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### FOOD SAVED FROM LANDFILL

Truckers Stone and London Chapter were headed to Farmville, Nebraska, while attempting to drop off 450 cases into a trailer of food to a reseller. They were notified the reseller could not accept the food because its expiration date was coming up in 30 days. The food would need to be disposed of or donated to an organization. The more Empty Pits (MEP) received the call and was able to help coordinate a plan.

Fortunately, the truck was able to park at MEP's Food Hub garage later that same evening while MEP staff and the Chapter's Transportation Team to collect the food and prepare for storage at the Food Hub. The next morning, [Sugar Grove Produce Farm Group](#) arrived ready to unload the food for distribution to three nearby locations in Lincoln: [Dunkin' Donuts](#), [New Haven Center](#) and [Joni Day Center](#). It was then 30 hours from the original call. The food had been processed and delivered to recipients.

MEP Facilitator Susan Whitfield said, "Well, we were the right folks to call because our focus for sure is food we are not heading to the landfill – and to someone table – a real and meaningful feeling of gratitude that food was heading to families and individuals who needed it."

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From February 20-24, No More Empty Pits is joining with CSA Innovation Network and others from across the country to celebrate CSA Week! According to Small Farm Census, the last week of February is the most popular week of the year to sign up for a CSA farm membership. They need to make media as we use this week to promote our CSA subscription program, Community Harvest!

#### Why Join a CSA through Community Harvest?

- Eat healthy more nutritious foods.
- Try new varieties of crops.
- Fresh, high-quality, flavorful vegetables.
- Support a local business.
- Know your farmer and where your food comes from.
- Care about the environment and how your food is raised.

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#### Congratulations, Cohort 1!

Watch the [podcast](#) [Community Harvest](#)'s latest graduation celebration to see a glimpse into the Cohort 1 graduates! 8 weeks spent with No More Empty Pits!

[Apply for a 2022 Cohort](#)



2022, No More Empty Pits was selected as a [Whole Food Community](#) Certified Green recipient. A Whole Food Foundation partner, [Lambert Farms](#), launched a give-back campaign called "Lambert Care" and donated a self-watering hydroponic Farmstand to MEP!

#### About the Farmstand

- Standings are organic and grown without soil year-round.
- Based Lambert Care's mission of providing a way for everyone – regardless of space, time, knowledge, income, or experience – to grow their own food quickly and easily.
- Grows everything from leafy greens like kale and lettuce varieties to your favorite herbs, strawberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplants, and so much more!
- Nicknamed "Aubrey 2" by MEP staff!



#### Do you know someone that would fit in here?

We are searching the community for candidates to fill 2 open positions on our team! No More Empty Pits is committed to valuing and supporting our employees who do the work every day of working our community.

[Job Seek: Director of Advancement \(FT\)](#)

[Job Seek: Community Calculator Assistant \(PT or FT\)](#)

[Job Seek: Facilities Specialist \(PT\)](#)



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