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## Think We not Me Newsletter 2023 Season In Review

### **A Record Harvest because of You!**

"With the unwavering support of growers, volunteers and donors we delivered over **40,000 lbs.** of fruit and vegetables to those in need in Central Pennsylvania. More than half of this was fruit harvested by our dedicated volunteers, which made a wonderful addition to the 16 different vegetables grown by 6 different gardeners/farmers. And none of this would have been possible without the money donated by 50+ donors for the seeds, supplies and equipment to keep our operation running. Ninety percent of the harvest was provided to Centre County food banks and pantries, all of which expressed gratitude for the quantity and variety of donations.

A special shout out to the following volunteers and groups whose work made this season possible:

**Lynn, Shelby, Earl, Joseph, Jim, James, Angie, Rob, Jane, Ken H., Holly, Wanda, Drew, Leslie, Kari, Tom; BK, Jamie, Shelly, Lita, Wanda, Jan, Patricia, Sharon, Robin, Ken L, Samantha, Emily, Tara, Abigail, Xhonane, Kelsey, Daniel, Mira, Reem, Kate C., Kate B., Sherry, Patrick, George, Kristi, Kelsi, Sam, Joe, Brittany, Madelynn, Kara, Ashley, Carol, Jeannie, Yuhui, Tim, Andrea, Pam, Aimee, Lori, Shelby, Bob, Monisa, Steven, Tara, Randy, Michael, Stephanie, Chanin, Bill, Joan, Tess, Kira and Penn State ARAMCO students, ACRES project volunteers, Calvary Church Youth Group, PSU Plant Science Graduate Student Association, ServeState,**

## Omni Bedford Springs Resort, Center for Community Action, WOOFers and Common Ground Organic Farm

Thank you for your volunteerism and contributions this year!

A huge thank you also to our long list of dedicated growing and distribution partners for working with us to address food insecurity in our community.

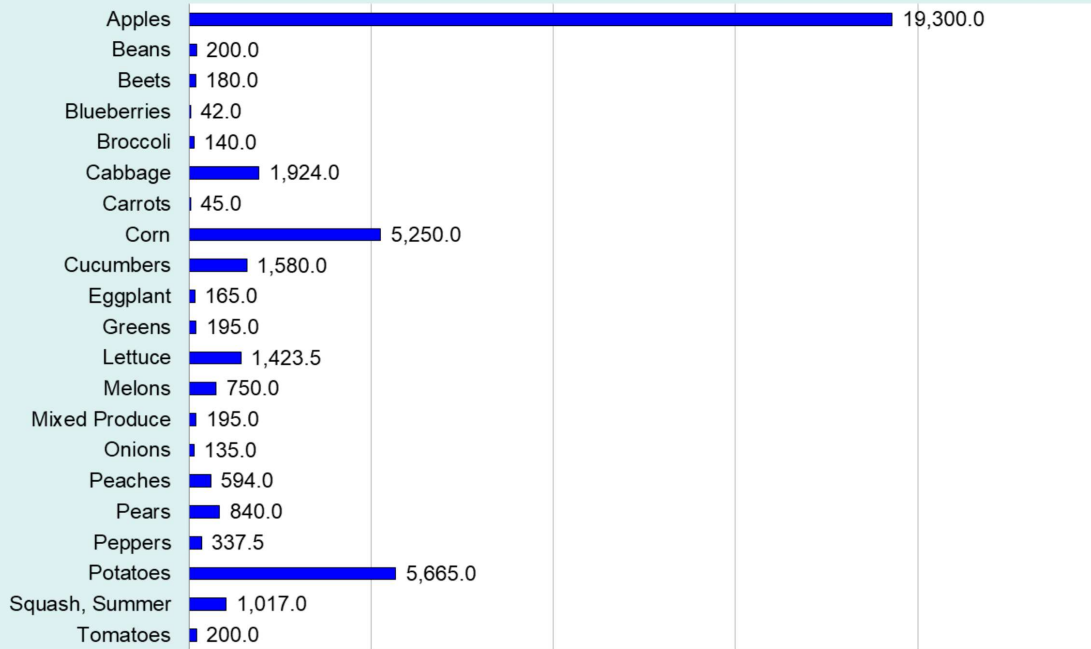


Access to an orchard in Bedford County allowed us to partner with 6 local food banks and recruit volunteers there. We donated about 5000 lbs. of apples to them as thanks for their support.

