

## **Closure Announcement- Hunger Fighting Community**

To Our Loyal Supporters,

With a heavy heart, we announce the closure of After the Harvest after 10 years of dedicated service collecting and sharing donated produce in support of the hungry in and throughout the greater Kansas City area. We finalized our last produce distributions the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Since our inception, we have been honored to work alongside you, our incredible Community, to make a difference in the lives of those suffering from food insecurity and hunger. Despite our dedicated efforts, economic strain post-pandemic, compounded by inflation impacts on the nonprofit sector, and a decrease in donations has led us to this difficult decision.

Over the years we have accomplished remarkable milestones. We have moved millions of pounds of fresh, nutrient dense, produce to many families in many communities across our city. We have kept millions of pounds of produce from landfills effectively lowering potent greenhouse gas emissions. Our initiatives have connected growers and wholesale food distributors to those who can distribute unsold fruit and vegetables to those who need it most.

With the approval of our Board of Directors we filed the necessary application with the State of Missouri to dissolve the organization and we are making every effort to maximize the remaining assets of the organization in support of hunger-fighting initiatives. Despite our closure, the legacy of our collective endeavors will endure. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support, dedication, and belief in our mission. Your contributions have left an indelible mark on countless lives.

Thank you for being a part of the After the Harvest community. While we may be saying goodbye, the legacy of our shared mission will live on in the lives we have touched and the hearts we have uplifted.