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The Center for Public Service at Gettysburg College is pleased to share information about the *Fair Share Project*, a collaborative effort established by the Campus Kitchen at Gettysburg College through a partnership with the Adams County Food Policy Council and the Adams County Farmers' Market Association, Inc.

The Fair Share Project is a food voucher program, piloted during the summer of 2011. It enables 25+ families to purchase food from the Adams County Farm Fresh Markets. Each family receives \$40 in vouchers per month during June – September, 2011. These vouchers can be used to purchase fruit, vegetables, eggs, meat and bread. The program is facilitated through a partnership between the Adams County Food Policy Council, the Adams County Farmers' Market Association, Inc., and the Campus Kitchen at Gettysburg College.

The project aims to provide families who are not eligible for food assistance programs with the increased ability to purchase healthy, fresh foods, increase fruit and vegetable consumption, support local farms and our local economy and provide nutrition education and support.

Recipients of the food vouchers are required to attend a monthly event on the first Wednesday of each month at the Gettysburg Rec Park Farmers' Market. On these days, at 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm or 6 pm, recipients receive their vouchers and participate in half-hour educational activities. Activities include taste-testing, healthy eating on a budget, market tours, food demonstrations, Q&A with dieticians and kid-friendly recipes.

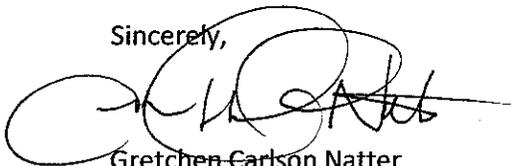
In order to participate, families must have an income between 160%-250% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines and be referred to the project through SCCAP or LIU#12 Migrant Education Adult Programs.

Funding for the project was raised through community support. Four local, organic farms (Amazing Heart Farm, Everblossom Farm, Beech Springs Farm and Sherlock's Farm) each generously donated a community supported agriculture (CSA) share to the Campus Kitchen at Gettysburg College for resale. Additional support came from an online fundraising competition, involving over 55 donors.

As the project progresses, it is being assessed through a faculty-mentored student research project.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have further questions: 717.337.6490, [cps@gettysburg.edu](mailto:cps@gettysburg.edu).

Sincerely,



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