



Dear Beloved Community,

It has been a pleasure to see people in our community who are in a tight spot light up with joy receiving fresh fruits and vegetables over the past few years. This congregation has been on the forefront of these efforts. Farmshed took a stance on health equity during the wake of the pandemic, we saw an opportunity to put our connection with local and family owned farms forward to help the community. Fast forward to now we are partnered with other hunger organizations in portage county and assisting with the aggregation and distribution of federal efforts provided by the Hunger Task Force.

Though these efforts ensure consistent food resources, it continues to neglect the incorporation of fresh fruits and vegetables. Marshfield Clinic has pledged \$2000.00 to Farmshed in order to add fresh whole foods to the community stockbox program. Which is administered through the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and provides commodity foods on a monthly basis to community members who are 60 and older. Currently the stockbox program is administering 43 boxes to households a month

The Beloved Communities continued support will ensure the Marshfield clinics funding will last through the year and provide fresh vegetables in every stockbox, we will also be able to add additional local produce to the badger box. What's a badger box you ask? The Hunger Task Force has also launched a revolutionary program that provides monthly food boxes with strictly Wisconsin sourced food. The badger box program is open to all on a self declared basis. Farmshed is the hub for portage county's badger boxes and in March was selected as a pilot site to introduce these boxes. Some of the items inside were Nuske's bacon and summer sausage, wild rice from indigenous owned Wisconsin farms, chocolate covered door county cherries and grass fed ground beef. 49 badger boxes were received this month, in May we are expecting double that. Farmshed is working closely with the salvation army and the HPPP to ensure this program touches all hunger fighting organizations in Portage County and have committed these boxes to the Mobile Pantry.

Your generosity will continue to impact on a dual purpose both feeding our local community and also provide economic growth.

With much appreciation,

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