

October 23, 2013

For the 2013 growing season, the Kennebunk Community Garden Committee donated 2,046.5 pounds of produce. The Community Gardens in West Kennebunk and Park Street School participated in the Maine Harvest for Hunger program through the University of Maine Extension office. We rented two size plots in our West Kennebunk garden. Our 10'x10' plots rent for \$25 per season and our 10'x20' plots rent for \$50 per season. We rented raised beds in the Park Street School for a reduced rate. We ask that our renters volunteer 6 hours per 10'x10' plot to the MHH program. We had approximately 49 volunteers this year. With our committee and gardener volunteers, we held weekly planting and harvesting sessions.

The produce donations were given to the Church Community Outreach Service (CCOS) for the Friday morning food pantry at St. Martha's Church and the York County Shelter Program (YCSP) in Alfred. We also donated some produce to the Community Harvest dinners at the Lutheran Church.

Plantings and harvests were typically 4:30-6pm on Thursday night beginning on June 28 through October 19.

With this year's total produce donation, we have now donated 6,704.25 pounds of produce to area food banks since the 2009 growing season.

I am incredibly proud to be a part of this amazing group of dedicated garden volunteers.

Leslie Lindgren, Chairman  
Kennebunk Community Garden Committee