



## **Buy/Give Garden Shares**

***Unlike many local CSA and “buying club” programs, every single item in our shares is grown at The Fruitful Field in Pompano. Come see where your vegetables are grown!***

Subscribers to our Buy-Give Garden Share Program receive a weekly “share” of fresh, local vegetables and greens, all grown at the Fruitful Field using organic methods. And when you **Buy** a share, you also **Give** fresh, local vegetables and greens to local families in need, area food pantries, and soup kitchens. You also **Give** local youth first-job skills! Our paid-youth intern program GrowCity, now in its third season, provides valuable vocational and leadership skills to local teens working at The Fruitful Field.

The Fruitful Field shares program follows a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) system, in which subscriptions are purchased directly from your local farmer — in this case, TFF. All subscribers to the program share in the benefits and the risks of growing produce. This is a seasonal produce program, meaning that different greens, herbs, and vegetables will be available at different points in the season. Part of the fun of this program is trying produce that might be new to you, discovering new ways to use familiar greens and vegetables, and sharing in your triumphs and learning experiences with your farmer and your fellow subscribers.

## **CSA Share Options**

### **Greens Share**

Greens Share subscribers receive five good-sized bunches of different leafy greens weekly. Varieties will vary throughout the growing season. As an example, a greens share one week might include arugula (or other lettuce greens), mustard greens, swiss chard, dino kale, and collards.

*\$25 per week (\$100 per month)*

### **Garden Share**

Formerly called our “Sampler/Half Share”, this weekly changing assortment of seasonal greens and vegetables is intended for individuals or small families to enjoy during the week. Vegetables, greens, and herbs will vary throughout the growing season. For example, one week, this might include dino kale, arugula (or other salad greens), Sungold cherry tomatoes, and carrots, with basil, garlic chives, rosemary, mint, and cilantro. Each week, our Garden Shares will include either 2 bunches of greens and 3 types of veggies OR 3 greens and 2 veggies, PLUS 3 to 5 small bunches of culinary herbs: 8 to 10 items total each week.

*\$25 per week (\$100 per month)*

### **Family/Large Garden Share**

Family Garden Share subscribers receive a larger variety/quantity of seasonal greens, vegetables, and herbs. Contents of shares vary throughout the growing season, and will each week include a variety of bunches of greens (as examples, arugula and/or other salad greens, kale, bok choy, swiss chard, collards) and a variety of vegetables (for example Sungold tomatoes, heirloom eggplant, mixed peppers, french breakfast radishes, green beans) together with 3 to 5 small bunches of culinary herbs (for example, basil, garlic chives, parsley, rosemary, cilantro). Depending on the time of year and the specific produce items growing at that time, family share subscribers generally receive at least 12 to 15 different items each week.

*\$40 per week (\$160 per month)*

### **Questions?** Contact Tracy

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### **Growing Season Subscriptions**

This year, our Garden Shares program will run for approximately 27 weeks, from November 1 to April 28, give or take a week due to weather. (A limited number of early-start subscriptions are also available, beginning October 18.)

### **Share Pickups – Days and Times**

Pickups will be held each week except for the week between Christmas and New Year's Day (there will be no pickups on December 27 and 30). You can choose either Wednesday pickups (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.) or Saturday pickups (9:30 – 11:30 a.m.) as long as there are slots available for that day. If you choose Wednesdays, you'll pick up each Wednesday; if you choose Saturdays, you'll pick up each Saturday.

We are currently planning to hold pick-ups Wednesday afternoon/evenings and Saturday mornings at the outdoor kitchen area at The Fruitful Field. Additional pickup locations may be available in Lighthouse Point, downtown Old Pompano, and Hollywood. Please bring your own reusable bag when picking up your produce. Some of our subscribers have become creative about this and like to bring cooler bags, boxes, or even large scarves to pack their vegetables and greens in to take home.

### **What happens if I can't pick up my share?**

We want you to receive your produce each week, but if your share is not picked up by the determined end of pick-up time (6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays or 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays), it will be donated to a family in the community or to a local food pantry. If you know that you won't be able to pick up your share for a particular week, please let us know in advance (if possible) so that we can better plan our donations.

Some of our subscribers who know that they will be away designate a friend or family member to pick it up. It's a great way to introduce others to the joys of fresh, local produce. If you'd like to have someone else pick up your share for a particular week, please let us know in advance, so we know who to expect.

### **Alternating Shares**

If you are interested in sharing a share with someone else, you can designate a partner and arrange the details between you. Both you and your alternate must keep the same pickup day each week (i.e., always Wednesdays, or always Saturdays), as we need to keep harvest amounts consistent. You should arrange billing details between yourselves and decide who will be billed for the share.

### **Payments**

Payments are monthly, and set up in September through Paypal's automated system. This makes it much easier for everyone, both share subscribers and TFF.

The program can be ended by either the Subscriber or The Fruitful Field at any time. If you choose to stop, please coordinate it with the end of a billing cycle (end of month) as we cannot provide refunds for partial months. There are no refunds for donations already made to the program.

### **Tax benefit**

Payments are considered a donation; one half of the amount, "the Buy" portion of your share, is the value of goods received and is not deductible. The other half, "the Give," is tax deductible. Check with your tax professional to properly use this.