

Food For Thought

It's Nearly Time to Share Your Abundance!

October is one of my favorite months here at Emergency Food Network because it's when we host our Abundance Dinner and Auction. This event brings together more than 400 community leaders who share a passion for addressing food insecurity in Pierce County. The generosity displayed at Abundance is always incredibly moving to witness.

Our neighbors need us more than ever this year. EFN's network of over 75 partner food pantries, meal sites, and shelters is currently serving more than 200,000 visits each month, which is higher than any other time in our history. The funds raised at Abundance will help EFN distribute more than 14 million pounds of food this year so that no person goes hungry.

Abundance is the perfect time to start your holiday shopping or get a head start on vacation plans for next year. Are you already dreaming of warm weather? Our trips to Oak Island, North Carolina, and Palm Springs will give you a chance to soak up some sun next year. Ready for the cold? Our trips to Park City, Utah and Lake Tahoe will be the perfect start for your ski season. Your vacation plans will be even easier if you win a pair of roundtrip tickets on Alaska Airlines from our raffle.

Tickets are still available for Abundance, but act quickly because we're almost sold out! Can't join us on October 28th? You can still support Abundance by making a gift now in support of the event. Every dollar raised at Abundance will provide two meals for our neighbors in need, ensuring that no person goes hungry. Thank you for sharing your abundance with us!

Gratefully,
Claire Aijian
Development Director



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Break Bags Food Drives

Buy a Bowl, Fill a Neighbor's Plate



The fun in support of EFN's work doesn't end with Abundance Dinner & Auction in October. Our fan-favorite event Empty Bowls is on November 18th, 1-3pm at Charles Wright Academy!

Empty Bowls is EFN's beloved community event where guests shop for handmade bowls donated by local artists. Bowls come in every shape, size, color, and medium, and they make excellent holiday gifts! After shopping, guests enjoy hot soup donated by local restaurants. Cast your vote for your favorite in our first ever Community Soup Choice Award!

We are so grateful to our incredible artists, especially Jen Davis Pottery and the Puget Sound Woodturners Association, among many others. We also thank our amazing soup and bread donors, including Doyle's Public House, Macrina Bakery, and more.

*Admission to Empty Bowls is free,
and every dollar raised helps us feed neighbors in need.*

Building For The Future

Catch-Up on EFN's Construction

The construction crew has been hard at work since the beginning of September, digging and laying the foundation for our new warehouse. Sewer and electrical lines have been set in place, and we are waiting for the concrete to set. We expect the building panels to arrive mid-October.

You must be wondering what the new building will look like. We are projecting the new warehouse to take up 21,500 square feet. If you've been to our Lakewood campus before, imagine the size of our current warehouse but taller. While construction will increase traffic and noise for the next few months, this project will help EFN meet the increasing need for a consistent food supply within Pierce County.

It's exciting to see the new warehouse slowly come to life!

Check out the progress below:



Thank you for all of your support for the Building For The Future Campaign.

We cannot wait to celebrate the next phase with you!

We are expecting the new warehouse to be finished in February 2024.

Keep an eye out for news on ribbon cutting and tours of the new warehouse in 2024.

From The Fields

Updates From Mother Earth Farm

The first day of fall has come and so has the wind and rain! We've been continuing to harvest as much as possible regardless of the weather so our partners can have beautiful vegetables any day of the year. Our peppers have had extremely high production this year, totaling over 3,000 lbs. Crops that are on their way out include tomatoes, cucumbers, and zucchini. We've been blown away at the production of each crop and can't wait to make even more adjustments next season for better outputs.



Winter Weeding dates are right around the corner. We'll be having a Winter Weeding session once a month on the first Thursday of each month, beginning in December and ending in March. Volunteers can expect to weed in our high tunnels, fold landscape fabric, and seed in our greenhouse.

We hope to see you on the farm!

Volunteer Highlight

Thank You TwinStar Credit Union!

TwinStar Credit Union started volunteering with EFN in 2019, and now they have regular volunteer opportunities once a quarter with us! They normally spend their time at the Repack Project but recently brought a group to Mother Earth Farm. They even brought (and donated) their own TwinStar gardening gloves for their day in the sun and soil!

Thank you, TwinStar, for the 24,724 pounds of food that you have repacked since 2019, the lettuce you transplanted, and the kale that you weeded! We can't wait until your next volunteer session at Emergency Food Network!



"Thank you TwinStar! We love having your team volunteer. Your joy, enthusiasm, and dedication to helping our community is wonderful to see!"

- EFN Volunteer Programs Team

Join The EFN Team

Help Make A Difference In Pierce County

EFN has impactful positions open as we prepare for expansion!

Delivery Driver/ Warehouse Associate

Deliver product 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.

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.

Positions and Applications

More open positions at EFN coming soon!

