Market vendors donate to the Georgetown food bank

The Downtown Georgetown Farmers' Market has a new food sharing program in partnership with the Georgetown Bread Basket.

A 2015 pilot program, the Georgetown Farmers Market Food Share has been facilitating donations between the market's farm vendors and the Georgetown Bread Basket since the beginning of July.

Market Manager Sheena Switzer said, "This is an exciting new addition to the Georgetown Farmer's Market. As a community fixture that places such strong emphasis on the support of local farms and fresh food, it seemed like a logical next step for the market to facilitate the same availability for those who may not normally be able to access fresh local food."

At the end of the market day, staff from the Farmers Market collect produce from any vendors wishing to donate, then forward it to a representative from the Bread Basket.

The donated food is destined for the 400 clients that use the food bank on Sinclair Rd. on a regular basis. The distribution takes place on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. and again on Wednesday morning if there is anything left over.

From the Georgetown Bread Basket, "This is a wonderful opportunity for Georgetown a fresh food box ONCE per month. These are also supplemented weekly with basics such as potatoes, apples, carrots, onions and other seasonal items."



Bread Basket clients as normally, they only get Showing off the food donated to the Georgetown Bread Basket are: volunteers Mat Bilodeau and Mathew Bloomfield, Emily Hendrikx of Red Rabbit Farms, Sheena Switzer, Georgetown Market Manager, Don Burt of the Georgetown Bread Basket and volunteers Mark Bloomfield, Marin Shiell and Mary Shiell. Farmers Market vendors donate their excess produce to assist in meals for clients of the Georgetown Bread Basket. Photo by Ray Lavender

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