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NeighborImpact Promotes Local “Grow-A-Row” For Hunger Program

NeighborImpact is promoting a local version of a national program “Grow-A-Row”. This program encourages gardeners and farmers to plant extra food to donate to area food pantries. The goal of the program is to increase access to healthy nutritional fruits and vegetables. Food pantries throughout Central Oregon are excited about the possibility to having fresh food to hand out to those in need. NeighborImpact is directing gardeners who are interested in donating fresh quality produce to visit the NeighborImpact web site for a listing of food pantries in their communities. Farmers who are interested in this program can contact NeighborImpact’s Food Coordinator, Steve Murray, at 548-2380 #108.

Media Opportunities:

Mark Petersen, from Higher Ground, an intentional community in Bend, has spearheaded the effort to expand their community garden to 1/3 of an acre to include providing produce to NeighborImpact and the Bend Community Center. He can be reached at, mpetersen@cascadehealthcare.org

Beth Ann Beamer, from Mountain View District Hospital, is working with several community gardens in the Madras area to include additional beds for growing produce for their local food pantry and brown bag food sites. She can be reached at bbeamer@mvhd.org or 475-3882 ext. 4023. Melissa Shapiro of Madras Matters is spear-heading the Victory Gardens Against Hunger initiative, a locally-based Grow-A-Row effort. She can be reached at madras.matters.mail@gmail.com for information and for residents to sign up to provide fresh fruits and veggies to the Jefferson County Food Bank through their home gardens.

History/Mission: NeighborImpact seeks to change the course of each family’s future by giving them the tools they need to succeed. NeighborImpact’s tool box includes Head Start, weatherization, home repair, energy and rent assistance, financial skills building, savings programs, assisting parents to find child care, tutoring homeless children, providing emergency and transitional housing to homeless families, home buyer education and feeding the hungry.

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