

Program and Volunteer Stories and Other News

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Program Stories



Grow a Row

We asked our 2020 program participant why they wanted to be involved in our Grow a Row program. The participant said, "I'm doing the project for fun!" We enjoy hearing the reasons why our participants join the program. Growing food *is* fun!

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Kids Home for Dinner

The Kids Home for Dinner program has been extended until the beginning of June. Our AmeriCorps VISTAs, Domonique, Taylor, and Blake collaborated on designing the crafts and activities for this program each week. They were excited to brainstorm ideas from Pinterest, gather the supplies, and place the activities in the Kids Home for Dinner boxes.



Community Gardens

Some of the feedback we received from our plot stewards last season was focused on what they learned about gardening in Wyoming. One of our experienced gardeners, who has been a part of our community garden for a few years now, said that "gardening is 50% experience and 50% luck." He shared with us that sometimes things just come down to the luck of the season. This is definitely true when we get hit with frost in June!

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Seedling Foster Care

Some of our seedling donations were planted in our hoop houses last year. Our Food Production Coordinator, Reece, expressed, "With limited space, the Seedling Foster Care program helped us get the seedlings we need to feed the community." Our Shares team welcomes limitless seedling donations for our food production. It is a joy to connect the seedlings donated by our participants to our production sites.

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Volunteers

Recognition

Volunteer and Foster Grandparent, Jody, has been a part of our organization since the start. Jody has always brought a positive attitude, a strong commitment, and dedication to helping our programs and events. We cherish our memories of preparing food and having meaningful



conversations while listening to music with her. We are so lucky to have her as a longtime volunteer.

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Other News



New Staff

Welcome, Lyric Vigil! She is joining our team as a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA this month. Lyric is a Laramie native and excited to work with a community-based organization since the community has given her so much over the years. We are thrilled to have her on our team and cannot wait to see what she accomplishes.

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Fifth Annual Pet Food Drive

In honor of Martin Luther King National Day of Service, the Foster Grandparents of the Wyoming Rockies are holding their fifth annual pet food drive. Feeding Laramie Valley has a box just inside the front door for donations. The food will be collected and distributed to and through Interfaith Good Samaritan. Thank you for your donations!

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We send you all our best during these challenging times and are here to help our community share the best it has to offer with one another.

Sincerely,

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