



## Example GTG End of Season Thanks Email

The Vineyard storehouse food bank manager wanted to pass on his thanks by letting us all know how vital our donations have been, "We are currently feeding approximately 175 people a week, all of which in one way or another, have produce that comes from the allotments.

*"Some of our clients aren't confident/skilled enough to take a fresh produce home and cook with it but with a bit of encouragement and instructions from our volunteers they have managed to enjoy new foods. We always ask and talk to them about if they would like fresh produce, as we are aware that if we gave it to everyone some of it would just get thrown away, the marrows were a real challenge because of the amazing amount we had but we have managed to make use of all of them! Our chef's face lights up when the fresh produce arrives and she makes good use of the produce in her meals that are then frozen and given out with food parcels (she really appreciates the fresh herbs). She has created several amazing curries with the marrows that came in and has helped advise us on simple recipes for our clients to try at home.*

*All of the fresh produce is really appreciated and nothing is wasted, potatoes, carrots, onions, cucumbers, lettuce and tomatoes are really useful, as everyone knows what to do with them! We have one client who asks every week for more of 'that lovely rhubarb', it has also inspired another client to start using her allotment again and gives us a weekly update.*

*The Grow to Give initiative has not only provided fresh wholesome produce for the food bank and it's clients but it has also inspired a great number of people. Covid-19 has unfortunately forced many people to use food banks for the first time in their lives but we are only able to help them because of the kind donations of food from our local community."*

Since Grow to Give started collecting at the beginning of June 2020 we have collected an amazing over 1100kgs of fresh food for The Vineyard.

This is down to a fantastic group of volunteers and allotment holders. Your generosity has been overwhelming at this very difficult time for so many. Below is a collage of just some of the produce you've given so generously



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