## The 2023 Season by the Numbers



**TWnM Community Food Program  
Produce by Type (Lbs.) All Growers Combined**



**A Year-end Giving Request**

As we grow to provide more produce for our community, new opportunities also present a big challenge both for the volunteers and for the financial support we need. We ask that you consider a donation now as part of your year-end tax planning. We are a registered 501(C)(3) nonprofit charitable organization and will be happy to provide a receipt.

[Click Here to Make a Tax Deductible Donation Today!](#)



## A Special Thanks to the ACRES Project



This year, Think We Now Me was thrilled to partner with **Adults Creating Residential Employment Solutions (ACRES)** to plant and harvest a record crop. The young adults in this autistic and neurodivergent community cultivated over 1000 seedlings in their greenhouse facility. They also adopted a corn field, taking the lead in harvesting an acre of corn planted by a local farmer for our food bank donations. We look forward to doing more next year with this group of skillful and enthusiastic supporters.

**If your group or organization would like to volunteer to adopt a TWNM field for the 2024 season, please contact us at: [admin@thinkwenotme.org](mailto:admin@thinkwenotme.org)**

\*photo courtesy of the ACRES project

[Click here to learn more about supporting the ACRES Project](#)





## Penn State University Students Making a Difference

For the second year in a row, we were joined by a large group of Penn State science and engineering students sponsored by **ARAMCO Americas**. They participated in a year-end harvest and field clearing effort which has cleared the way for planting in the spring!

Members of the **PSU Plant Science Graduate Student Association** spent a day harvesting corn in the fall. We are most grateful for their help this season!

We were thrilled to welcome members of Penn State's student volunteer organization **ServeState** who enjoyed a day at Sean's Orchard harvesting fruit!





If your workplace or group would like to inquire about community and team building volunteer opportunities with Think We Not Me, contact us at: [admin@thinkwenotme.org](mailto:admin@thinkwenotme.org)





## More Opportunities Await in 2024

As we look forward to the 2024 season we are excited about the addition of newly donated ground in Boalsburg which will be planted with potatoes to be planted and harvested with the fantastic new equipment purchased this season. With additional prospects for donated land, we are looking to double the current amount of ground planted and maintained by TWNM in 2024!



**Thank you to our sponsors and benefactors!**

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**We made great strides this year in obtaining the means to expand our harvest and are most grateful to the organizations and individuals who contributed to this big step forward:**

- **100+ Women Who Care, State College, PA**
- **Bricks and Stones Supply, Boalsburg, PA**
- **Calvary Harvest Fields, Boalsburg, PA**
- **Frost & Conn Insurance Agency, State College, PA**
- **Kuhn's Tree Farm, Boalsburg, PA**

- **Nittany Settlement Company, State College, PA**
- **Walker and Walker Equipment, State College, PA**
- **Photography from Steven Rubin, State College, PA\***
- **Centre Gives Foundation, State College, PA**

Wishing everyone the best of the holiday season, we stand in service with all who want to reduce food insecurity in Centre County.

The TWNM Community Food Growing Program

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Let us know if you have a story or an update that you would like to see featured in an upcoming newsletter!

We are thrilled to have a new email platform this season so be sure to look for emails from this address notifying you about new opportunities! If you belong to a group or organization that would like to volunteer together, please contact us at: [twnm@thinkwenotme.org](mailto:twnm@thinkwenotme.org)



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