# Seton Harvest 2021 Year in Review



### 2021: A Year of Successes Amidst the Challenges

During the second year of a global pandemic, Seton Harvest like so many other businesses experienced ups and downs. As we look back through the challenges, we see there are still many successes to be celebrated. The beginning of year brought the introduction of the Seton Harvest mobile app. Shareholders and supporters of the farm enjoyed the in-hand capability of pulling up recipes, finding out what produce would be in the weekly share (an excellent tool for meal planning), filling out applications, purchasing Twilight Dinner tickets, providing donations, and more!

Farmer Joe was pleased with the total harvest this year coming in at 41,114 lbs! It was a better year than the past few with excellent crops of blueberries, tomatoes, potatoes, and Asian greens. Having a good harvest year means the 20% we provide to local charities amounts to more. Much of the success of a good farm year relies on volunteerism which was also higher in 2021 than in 2020. We had 60 people sign up for the Sweet Potato Dig alone!

Fundraising efforts also experienced challenges due to COVID in 2021. Our sit-down Twilight Dinners were unfortunately canceled again. That didn't stop Community Outreach Manager, Julie Dietz, a fantastic crew of volunteers, and the band 2 Miles Back from making the TWD Drive-Thru fundraising events great fun! Speaking of *fun*-raising, Seton Harvest volunteers also helped make our first Fall Festival parking lot a great success. And finally, one of the biggest highlights of the year was the addition of solar panels to the farm.

However you helped contribute to these successes at Seton Harvest in 2021, THANK YOU!!

# 2021 in Numbers

Shareholders = 149 Volunteers = 117 Volunteer Hours = 572 Staff Members = 8 Total Lbs. Harvested = 41,114 Lbs. Donated to Charity = 8,399



## 2022 Season Shares

Total Shares Available = 150 Applications Received = 70 Remaining Shares Available = 80



Applications are available on the mobile app or by request <u>Amy.rhodes@doc.org</u>

#### Food Insecure = 1 in 6 people in SW IN\*

Seton Harvest shareholders and volunteers helped provide fresh, healthy food in 2021 for community members in need through the following organizations:

- UCC Food Pantry
- Ozanam Family Shelter
- St. Vincent Early Learning Center
- St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry
- Evansville Rescue Mission
- House of Bread and Peace
- Grace Baptist Food Pantry
- All Saints Parish Produce Giveaway
- Mt. Olive Church Produce Giveaway
- SW IN Regional Council on Aging (SWIRCA)

\*http://www.tristatefoodbank.org/

# 2022 Upcoming Dates to Remember

February 19th

*Gumbo Cook Off*— Volunteers Needed! Contact <u>Julie.dietz@doc.org</u> for information.

March 31st

Returning Shareholder Application + \$50 Deposit Due

April 1st

Shares open to waitlist and the general public