



WARWICK AREA FARMWORKER ORGANIZATION FOOD PROGRAMS



Winter is one of the most common times of the year where food insecurity is prevalent when work is scarce for Farmworkers and their families. Summer is also an issue when children are home from school. WAFO has designed our support program around this seasonal schedule.

Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open year-round to the whole community. WAFO serves approximately 250 families during the year and in winter the number goes up to 300-350. We are open three days and one evening a week. As a member of the Hudson Valley Food Bank, WAFO is able to purchase foods at 19 cents per pound.

Hot Meals: Community meals were not possible during COVID so the program was reorganized to provide home delivered meals to up to forty people or as funding allowed. It is a great way to check in with the farmworkers as well in the winter isolation.

Community Garden: Ten garden boxes were built by our Boys Club with support from the Bruderhof Community. This year we plan to grow specific edible vegetables that can be used in food preparation in our new Demonstration Kitchen.

Nourish New York and Restaurant Resiliency Program: With the assistance of the Orange County Cooperative Extension program, WAFO has been able to participate in Nourish New York and the Restaurant Resiliency Program, which have been helpful in feeding families.

Dulce Esperanza Summer Program: During a seven-week summer period, WAFO provides over 9,000 meals and snacks to the children of farmworkers including breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack for 80-90 children five days a week.



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