

Gifts of Grain



While Iowa farmers are well-known for feeding the world, many are increasingly aware of how food insecurity affects their neighbors and communities. In response, some area farmers are stepping up and making a mark on their local food system by donating a portion of their yearly harvest to DMARC. A farmer can direct a portion of their harvest to DMARC through a local grain elevator. The crop donation is then sold and converted to cash that is used to buy food items distributed through the Food Pantry Network.

Growing Produce to Sell and Donate

Rinehart's Family Farm of Boone is one of DMARC's vendors for purchasing fresh vegetables. Aside from the produce we purchase, DMARC receives generous donations of sweet corn, tomatoes, and onions from Rinehart's. DMARC is proud to be able to support local growers while simultaneously providing fresh and nutritious vegetables for the people we assist through our Food Pantry Network.



Iowa Gardening for Good

DMARC has provided seed and necessary items to grow some of the fresh and healthy produce we need to Iowa Gardening for Good. Iowa Gardening for Good is a 501(c)3 organization created by the Blackmer family of Madrid that focuses on involving people in growing things of value for a good cause. The 20-acre hobby farm supports other feeding organizations aside from DMARC as well.

Meals from the Market

Sponsored by Great Western Bank, Meals From The Market offers vendors and patrons an opportunity to give back to the community by providing fresh food to people living with food insecurity in Greater Des Moines. Meals From The Market provides thousands of pounds of fresh food to DMARC food pantries through food donations from market vendors and purchasing produce with donated cash. Market vendors, patrons and the entire community are invited to help with this effort.

