



## **Guidelines for Willing Hands Recipient Organizations** (Updated March 1st 2020)

Willing Hands' mission is to reduce hunger and support healthy eating by serving our neighbors in need with nutritious perishable food. In addition to serving organizations who share our mission, we follow the federal guidelines for charitable gifts of food donations. We can **only** distribute food to organizations who serve:

- Individuals requiring medical care.
- The needy (those lacking the necessities of life as a result of poverty or temporary distress).
- Minor children.

For instance, a community meal program that targets low-income or food-insecure communities is eligible but a community meal that acts as a fundraiser or charges a fee would not be eligible. If you have any questions please contact us at [director@willinghands.org](mailto:director@willinghands.org) or (802) 698-0265.

The purpose of Willing Hands' food donations is to directly reduce hunger and improve health. It is not meant to save non-profits money by replacing food purchased for celebratory or outreach events. Our food donations must be used exclusively for mission-based purposes as described above. Our recipient organizations may not use or transfer our food donations in exchange for money or other tangible assets.

Willing Hands is pleased to deliver food that is of good, edible quality and of wholesome, nutritional value. Food may be delivered by Willing Hands on a year-round, seasonal, or occasional basis. Delivery arrangements and food donations are made in the spirit of goodwill and therefore:

- Do not involve the exchange of cash or barter of services or goods.
- Assume that the receiving organization will handle the donated food in a way that will not compromise its quality and/or food safety.
- Assume that the food delivered will be utilized in a manner that takes advantage of its quality. That is, it will not be wasted.

It is understood that both the receiving organization and Willing Hands will make a good faith effort to arrange for and adhere to a delivery arrangement/schedule that is mutually convenient and beneficial.

Willing Hands does not serve organizations who discriminate, or refuse to serve food, on the basis of sex, race, color, age, national origin, religion, disability, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity/reassignment, citizenship, pregnancy or maternity, veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable national, federal, state or local law.

Willing Hands retains the right to reduce or end said arrangements at any time and for any reason. Potential causes for termination of food donations could include:

- The receiving organization is determined by Willing Hands to fail to meet qualifications as defined above, or
- Willing Hands does not have an adequate quantity of suitable food available, or
- Delivery arrangements cease to be convenient and beneficial to one or both parties, or
- The organization can be better served by another non-profit organization