

Share the Harvest Farmers' Market Voucher Program draft letter

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing today to offer my support and affirmation for the Eden Farmers' Market food voucher program introduced by Share the Harvest in 2018. The program has helped broaden access to fresh, organic produce for low-income residents in Bar Harbor, while also supporting the local economy and food system, building connections among growers, and spreading education and awareness about the often-hidden problem of food insecurity.

Share the Harvest serves as a liaison between low-income residents and local food, ensuring access to the space, knowledge, and resources necessary to sustaining an equitable food system. The organization is a good match for Healthy Acadia, where our mission is to empower people and organizations to build healthy communities. We have worked with College of the Atlantic students and lent our support to Share the Harvest over the years, and look forward to continuing to do so.

By offering vouchers that participants can redeem at the Eden Farmers' Market in downtown Bar Harbor, Share the Harvest expands the range of their efforts by providing access to farm-fresh produce to people living in town without transportation. Share the Harvest's work with Eden Farmers' Market helps to build community and brings low-income people into contact with local food systems in new ways.

The work of Share the Harvest contributes to social sustainability and give students opportunities to apply classroom knowledge to real-world situations. Healthy Acadia is pleased to support these efforts.

Sincerely,



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