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**Chris with all of the Volunteers for the FoodLink Program**

### **From the Farmers...**

Last season sometime in mid-September we gave a detailed newsletter describing the dilemma of being a farm highly diversified in both products and marketing. We compared and contrasted the three outlets we have for our produce; CSA, wholesale, and farmer's markets.

Now, we write newsletters every week, and I am the first to admit that some may be sleepers, but this particular newsletter drew more comments from our members than any in the history of the farm (over 12 years of these weekly reflections)

We appreciated what all of you said, and your efforts were appreciated, we thought about those comments and have taken a slightly different course of action for this season.

Hoping to increase the CSA portion of our farm we applied to Just Food, a NYC based not for profit that links farms with communities in the city seeking farm fresh sustainably grown food. We now have a small CSA site in Long Island City and are participating in Just Food's FoodLink Program. The FoodLink

program links our farm to 5 soup kitchens and food pantries in Long Island City, where there is very limited access to fresh vegetables (no farm markets or supermarkets). We bring 900 lbs of produce every Monday afternoon to the Center of Hope, and are met by volunteers who distribute the food. Chris then goes on the CSA site where we have 90 families picking up produce.

Though driving to the city every week is no small task, it has been a very enjoyable experience for us. Feeding people who need our food feels good, working with inspiring people makes it even better, and getting out of our very insulated life here on the farm is good. The people that we have been working with at Just Food have such a strong vision for our regional food system and do such important and practical work. It would have been an incredible amount of work for us to make the link with a community in the city without them.

The volunteers and the organizations that we are working with and bringing food to are getting our vegetables into the mouths of many people who would not be able to afford high quality organic produce. We feel great about this new development on our farm and welcome all of our new members in the city.

All the best, Katie & Chris

**Coming Soon...**

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