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Hawthorne Valley Farm receives funding from Nourish NY to provide food to the Bronx

August 20, 2020, Ghent, NY – Hawthorne Valley Farm (HVF) has entered into a twelve week contract with Food Bank of New York City, funded by Nourish New York, to bring food to people in need as part of COVID-19 relief efforts. HVF is grateful to its partners at Just Food for making the connection.

HVF will deliver product weekly to the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway that runs a food bank serving 250-300 families in the Bronx. Each week, HVF will be providing 1-2 dairy products including whole milk yogurt and a combination of fermented cabbage products including sauerkraut and kimchi.

“Getting healthy, whole foods to all consumers is something we are passionate about at Hawthorne Valley,” says Zachary Fox Hill, Director of Sales & Production. “We made the first delivery last week, and everyone was very appreciative and excited to be getting our products. We hope this partnership is just the start of a long-term relationship to help meet the needs of families in the city.”

Quiana Mickie, Special Projects Consultant for Just Food, says, “Just Food is delighted to have made this good food connection between Hawthorne Valley Farm and the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway during such a critical time. It is our ongoing work to advocate for, as well as strengthen, our regional food value chain between small- and mid-scale farmers and NYC communities in need. It is our hope this partnership continues beyond the end of the Nourish NY.”

The Nourish New York program is providing \$25 million to food banks around the state to use to purchase products produced by New York farms. More information on the program can be found at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/NourishNY>.

For more information about Hawthorne Valley Farm, please visit <https://farm.hawthornevalley.org>.

For more information about Just Food’s work, please visit <https://www.justfood.org>.

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About Hawthorne Valley

Hawthorne Valley is a place to rediscover one's connection to nature, to how the food that we eat every day is produced, and to ourselves as participants in a dynamic social and natural ecosystem. Through the active production of food, educational programs for children and adults, ongoing social and scientific research, and the cultivation of a vibrant artistic community, we pursue a modern way of living embedded deeply in the natural world and emphasizing the social, ecological, and economic importance of agriculture in our daily lives.

Our integrated learning campus sits in a 900-acre Demeter-certified Biodynamic® farm in Ghent, NY, in the Hudson Valley's scenic Columbia County. Organized since 1972 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit, our initiatives include: an early childhood through grade 12 Waldorf school; on-farm education programs; a full-line organic/natural foods and grocery store; a Biodynamic creamery, organic bakery, and fermentation cellar; a 300-plus member Biodynamic CSA; social, ecological, and cultural research groups; teacher education programs; arts initiatives and more.

Our work is based on genuine human relationships, wonder and love of nature, and continued commitment to self-development and lifelong learning in a social context.

For additional information, please visit <https://hawthornevalley.org>.