

Share the Harvest Food Pantry and Resale Shop



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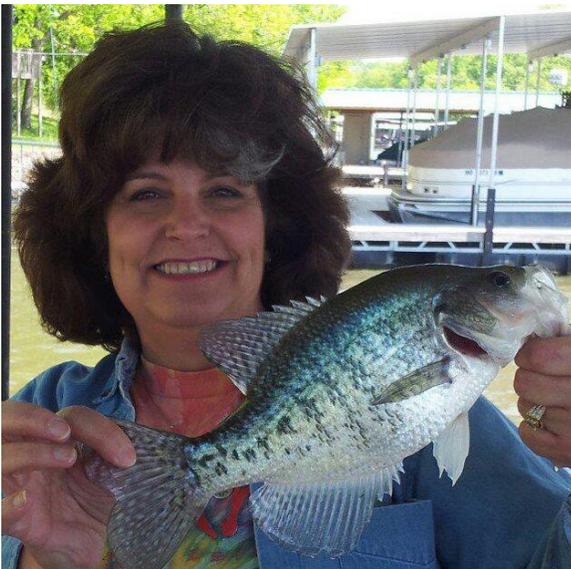
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FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Summer is in full swing at Share the Harvest; the gardens are looking great and growing well. We have had lots of changes in the last couple of months. Rita Loeb has retired and Shana Aibuschon has started as her replacement.

Shana Aibuschon



Joe Myers

We also have some news on the Board of Directors. Kathy Norris has resigned from the Board. Kathy has served on the Board for several years and contributed countless hours for Share the Harvest. Kathy, we will miss you! We have a new member on the Board, her name is Sandy Olms. Sandy has been a volunteer in the pantry for several years and will now be helping guide Share the Harvest in the future. Please join me in welcoming Sandy!!

*“When you open your heart to giving,
Angels fly to your door” – author unknown*

We have some new volunteers in the store and the back room. Joe Myers has started as the warehouse manager. Joe is doing a good job getting his bearings and dealing with all the volunteers and the tons of food we have to move. If you are in the area, please stop in and welcome Shana and Joe.



We would like to thank the youth of Broadway United Methodist Church from Council Bluffs, Iowa, for coming and volunteering a day of service. They helped get several projects completed and were great people to work with. We hope they return next year.



DIGGING IN THE DIRT

Here at Share the Harvest we are in the middle of planting still more summer crops such as: cucumbers, okra, squash, melons and more. Tomatoes are now starting to ripe as well as jalapenos and sweet bell peppers and with this early hot humid weather we are sure to have an abundance of peppers. Tomatoes on the other hand are temperamental plants. When the temperatures soar well into the 90's, the flowers will not set well and so we're hoping for a cooling down so we get a good bloom set on the plants that are now flowering. We are already harvesting tomatoes, so I'm hoping for a long extended season.

Before I forget, I want to introduce our new garden assistant, Larry Nickelson. We have increased our growing space and it takes both of us, plus a few volunteers to keep up with planting, harvesting not to mention the maintenance of all the different



gardening areas. Larry comes with experience in gardening, as well as being very handy with tools..... which is an extra bonus! Welcome, Larry!

Larry and I have been planting in the south garden and the planting is completed and now we're concentrating on mulching heavy to conserve moisture, as we typically are only down there once per week. We have tomatoes, peppers, squash and cucumbers and also we are experimenting with a summer planting of potatoes.

For those of you who don't know, we grow vegetables all year around inside the high tunnel as well as most of the raised beds being able to convert to low tunnels. With that being an option for us we don't try and grow everything in one short growing season, but have something growing all year around helping to keep fresh organic produce available throughout the year.

The pictures below were taken last Tue. the 21st. Angie, Karla and Terry were here to volunteer their time and talents and together we harvested: Tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, sweet peppers, jalapenos, Swiss chard, baby beets, kale, blackberries and green beans. I hope we have many days like that in the summer months ahead.





Volunteers are always welcome to join us.

Sheila, The Garden Lady



THE BUCK STOPS HERE

**“Notes from the Twice
Around Nook”**

Coming Back to What You Know!

Hello, my name is Shana Aubuschon! I am the new Store Manager for the Twice Around Nook. I had the great privilege of working the last two weeks with Rita Loeb before she retired. We instantly became friends and had so much in common; she said she felt comfortable handing over the keys. Great news for both of us; she gets to enjoy her retirement, and I feel like I was made for this new position having a strong background in the

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consumer retail market. I feel truly blessed to be part of such an outstanding organization.

Although I am getting to know our team, I tell everyone that **OUR VOLUNTEERS ROCK**. The amount of time and their passion to serve the community is outstanding. I will take the time in our future issues to highlight our volunteers.

But, as always, we are always looking to expand our volunteer team, so I hope you can refer your friends, family and neighbors to help us out. It is such a great way to give back to the community.

I have been busy getting into a routine and making some changes on the floor in the store. Stop in and see us soon! I look forward to meeting you all.

Shana



FROM THE WAREHOUSE

New Beginnings! My name is Joe Myers and I am the new Warehouse Manager for the food pantry here at Share the Harvest. Since taking over this position, I have had the support of our Director Bob White and our many volunteers. Everyone has been wonderful showing me the ropes while having patience with me when mistakes were made.

I know that I have a long road ahead of me in this new position and I look forward to the journey ahead. Many thanks go out to the ladies and gentlemen who work with me side by side to ensure that our food pantry runs smoothly as we continue to serve those in need.

One last note before I finish. Here at Share the Harvest we are constantly on the lookout for new volunteers to join our family. If you or someone you know would like to serve our community, please contact us and we would be happy to have you work with us.

Joe Myers