

Noonday Farm

Growing Together

Rooted in Community

Partnering with families to grow food and community



Tina Santos is the mother of one of the strong and dedicated families partnering with Noonday in the Community Roots program. “My husband and I have twin daughters and we have numerous health issues so we need to eat as healthy as possible” Tina explained. “One of our daughters has ADHD and sensory processing disorder. Food dyes, preservatives and pesticides have been linked to hyperactivity and health problems so we choose all natural and/or organic foods as much as possible, but they are expensive.”

In March, Noonday Farm received a generous grant from Heywood Healthcare Charitable Foundation to launch the **Community Roots Program**. The goal is to make local, organic and nutritious food more accessible to everyone; especially to the most vulnerable populations.

More than just setting up gardens at families homes, we are working long-term with families as well as the Winchendon Senior Center throughout the different seasons and stages of growing, harvesting, cooking and preserving food.

Community Roots has three main components:

“Everyone’s bodies are not meant to eat a lot of processed, pesticide filled foods, so we are excited to learn how to grow more organic vegetables and to eat healthier.” - Tina Santos

Food For Home

We partner with local families to grow their own produce in customized gardens at their homes.

Food For Thought

Workshops with the whole family to teach organic gardening, nutrition, cooking and food preservation.

Food for All

Continuing the fundamental work at Noonday of growing healthy food for those who need it most. 80% percent of what we grow is donated to local organizations for distribution to families experiencing poverty and food insecurity.



Community Roots Home Gardens...



Before & After...



Volunteers & Programs at Noonday



Over 25 people participated in the “Growing Winter Greens” workshop at Noonday sponsored by the **Northeastern Organic Farmers Association**. Bob & Beth explained greenhouse design, composting, renewable heating sources, food storage and organic growing.

As part of Harvard professor, Dr. Dan McKanan’s course, “Religion & Ecology,” graduate students from the **Harvard Divinity School** stayed the night at Noonday and participated in many activities at the farm.

The Winchendon School provided great support again during Earth Day, and sent many wonderful student volunteers to help get the growing season started.

Thank you to all of our generous supporters and volunteers!



Please Help Us Provide Eggs to Families Sponsor a Chicken



Noonday just welcomed **43 baby chicks** to the farm!

These hens will lay over **13,000 eggs** a year packed with essential nutrients that are donated to local families affected by poverty & food insecurity.

Noonday chickens eat organic grains, bugs, numerous plants & live happy cage-free lives under the Noonday sun! ☀️

SPONSOR A CHICKEN: \$150 for the year

This covers all the costs (hay, housing, food, and care) of providing family with 27 dozen organic cage-free eggs a year.

General donations to support the work of Noonday are also greatly appreciated.



Did you know farm fresh organic cage-free eggs cost an average of \$7 a dozen at farmers markets?

Welcoming Our Summer Intern to the Team!

Noonday Farm is pleased to have **Owen MacPhee** join us for the summer as an intern! Owen has been around the farm most of his life and is pleased to finally be working as part of the team. He joined because he wanted to be a part of the community and learn more about how he can give back to the people around him. Owen brings a lot of construction, farming and baseball skills to the team. Welcome Owen!



NOONDAY FARM, INC. IS A 501(C)3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OUR MISSION IS TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD STARTING WITH WHAT WE EAT & HOW WE LIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT FOOD IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT & WORK WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY TO GROW & PROVIDE ORGANIC PRODUCE & EGGS TO LOCAL FAMILIES AFFECTED BY HUNGER & POVERTY.



A BIG THANKS to local business, **Smith's Country Cheese**, for supporting the Community Roots program!

Bring a Group from Your School or Business to Noonday!

To create a **Customized Service Learning Program** or **Educational Workshop** contact us at info@noondayfarm.org or 978-297-1148

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"You cannot save the land apart from the people, or the people apart from the land."

-Wendell Berry