Community Solutions to Food Access Issues
The Gleaning Project of South Central Pennsylvania!
The Food Gap

35% of Adams County residents are in the same position as me.
School Free and Reduced Lunch Counts
October 2015 Data

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<th>Franklin County Schools</th>
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Franklin TANF, SNAP and Medicaid
Nov. 2015 Data

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Gleaning

“Gleaning” means collecting leftover crops from fields and orchards after they have been commercially harvested or from fields where it is not economically profitable for farmers to harvest it.

The food is perfectly good. It would otherwise go to waste!

And once it is gleaned we distribute it to food insecure families across our communities!

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Gleaning – Two Methods

*Pick up or delivered.
  * A farmer has taken his produce to market or has it already harvested it and can’t sell it and calls us to come and pick it up or drops it off at our office.
  * We stop at the end of the Farmer’s Market day and take left overs from producers who don’t want to take the produce home with them

*Harvested from the field.
  * A Farmer/Producer has excess produce, has already picked and knows some is left behind or has determined that it is not economical to harvest the produce.
  * The call us and we organize a glean.
  * We solicit volunteers from our volunteer pool based on size and scope of the harvest and we go out an pick the produce.
A gift has been made in your honor of $100: enough to sponsor a typical fall glean, which will rescue about 3,000 pounds of apples and redirect it to food insecure community members.

The Gleaning Project encourages volunteer groups and individuals to participate in the gleaning process all over South Central Pennsylvania. We delight in seeing families of all ages and backgrounds come together to help those in need.

The Gleaning Project is a program of the Adams and Franklin County Community Action Programs, Inc. (ACAP), 209 E. Market St., Gettysburg, PA 17325. Call us at (717) 334-2531 or visit our website at www.agleaningproject.org.

303,000 pounds! 22,689 Individuals Served! 74 Producers! 81 Distribution Partners!
Questions?

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**SCCAP SUCCESS STORIES**

**Program Funding - $123,708**

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<th>Funding Source</th>
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<td>Community Development and Community Services Block Grant</td>
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<td>The Robert C Hoffman Trust, The Adams County Foundation, Summit Health</td>
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<td>Individual Donors</td>
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**Outcomes for Gleaning Project**

- Individuals served by the program - 22,689
- Cost per participant - $5.59
- Number of producers participating - 74
- Number of community groups receiving donations - 81
- Pounds of produce donated - 303,986
- Value of donated produce - $174,152

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**Family Satisfaction**

100% of participants found the program Very or Extremely Helpful

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**Meeting the Mission of SCCAP**

The Gleaning Project is a true community solution to a deep impact of poverty - food insecurity. More than 25% of our community’s working families and seniors are food insecure. They can only afford processed food. The Gleaning Projects gets left over produce from local producers at no cost. Our volunteers pick it and help distribute it to families all over the community through senior centers, Head Start, food pantries, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, programing for low income families and local community distributions. It is amazing to see the difference it makes to families to have ripe tomatoes, juicy peaches, beautiful peppers or squash and crisp red and yellow apples. They are excited to provide healthy foods to their families and the long term benefits help us build a stronger healthier community!
The Gleaning Project

Volunteers from The Gleaning Project were out picking tomatoes with Craig on his small family farm. We picked 134 pounds in just over 1/2 hour, 6 five gallon buckets worth. There were more tomatoes than he could use and so he called to see if they could be donated to local families. Beautiful plump, red tomatoes. As we carried them into the food pantry with the help of families and volunteers, there was an excitement in the air. Fresh produce, something many of us take for granted, is a treat for so many low income working families and seniors in our community. We put the tomatoes out next to the beautiful donated peaches and other vegetables (thanks to McCleaf’s, Three Springs, Hollobaugh Bros’s, Rice’s, Brown Valley, Yellow Hill, Twin Springs and so many other grower’s generosity). Families each take some; incredibly grateful – commenting on how wonderful it is to have produce. Some talk about making sauce with the tomatoes or pies with the peaches, others talk about how much their kids enjoy the fresh fruit and some plan to freeze or can it. It is amazing to see.

Due to the generosity of local producers there is an abundance of fresh produce so there is no restriction on how much a family can take – a wonderful thing for families who frequently only have processed foods. It is better for their spirits, you can see it brings joy and thankfulness — and certainly it is better for their bodies! And while there is plenty of produce during the growing season, no one hoards the beautiful produce; everyone takes a reasonable amount. We feel certain the producers would be gratified at the way families treat their produce with such care and appreciation.

It’s a pretty magical thing! Local producers provide either produce for pick up, much of it is pristine and beautiful, or they provide the opportunity for our volunteers to go out, after the harvest, and pick what was missed. We bring it back and staff and volunteers work to get it into the hands of families who need it. A true community solution!