What started as a Covid project has become a joy and a mission. We’ve used several acres of our farm to organically grow sweetcorn and winter squash which we donate to food banks in the Twin Cities and Rochester. Our initiative has been a success, thanks to scores of volunteers that helped with the harvest and generous donors that came together to finance the project. In 2021 we donated over 18,000 pounds of fresh organically-grown produce to 7 local food banks and three regional distributors to food shelves across southern Minnesota and Wisconsin. [link to video? Thumbnail?]

This summer once gain we’ve planted corn and winter squash. As always we’re doing everything organically. Starting in August we’ll be delivering top-quality produce for distribution to local families. The need for nutritious food is still all around us. Since the onset of the pandemic, food shelf visits have been steadily rising. **Today, one in nine Minnesotans is experiencing hunger, compared to one in eleven in 2018. [update?]**

Please join us to raise funds to provide food shelves with locally and organically grown produce! Healthier foods are a priority for food shelves. We know that 93% of families who use a food shelf would like to provide more fruits and veggies for their families.

Use this page to make a tax-deductible donation to The Food Group. **All funds raised will be used to purchase produce grown in partnership with Dana Jokela, of** [**Sogn Valley Farm**](https://sognvalleyfarm.com/) [link]  **to be donated to a network of food shelves.**

I’m delighted to have connected with [**The Food Group**](https://thefoodgroupmn.org/) [link] whose mission and expertise align beautifully with ours. You can follow the progress of this year’s project at [Bob’s Blog](https://youngwalser.net/). Together let's provide food for today and change for tomorrow.