

Bushels of Blessings
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BUSINESS or ORGANIZATION

Dear Friend:

Good morning! My name is Michele Montemurno and I am the Executive Director Bushels of Blessings, a "gleaning" organization that gathers approximately 500,000 pounds of farm produce from South Jersey farms each year that would otherwise go to waste, and distributes the produce to almost 60 food banks and pantries. If you follow the link below to our website, you will be able to view a brief video about the work we do.

What is sad for us is that we leave over 150,000 pounds of perfectly good fruit and vegetables on the field each season, not because of a lack of want or need, but simply because we don't have the manpower. This is healthy, fresh produce that will not be given to those in need; those who can't afford these vital food items.

That is why I am writing today. Would your company be willing to participate in a one day "**gleaning adventure**", where you would join us at one of our partnering farms to glean and sort fresh produce? It is a practical and effective way for you and your staff to help those in need and give back to the community. If you are a smaller business who simply can't afford to be without your staff for a day, perhaps you could tell your friends, family, customers and clients about the opportunity, where they could sign up for a pre-determined gleaning day under your company's name. Then, we would post pictures of your team in action as well as your name/logo and contact info on our website and Facebook page as a thank you for your generous involvement. Besides the intrinsic value of helping those in need, it really is a lot of fun and a great team building outing!

Please take a minute to view our video and look around our website and then email me regarding setting up a date for your business during August and the first three weeks of September. Thank you in advance for considering being a part of this important venture. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Montemurno". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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