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## MISSION

Gorge Grown Food Network is working to build a resilient and inclusive regional food system that improves the health and well-being of our community. We envision a healthy, self-sufficient Columbia River Gorge where our food is produced with integrity and is valued, abundant and accessible to all.

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### – PROGRAM OVERVIEW –

We work to address food insecurity, link local buyers and sellers, educate and empower community leaders and farmers, and support local food businesses.

#### Ending Hunger

1 in 3 in Gorge residents worry about running out of food, while 1 in 5 miss meals. Our Veggie Rx Program provides vouchers to community members experiencing hunger to purchase fresh produce from local farmers. We give SNAP (food stamp) shoppers an extra \$10 to spend at farmers markets. The Power of Produce (POP) Club gives youth shoppers \$2 to buy fruits or vegetables at market each week. Our Mobile Market brings fresh, locally grown produce to communities throughout the Gorge that typically don't have access. We gather volunteers to glean from farms and orchards with excess produce, then donate to those that need it most.

#### Growing the local economy

Gorge Grown helps support all 10 farmers markets in the Gorge, providing beginning farmers and entrepreneurs a place to thrive. Our food access programs ensure more local dollars go directly into the pockets of family farmers.

#### Working Together

Through collaborative work with farmers, makers, food banks, educators, nutrition specialists and health care providers, Gorge Grown Food Network aims to ensure that the local food system is inclusive, resilient and robust.

### – GIVING OPPORTUNITIES –

#### Fundraising Events

Join us at our Annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, September 13, 2020 in the heart of the Hood River Valley at Mt. View Orchards in Parkdale. Chef Ben Stenn of Celilo Restaurant prepares a farm-to-table dinner paired with local wine, beer and cider. All proceeds from the dinner go directly to supporting our work.

#### Corporate Giving Opportunities

Support the Veggie Prescription Program: Corporate donations translate directly to fresh produce from local farmers for those that need it most.

#### Sponsorships

Support your local farmers markets and be seen by our 27,000 annual farmers market shoppers.

- » \$500- Seed Sponsorship
- » \$1,000- Sprout Sponsorship
- » \$2,500- Harvest Sponsorship

#### Donations

- » \$60 provides a "Veggie Prescription" to 1 person for 2 months
- » \$100 provides \$2 tokens to buy veggies at the farmers market
- » \$150 provides support to 5 low-income residents to attend a Food Security Coalition Meeting
- » \$250 feeds 1 pregnant, low-income woman fresh fruits and veggies for 9 months
- » \$1000 supports the Mobile Market to increase food access across the Gorge

#### Volunteer

Volunteer with us at farmers markets, gleans and other events. Learn more at [www.gorgegrown.com/volunteer](http://www.gorgegrown.com/volunteer)