

## RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

### RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for Central Oregon Locavore “Central Oregon Locavore Program Support”

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#### Summary of Results:

- Central Oregon Locavore set out to promote the well-being and belonging of our community members through our WWOLF (Willing Workers on Local Farms) and Edible Adventure Crew programs along with increasing intake of local fruits and vegetables through SNAP usage and sharing recipes.
- We were able to exceed our goal of hosting 4-10 WWOLF and Edible Adventure Crew events.
- Between August 2020 and August 2021, we hosted 11 WWOLF events and 6 Edible Adventure Crews for a total of 17.
- We also developed a partnership with the Oregon Youth Challenge Program to bring at-risk high school youth to farms for a day of volunteering.
- These events included medicinal plant and edible weed walks, blueberry harvesting, apple picking and pressing, and potato gleaning that resulted in hundreds of pounds of potatoes being donated to NeighborImpact.
- We were able to hire a staff person to manage both programs and provide mileage reimbursement for travel to the various sites.
- Additionally, Our SNAP sales increased from an average of \$2,500 a month before August 2020 to \$4,500 during the grant period.

#### Quote:

“Having the WWOLF crew out to help with some big projects on the farm really cut down on the time it would normally take to complete those tasks by a ton! Having 14-16 sets of hands instead of 2 really does make for lighter work that is so much more enjoyable. The group was extremely motivated, and many had already volunteered several times together. It really had a community feel. I got to know some familiar faces and met so many new folks from our community.” - farmer Gia