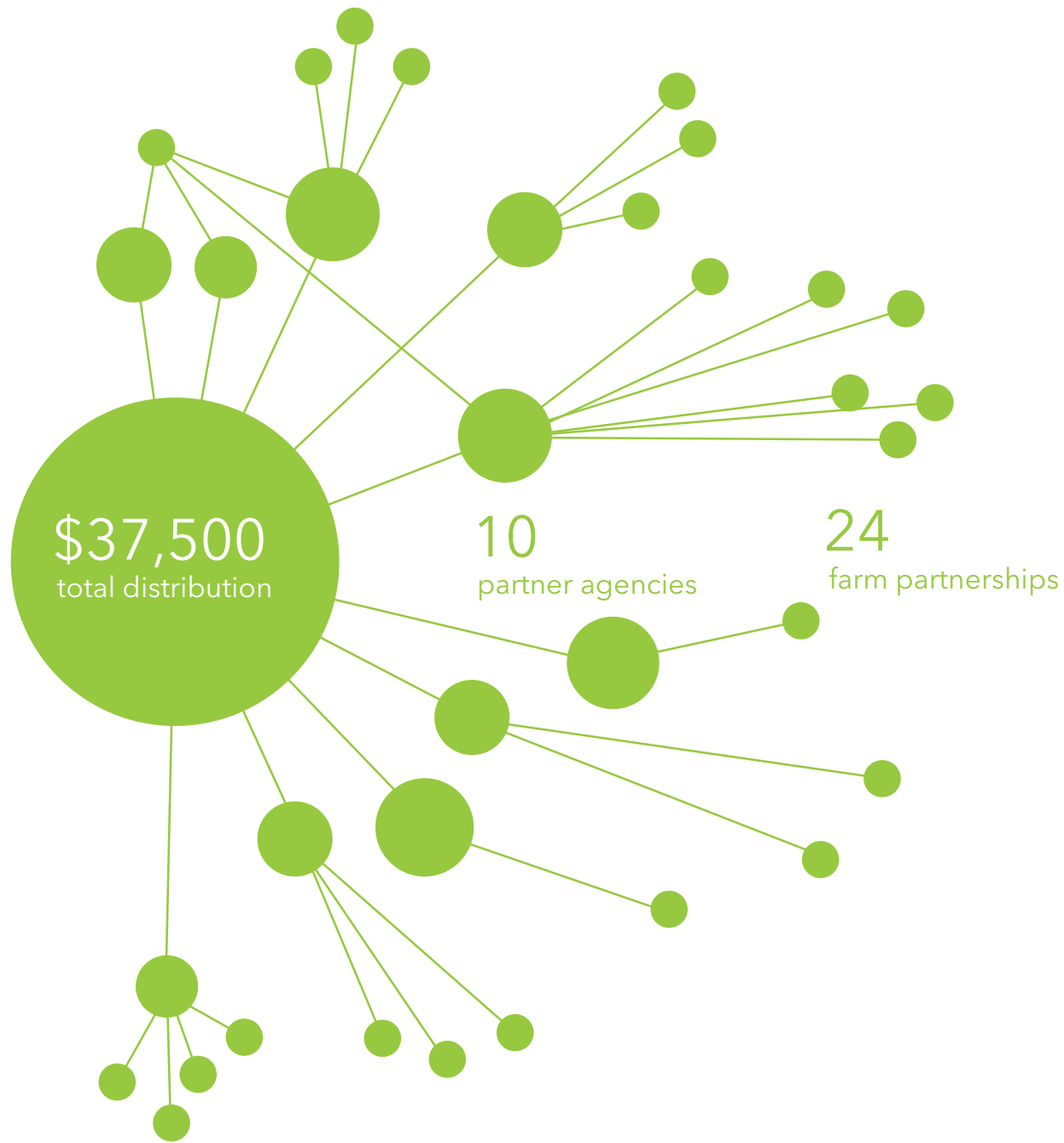
"i think the most important part of this program is being able to establish long-term relationships with farmers where they have the opportunity to grow financially"

