

# MID-VALLEY HARVEST

GATHERING VOLUNTEERS TO HARVEST FRESH PRODUCE TO FEED OUR COMMUNITY

JANUARY 2017

2016 was an exciting year for Mid-Valley Harvest. We made great strides in our second year and were able to become a standalone 501(c)(3)! Our new harvest team training sessions added 6 new harvest leaders to the team, for a total of 10. The team scouted potential sites, gathered supplies, and supervised harvests, allowing us to increase Mid-Valley Harvest's impact in Linn and Benton counties. Please join us in celebrating one team member in particular, Becky Anderson, who has been named the 2016 MVH Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding service.

As we begin a new year, we thank the 2016 Board of Directors for its service, and welcome Jim Taylor to the 2017 board. We wish outgoing board members, Becca Meskimen, Angel Sanchez, and Walter Dyer good luck in all of their endeavors.

2017 Board of Directors	
Russell Standridge President	Lindsey Hall Treasurer
Liz Graham Vice-President	Elise Bauman Board Member
Jim Taylor Board Member	

#### A GLIMPSE OF 2016

- **41 harvests** (increased from 27 in 2015)
- **230 active volunteers** (up from 133)
- **798 registered volunteers** (up from 406)
- **9,883 lbs. harvested** (over 3,000 lbs. beyond our 2015 numbers)
- Our **top five foods** by weight were blueberries (5,725 lbs.), apples (2,082 lbs.), pears (834 lbs.), squash (475 lbs.), and plums (368 lbs.)

Mid-Valley Harvest also wishes to extend our deepest appreciation to each of YOU: our harvesters, donors, sponsors, producers, leaders, and other volunteers. Thank you for your support! Last, but not least, thank you to Salem Harvest for giving us a strong start as its subsidiary, and continuing to cheer us on as we stand on our own.

Looking forward, we could use YOUR help continuing our momentum. As Mid-Valley Harvest grows, so too must our leadership. We have several positions in the works for

2017 in order to keep our harvests running smoothly and expand our impact. These include Volunteer Coordinator, Supplies Coordinator, Database Manager, and additional harvest team members. We are also expanding our Board of Directors, seeking members with specific skills such as fundraising, marketing, or administrative. Time requirements vary by position. Send an email detailing your related experience to [liz@midvalleyharvest.org](mailto:liz@midvalleyharvest.org) or recommend a friend or family member.

Thanks for a great 2016. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Happy Harvesting,  
Russell Standridge  
President, Mid-Valley Harvest

#### HELP MVH

#### START 2017 OFF WITH A BANG

All donations are tax deductible and can be made at [www.midvalleyharvest.org](http://www.midvalleyharvest.org) or by sending a check to:

Mid-Valley Harvest  
5060 Philomath Blvd #210  
Corvallis, Oregon 97333

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