



2025 Impact Report & Spring Giving Campaign



People 🌻 Purpose 🌻 Stories

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At Salvation Farms, our work is shaped by the **people, purpose, and stories** that connect them. **We know how powerful this work is and that is why we are asking you to help us raise \$35,000 by June 30th.**

Every day, our work is about people. More than 10,000 Vermonters rely on the food we help recover and share each year—fresh, locally grown food that reaches communities through partnerships with farms and distribution sites across the state. Recently, we listened more closely, gathering stories from the field. What we heard was simple and powerful: this work is helping people access good food, strengthening relationships, and quietly holding communities together.

Our purpose is clear. We are working toward a future where all are fed and farms are thriving. But right now, that work is under real strain. Funding cuts and growing pressure across the food system are being felt by farmers and families alike. At the same time, the need is not slowing down. In the year ahead, we are pushing forward—expanding our reach and working to process more surplus food so it can nourish people instead of going to waste.

And behind it all are the stories—of food that would have been left in the field now feeding a neighbor, of farmers finding new value in what they grow, of communities showing up for one another in practical, meaningful ways. These stories are still being written, and they depend on what we do next.

We are asking you to stand with us. **Our goal is to raise \$35,000 by June 30th, and we cannot get there without you.** Your support keeps this work going. It keeps our team in the field, our trucks moving, and this food flowing to the people who need it.

We encourage you to take some time to watch the full interviews linked in this report to learn more about these stories. This is a moment that calls for action. Please give what you can and be part of making sure this work continues.

With gratitude,



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Chris Callahan
Board President



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Dolan'.

Kelly Dolan
Executive Director

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Grown in the Field, Shared with Care...

“That's why I think what Salvation Farms does is so great, you know. It's the final mile for that carrot, the final mile for that beet, to get it into someone's belly.”

Kevin Lane, volunteer

“I often talk about the organization and the meaningful ways it connects with the community. It's clear how much heart goes into the work and how deeply it impacts the people it serves.”

Denise Bailey, volunteer

“Salvation Farms is creating a network and giving people space to, like, make connections and share food, which I think is kind of the basis for community resilience.”

Kayleigh Boyle, Breadseed Farm

“Thank goodness we have Salvation Farms to work with, because I don't know how else we would be able to distribute all of this produce to the community.”

Taylor Maida, High Mowing Organic Seeds

“These deliveries make a huge difference in our clients food insecurity. They are so thankful for the veggies.”

Kim Greaves, Greensboro Giving Closet

“Increases our use of local vegetables, makes it more affordable to use local produce, saved time during meal preparation. Our clients, volunteers, and/or staff have greater interest in local vegetables... All the products we received were of very high quality.”

Nicole Lambert, Quin-Town Senior Center

This year's Impact Report is dedicated to the memory of Bruce Kaufman of Riverside Farm and former Salvation Farms' staff member, Karissa Smith—steadfast stewards of Vermont's farms and supporters of its communities.

Salvation Farms' Gleaning Program

The Glean Team brings people, farms, and communities together to ensure good food reaches Vermonters who need it most.

- ✓ 73,311 lbs gleaned from 33 farms
- ✓ Food distributed to 63 recipient sites
- ✓ Powered by 104 volunteers contributing 323 hours
- ✓ 100% of farms reported that they feel confident working with Salvation Farms' gleaning program staff

Through partnerships with Green Mountain Farm-to-School, WIC, and Good Beginnings, the program engaged students and community members in hands-on gleaning experiences, including youth at Cabot Smith Farm and harvesting 900 pounds of apples at Sweetgrass Farm.

Vermont Gleaning Collective

As the backbone organization of the VGC, Salvation Farms supports a statewide network of 6 member organizations that amplify the impact of surplus food:

- ✓ 299,530 lbs gleaned from farms
- ✓ 1,009,557 lbs recovered from food businesses
- ✓ 56,899 lbs grown specifically for donation
- ✓ 189 partner farms
- ✓ 1,408 volunteers contributing 9,220 hours
- ✓ 237 food distribution sites

Salvation Farms' Processing Program

SFPP continues to grow through a partnership with the Center for an Agricultural Economy with plans to open a shared processing space at the Vermont Food Venture Center, slated to open in late summer 2026. This will allow us to strengthen and scale our work to produce locally grown, affordable value-added foods—such as mashed potatoes and corn on the cob—for charitable food programs and institutional partners including schools and correctional facilities.

Key 2025 outcomes include:

- ✓ 3,623 pounds of produce processed
- ✓ \$2,448 in income generated for participating farmers
- ✓ 40 volunteers contributing 277 hours


In 2025, the program worked with eight partner farms—Joe's Brook Farm, Riverberry Farm, Cabot Smith Farm, Woods Market Garden, Pete's Greens, Valley Dream Farm, Jericho Settlers Farm, and Elmore Roots Nursery—as well as Deep Root Cooperative.

Together, these efforts reflect a growing, community-driven system that reduces waste, supports farm viability, and increases access to local food.





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 Thank you for
your support!

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*Hillary, Tony, Jen, Ciara,
Martha, & Kelly*



Help us raise \$35,000 for this year's Spring Appeal!
\$100 = 100 pounds of processed veggies
\$250 = a truck full of gleaned food
\$1,000 = a full week of staff time to deliver food



Stories from the Field - Narrating Abundance:

This past year, Salvation Farms partnered with University of Vermont graduate student, Amanda Hutson, to gather stories of impact from across our work. **Amanda's interviews became a powerful video series.** We spent time on farms and in communities listening closely to **farmers, eaters, and volunteers**, capturing how this work is experienced on the ground. We are deeply grateful to Amanda and everyone who helped bring these stories to life:

Kevin Lane, volunteer

Kayleigh Boyle, Breadseed Farm

Renee Collingwood, Morrisville WIC

Dan Martin, Volunteer

Victoria Hurst, Volunteer

Connie and Richie Hourihan, Cabot Smith Farm

Taylor Maida, High Mowing Organic Seeds

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Watch the full stories at
www.salvationfarms.org/

