

# AmpleHarvest.org



## ABOUT US:

AmpleHarvest.org is a nation-wide nonprofit organization that is using technology in innovative ways to reduce food waste, eliminate hunger and malnutrition, and help the environment. We help connect the 42 million home and community gardeners across America with their local food pantry so that excess garden bounty can be shared with those in need. Our core mission is to see that no food is left behind, and that fresh fruits and vegetables from the gardens of America are never wasted, but are shared in order to feed and nourish our most vulnerable populations.

## THE PROBLEM:

Struggling to feed their families, many Americans have come to rely on the more than 33,500 food pantries (also called food shelves, food closets, food cupboards or food banks in some areas) across America to help feed their families. These food pantries, relying on donated and purchased foods, almost never have fresh produce and instead rely on canned or processed produce shipped from across the country at significant cost, both economic and environmental. At the same time, millions of home and community gardeners nationwide with an abundant harvest do not know that they *can* share their harvest, do not know *how* to share their harvest and do not know *where* to share their harvest. AmpleHarvest.org solves that for them.

## THE SOLUTION:

Many food pantries do not have the money, time, or expertise to create and maintain a website, which makes it difficult for gardeners to find them when they have extra food to donate. AmpleHarvest.org provides food pantries of America an opportunity to create a free, customizable web page within our site—with the full power of our online tools and resources. This makes it possible for gardeners (and potential clients) to find the food pantry with a quick location-based search.

"We have been so thrilled to be able to introduce fresh produce as a regular part of what we provide to our pantry members each month. We think it is making a difference! We highly endorse AmpleHarvest.org"

**St. Peter's Haven Food  
Pantry - Clifton, NJ**

## THE FUTURE:

We just surpassed 7,000 registered food pantries on our site and our goal is to help an additional 1,500 food pantries by the end of 2015.

Outreach to the gardeners of America is ongoing, and we are pursuing strategic partnerships with key organizations such as the Extension Master Gardener program of the USDA.



We believe in the essential work of feeding America's hungry, but we place a strong emphasis on ensuring that the food is fresh, healthy, and has the highest nutritional content possible. To make the emergency food systems of America sustainable we believe it is critical that we prevent the loss or waste of food even in our own gardens, reducing the waste stream and preventing further damage to our environment. **That is why AmpleHarvest.org is a proud participant in the United Nation's Zero Hunger Challenge—working together with many to end hunger in our lifetimes.**