farmer partner

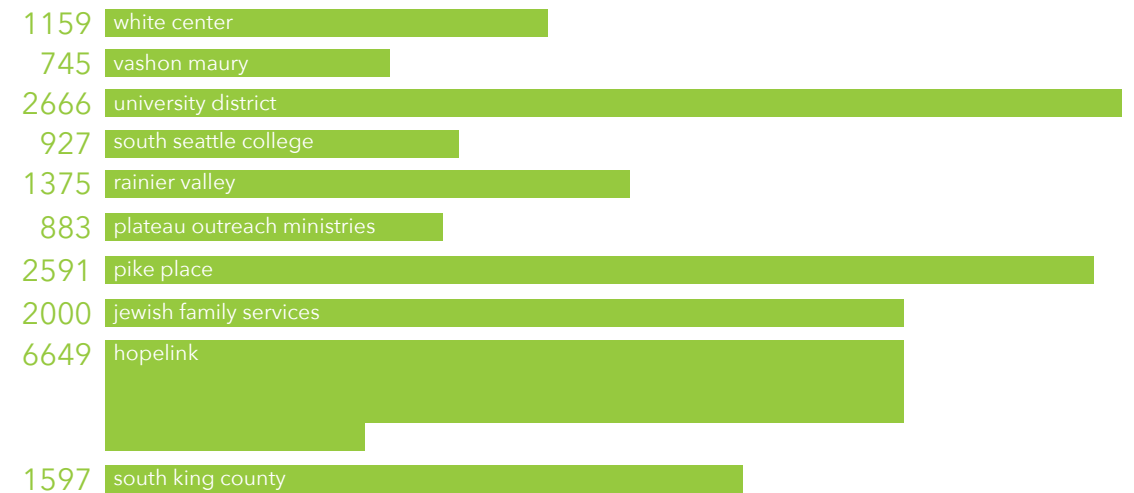
windy acres farm
namuna farms
faith beyond farm

pounds of produce
donations
types purchased

1,597 lbs
\$1600
brussel sprouts, kale, collards,
chard, peas, cabbage, zucchini,
green beans, red kale, pota-
toes, basil, spinach, cilantro,
carrots, acorn squash



20,592 lbs
total produce purchased



takeaways from the inaugural year

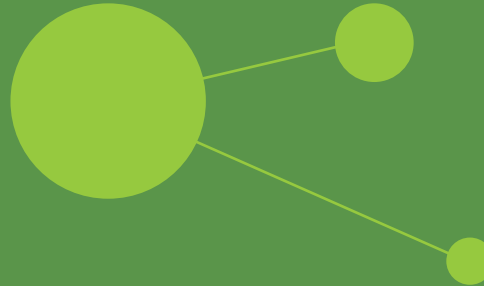


nutrient density

as hunger alleviation agencies seek to optimize their resources, tools such as nutrient density calculators help give relevant information.

easy to use infographics help illuminate the major variables of price, nutrient density and client preferences.

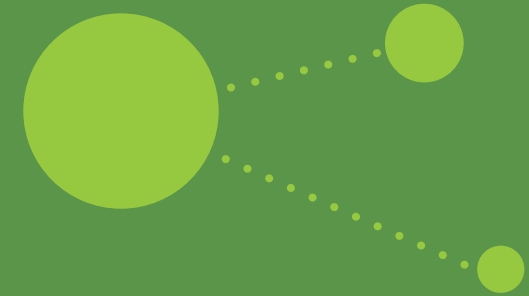
future work at Harvest Against Hunger will focus on further development of tools that help agencies make determinations of how to best use available resources



direct relationships

it is important for agencies to have direct relationships with farmers versus utilizing a produce aggregator

the direct link between the farmer and the agency has been shown to work best to form deeper bonds that are mutually beneficial



transportation

farmers are not always able to make deliveries to agencies and agencies are not always able to pick up produce at farm locations

this creates a transportation gap between the agencies and farms and is a barrier to expanding the program Harvest Against Hunger will examine possible solutions to overcoming this challenge

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