

San Juan College Harvest Food Hub & Kitchen

Strengthening Local Food Systems

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Harvest Food Hub and Kitchen Mission

The Mission of the Harvest Food Hub & Kitchen is to grow and sustain the capacity of our food system and to positively impact our economy by connecting the community to accessible, fresh, and healthy local produce, food and artisanal products.



Our Role in the Local Food System

- Aggregation & distribution
 - Store Front 310 W. Animas
 - Online Platform for Custom Orders
 - Farmbox Program (CSA)
- Marketing & sales support for growers
- Education programs: Farm & Food Safety
- Partnerships with schools, institutions, and community organizations including all 6 local growers markets



Why Local Food Matters

- Supports small farmers and ranchers
- Increases access to fresh, healthy food
- Strengthens food security and resilience



Impact on producers

- 115 Businesses supported through food and farm Safety trainings allowing them to sell to institutions, and food banks
- 175 Businesses supported through marketing and sales trainings.
- 48 Producers supported through sales and distribution.
- 60+ Producers supported through one-on-one mentorship
- \$600,000 Revenue paid to producers through programs executed through the San Juan College Harvest Food Hub



Impact in Community

- **280** students supported through subsidized FarmBoxes increasing food security with healthy produce
- **900+** Community members supported through free produce distributions supported by San Juan College Foundation
- **1200** Families served through Holiday boxes that included local produce and beef.
- **150** Community members served through Harvest Health Bag programs that promote and teach healthy eating to at risk youth and Bariatric patients
- **70+** Jobs for New Mexicans through internships, seasonal employment, and year-round positions in both farming and food processing



Future Impact

- Complete Commercial Kitchen to support local food businesses, training programs, and job creation
- Grow Rural Partnerships to strengthen collaboration with farmers, schools, and organizations in rural communities
- Continue to support community organizations in sustainable food practices and access to fresh local goods



Challenges

- Infrastructure
 - Cold and dry storage
 - Distribution capacity
- Consistent funding to sustain staff and grow programs
- Policy support for institutional purchasing

Thank you for Supporting Local Food Systems

