

PAY WHAT YOU CAN FARMERS MARKETS

Volunteer Opportunities:

Donate produce from my farm or garden

Whether you planted a row to donate, or find you have an abundance of produce, we're happy to receive your ripe, freshly picked produce.

We aim to have the highest quality produce at market, so please pick produce in cooler temperatures, only when ripened, and take care to store and transport produce with best practices (e.g. soak greens in water after harvesting, transport delicate produce in a cooler).



Do at home



Requires a car



On your own time

Pick fruit at Erie County orchards and deliver to the cooler

Like Pick Your Own, but you bring the fruit to our cooler! If you are unsure how to properly harvest fruit, be sure to do a quick search for a tutorial video before heading out. This reduces the likelihood of little pokes or tears in the fruit that would lead to it going bad before hitting markets.

We will direct you to discounted fruit opportunities and we will reimburse you for money spent on fruit.



Good for kids



Requires a car



Emergent need

Harvest produce donated by farms, residences, and in public spaces (gleaning)

Gleaning is the practice of collecting excess, edible food from that might otherwise be wasted, making it available to those in need.

That can look like harvesting plums from a tree that has ripe fruit, heading to a backyard garden to pick the vegetables from a neighbor who cannot do so, or going to a farm at the end of a growing season that doesn't have the capacity to harvest that row of produce.

Instead of wasting food - we send volunteers to harvest it and keep it in our food system.



Good for kids



Requires a car



Emergent need

PWYC FARMERS MARKETS

Assist at a farm stand (weekly commitment)

This a great opportunity for someone with a consistently open schedule before, during, and after a market. You may be asked to:

- · pick up produce from our cooler and bring it directly to market
- set up a tent, tables, and put out produce
- · keep track of money, and count donations at the end of market
- take down the market at the end and bring remaining produce to the cooler

Customer service, patience, and clear communication are important skills for this opportunity.



Public facing



Requires a car



Consistent need

Transport produce from farms to cooler

If you're someone who loves to drive, this is for you! We have relationships with farms in the City and County where we purchase, or receive donations, for markets. We can't be everywhere at once, and we need help bringing items to our coolers.

This is a great option for people who want an easy one-time or occasional opportunity. It also may work out that you consistently bring in produce, depending on your schedule and the need!



Requires a car



Emergent need



Consistent need

Donate goods, services, or sponsor a stand

Goods: we happily accept donated goods like reusable bags, brown sandwich bags, berry boxes, baskets, produce boxes.

Services: are you a wizard at something? Let us know!

Monetary: we accept donations of any amount!



Do at home



On your own time

Learn more about PWYC at builderie.org/hope/pwyc



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