

## Food For Thought

EFN's Home Delivery Program Needs Your Support



## From The Fields

Summer Updates From EFN's Mother Earth Farm

We have finally finished the mobile high tunnel! We have been working on this project for three months and are grateful to be done. It is the most challenging structure our current team has built. For this Summer, we will have six beds of cucumbers in the high tunnel. This enables us to distribute over 2,200 pounds of cucumbers to our partners. In the fall, we plan to move the tunnel over our second succession of kales and collard greens to protect them over our winter months, resulting in extended production of our plants.



By: Rhylea Foehl Photography

This will ensure that long-season plants will continue to produce for our neighbors in Pierce County. Thank you to the WSDA Resiliency Grant for supporting this project; allowing us to continue providing more nourishing food to our hungry neighbors in the colder months of the year.

## Brewers Nights In Summer 2023

Grow A Good Time At Brewers Nights



We are halfway through Brewers Nights for the season, so if you haven't gotten a chance to join us yet, mark your calendar! We'll provide the pizza, local beer and cider, and of course the weeds! This is a fun evening event for volunteers that also helps EFN's Mother Earth Farm tremendously, providing delicious and nutritious produce to our neighbors in need.

**Remaining Summer 2023 Dates:**

- August 9, 5:30 - 7:30 pm - E9 Brewing Company
- August 23, 5:30 - 7:30 pm - E9 Brewing Company
- September 6, 5:30 - 7:30 pm - Narrows Brewing Company

[Register Here](#)

Please contact [CarolineC@efoodnet.org](mailto:CarolineC@efoodnet.org)

or call (253) 584-1040 with any questions.

***Brewers Nights are a 21+ event - RSVP Required***

***Non-alcoholic beverages also available!***

## Abundance 2023

EFN's Biggest Fundraiser Is On The Way

***You're cordially invited to EFN's  
Abundance Dinner & Auction,  
October 28th at McGavick  
Conference Center!***



At EFN's largest annual fundraiser, guests enjoy a delicious meal, inspiring words, and lively competition in our silent and live auctions. Guests return year after year for the sense of community at Abundance, where you can enjoy a fabulous night out and a meaningful way to give.

Get your tickets by using the button above!

Want to be a part of creating Abundance? Donate a trip, experience, or gift card to make our auction exceptional! Event tickets, classes or lessons, vacation homes, and gift cards are all welcome to help us raise funds to feed neighbors in need.

Contact [RufinaC@efoodnet.org](mailto:RufinaC@efoodnet.org) to donate an item.

## Partner Program Highlight

Sumner Community Food Bank



Recently, EFN has taken on the challenge of increasing our capacity to match the growing demand for food in Pierce County, and we aren't alone in these efforts.

Sumner Community Food Bank (SCFB) has been experiencing their own increase in demand and responding in kind. SCFB began in the mid-1980s as a garage-based effort, and has since expanded after being gifted their current location by the Sumner Rotary. With a staff of 7 and a volunteer base of 65-70 people, SCFB has been constantly adapting to the expanding needs of their community.

***[Read Full Article Here.](#)***

## Leave A Legacy

August Is *Make A Will* Month

Did you know that August is National "Make a Will" Month? While making a will may not seem as fun as some of August's other observance days (like Ice Cream Sandwich Day, Book Lovers Day, or National Dog Day), creating or updating your will is an important thing you can do this month to support your loved ones and your community.

You may think that a will is something you only need once you reach a certain age or level of wealth, but the truth is every adult should have a will – and only 34% of Americans currently have one.

You can use a free resource, like FreeWill, to start your will, or check out [Leave 10 South Sound](#) to find estate planning resources. As you work on your estate plan, we hope you include a gift to Emergency Food Network. Naming EFN as a beneficiary in your will is a powerful way to show your commitment to food security and supporting our neighbors in need.

***Is EFN already named in your will? If so, thank you so much! If you haven't done so, please let us know by contacting our Development Director, Claire Aijian, at [Claire@efoodnet.org](mailto:Claire@efoodnet.org). You can also email Claire if you have any questions about naming EFN as a beneficiary in your will.***



## Join The EFN Team

Help Make A Difference In Pierce County

***EFN has impactful positions open as we prepare for expansion!***

### Deputy Director

EFN is seeking an experienced, strategic, creative, and highly motivated leader to become our Deputy Director. The Deputy Director will be mission-focused and process-minded, comfortable interacting and working with individuals with diverse lived experiences, including community members, staff, leadership peers, board members, government officials, and donors.

### Accounting Lead

This position is an integral part of the organization's daily operations; moving and distributing food and supplies in Pierce County and maintaining accurate accounting and inventory records. Essential functions include processing daily bank deposits and maintaining accuracy between accounting and donor software, etc.

### Order Fulfillment Specialist

Develops and maintains quality control programs to ensure each inventory adjustment is consistent, provides consultation to company leadership and teams regarding inventory processes, controls, and advancements, etc.

### Delivery Driver/ Warehouse Associate

Deliver driver to sites, help site volunteers and personnel offload product, obtain signatures on delivery receipts, pick up donations as assigned, build orders for food pantry, collaborating with the warehouse team for proper accountability of product per inventory guidelines.

[Positions and Applications](#)

***More open positions at EFN coming soon!***

