

## Looking Back On Our Busiest Year

Food For Thought from Michelle Douglas, CEO



## Hunger Walk 2023

Taking Steps To Feed Our Neighbors In Need



This year's Hunger Walk is on Saturday, May 6th at Fort Steilacoom Park. In addition to a walk around the lake, registrants will enjoy music, kid-friendly activities, and giveaways from local vendors!

**Register online by 11:59pm on February 28th  
to take advantage of early bird pricing!**

*If you're not able to join us at the park, virtual registration is also available.*

**Register for Hunger Walk**

**Already Registered?**

**Don't forget to use your fundraising page to help feed neighbors in need!**

## Donor Portals

Giving to EFN Is Easier Than Ever

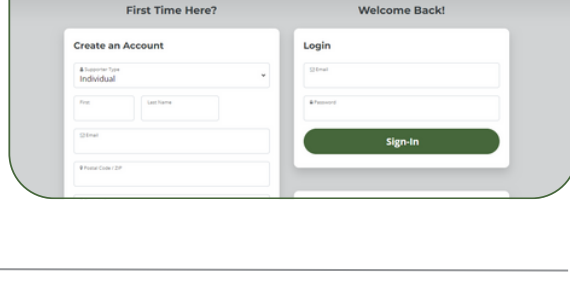
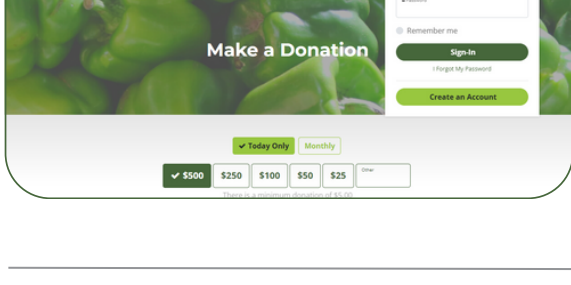
In 2023, EFN began utilizing an exciting new tool to better engage our community of supporters. We now have a system that allows our donors access to their own portal where they can update information, start a fundraiser, or make a gift anytime!

We're excited about our new donor portals because they're user-friendly and convenient. Instead of picking up the phone, all you have to do to update your address or payment on file is click into your Donor Portal. They're also great for peer-to-peer fundraising, like birthday or retirement fundraisers. Once you're logged into the donor portal, just visit "My Fundraisers" and click "Create a Fundraiser," then send off your personalized link to your friends and family!

Want to get started using your donor portal? It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Visit [give.efoodnet.org](https://give.efoodnet.org)
2. Click "My Account" in the top right-hand corner
3. Click "Create An Account" and use the email that received this email

Not sure how to log in to your EFN donor portal? We're happy to help! Email [info@efoodnet.org](mailto:info@efoodnet.org) or call 253-584-1040.



## From The Fields

February Updates From Mother Earth Farm

With frigid temperatures, our high tunnels are in full production at Mother Earth Farm. We have two on the farm that house our winter crop for EFN's Home Delivery Program. We currently have chard, beets, garlic, mustard greens, and a new high tunnel crop: pac choi! We're growing a variety called Joi Choi, and it is thriving in our southern greenhouse. It loves the shade provided by our neighbor's pine trees and is protected from the cute bunnies that love our healthy produce. We are saving this crop for later harvesting to allow it to mature by early to mid-March.

We are beautifying the farm by using our scrap wood to create high tunnel names for the three high tunnels we will have by May 2023. Our team created a poll to determine the names and the final results are in-- visit Mother Earth Farm this spring to see!



## Home Delivery News

Reducing Food Access Barriers In Peirce County

EFN recently surveyed Home Delivery recipients in order to better understand their overall experience. Recipients rated their overall experience with EFN's Home Delivery Program an 88 out of 100. We are so grateful to our crew of 50 regular and back-up volunteer drivers that are delivering food to over 250 families all around Pierce County each week! These recipients (over half of whom have been receiving deliveries for less than 6 months) face barriers to accessing their local food pantries. Barriers often include transportation, health or medical issues, and scheduling conflicts based on employment, childcare, etc. We are looking forward to using the results and feedback from this survey to constantly work to improve our Home Delivery Program!



## Volunteers Needed

Find the Opportunity That Fits You

Volunteering is an impactful way to get involved with EFN and help feed our neighbors in need! There are lots of ways to be a part of addressing hunger in Pierce County.

Join our weekly community group at the Repack Project [here](#).

Want to be outside instead? Sign up for a session at Mother Earth Farm (starting in April) [here](#).

If you have a group of 5-15 that you'd like to get involved with either of these opportunities, please reach out for more information and to set up a volunteer date.

If you'd like to be involved as a Home Delivery Driver to help deliver nutritious foods to our neighbors in need who face barriers to accessing their local food pantries, please contact us for an application!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about getting involved with volunteering at EFN, please contact [CarolineC@efoodnet.org](mailto:CarolineC@efoodnet.org) or call (253) 584-1040.

## EFN Is Hiring!

Join Our Team

**There are 2 impactful positions opening at Emergency Food Network!**

### Repack and Warehouse Associate

EFN is seeking an experienced, full-time Repack/Warehouse Associate who will have primary responsibility for the Repack Project here at EFN. To apply send resume or application to [jobs@efoodnet.org](mailto:jobs@efoodnet.org).

### Development Manager

EFN is seeking an experienced, full-time Development Manager who will manage key fundraising activities including staff oversight, event implementation, and donor expansion. To apply send cover letter and resume to [jobs@efoodnet.org](mailto:jobs@efoodnet.org).

**Full Position Descriptions**

