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Address _____

Phone _____
E-mail _____

Vegetable CSA

___ Whole Season (16 weeks) \$495
June 15 - Oct 1
___ Summer Only (8 weeks) \$275
July 6 - August 28
___ Fall Only (5 weeks) \$175
August 31 - Oct 1

Peg's Sunnyfield Brick Oven Bread

___ Whole Season (16 weeks) \$90
___ Summer Only (8 weeks) \$45
___ Fall Only (5 weeks) \$28

Value Share

*For fresh bread, please check
Wednesday or Friday for your pickup day
___ Veggies & Bread (16 weeks) \$570
___ Veggies & Bread (8 weeks) \$310
___ Veggies & Bread (5 weeks) \$195

___ Yes, I want to participate in the work share and
will complete at least 10 hours of volunteer time by
the end of the summer. **-\$50**

Total included \$ _____

Contact us if you are interested in a payment
plan.

Please choose a pick up time.

___ Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m.
___ Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. (Fresh bread
pickup)
___ Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. (Fresh bread pickup)

School's 2009 CSA Farm Share Program WELCOME



TO THE FARM!

Certified Organic Produce from the
Community School Gardens

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The Community

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!

CSA Members We Need Your Help!

2008 was a record year for the CSA; we had the largest membership, the largest distribution, the largest member workforce effort and the most fun in CSA history. Right now 2009 is shaping up to be an even better year for members of The Community School farm.

The Five Goals of Our Farm

Here at the farm, we have five major goals:

1. Operate as an educational tool for the school and community.
2. Provide a local, sustainably grown, food source for our community.
3. Provide a structure for community building.
4. Serve as an outreach entity for The Community School.
5. Reach Financial Sustainability.

How We are Reaching Our Goals

1. Teaching gardening and farm skill classes at The Community School.
2. Hosting on-farm events such as concerts, potlucks, garden tours, plant sales and harvest celebrations.
3. Distributing food through our CSA, farmers' markets, the farmstand, wholesale accounts and food pantries.

Our CSA Members Come First!

The CSA program incorporates ALL of our goals throughout the growing season. We believe that the CSA is important and we want to increase membership this season.

CSA members get us going in the early spring and help keep our spirits up through the season. For their commitment to our farm, we provide better-than-wholesale prices for their food. **In 2008, members received 20% more market value of food than their subscription paid for.** Although it's hard to estimate yields in a season, we hope to achieve comparable distribution rates this coming year.

The CSA is not the only way we meet our goals through food distribution. We a member of two farmers' markets, we have a farmstand, we have wholesale accounts and we donate food to pantries. But the CSA always comes first. We are proud to honor your

commitment to our farm by providing you with our **first quality** vegetables, flowers and herbs.

We Need 9 More Members This Season!

Our goal as a farm has always been financial sustainability, and each year we get closer. This past year we made great strides and reduced our budgeted deficit by half.

We are committed to the CSA component of our farm. It meets the greatest number of our goals and is integral to the long-term sustainability of our farm. Unfortunately, we receive less money for our vegetables through the CSA than through direct marketing. Money isn't everything, and isn't the reason that we are farming in the first place, but we need to find a way to reach financial sustainability.

This year we are continuing our commitment to the CSA model and further focusing on meeting the food needs of our community. **To make it financially possible to drop one farmers' market we need to increase our membership from 71 to at least 80.** We need your help recruiting new members. Word of mouth is the most effective form of marketing for CSA programs. Help us spread the word and make it possible for us to move towards a true community-based farm.

The Community Piece -

Work Share Opportunities

Farming is hard work. Good work. It is work made immeasurably more meaningful because of our CSA members. This season we are committed to providing more opportunities for members to become involved in the operation of the farm. We are also committed to creating more events for members to come together to enjoy the farm that they support.

Many members choose to work for 10 hours to receive a reduced CSA share cost. This season we

are creating a more proactive program that will present concrete options for working on the farm. **We are also requiring that all working members meet their work goal hours by the end of July.** Spring and early summer is when we need you folks the most and we want to make sure that there is good productive work for you to do when you come to the farm.

We are looking for working members who would be interested in:

- Helping organize our Sustainable Saturday Festival, or Plant Sale and Harvest Festival
- Coordinating CSA member potlucks
- Producing bouquets for our Farmstand and Farmers' Markets
- Harvesting vegetables (so we can get enough tender young green beans for everyone on time)
- Staffing the CSA distributions
- Weeding, we always need help weeding...

Please let us know if you are interested in any of these activities.

Fundraising Requests

The projects that we are looking to fund for this growing season include:

- We are always looking to provide our food to folks who would otherwise not be able to afford it. For that reason we try to offer a number of half-priced and donated shares so all members of our community can benefit from our CSA program. To make this possible, we need to find sponsors willing to absorb the additional cost of the share. Last year we were able to offer 1 reduced share to lower income families. We would like to increase that number to 6 this season.

We are also open to new project ideas. If you are passionate about sustainable agriculture and would like to partner with us on a specific project, we would be excited to get together for a discussion.

Because we are a 501c3 non-profit organization, all donations to The Community School Garden are tax deductible.