

Fresh from the Fields

A FARM TO FOODBANK NEWSLETTER

Sharing Food

- **2413 lbs.** purchased from **13 MoCo Farms**
- Supported **19 Food Assistance Providers (FAPs)**, **2** of which were **schools**
- Most purchased item: **529 lbs.** of **spinach**

Manna's All-Staff Retreat

On Friday, April 25th, Manna Food Center held its annual all-staff retreat. This event is an opportunity for team members to get together and connect over shared values, fun bonding activities, and enriching trainings. This year, Manna was honored to host **Tope Fajingbesi of Dodo Farms** and **Bridgette Downer of Chicken of the Woods Permaculture Farm**. They shared insight and wisdom from their farming journeys thus far, and the Manna team was eager to learn how they can support local farmers more.



Food Waste Prevention Week

In partnership with the **Montgomery County Food Council**, Manna hosted a celebratory Happy Hour at Brookeville Beer Farm to honor **National Food Waste Prevention Week**. The **County Executive** delivered a proclamation about the importance of reducing food waste, and it was great to see so many familiar faces join in on the fun!



Seeking

If you are looking for volunteers to help with on-farm picking and/or gleaning, please reach out to annarose@mannafood.org. We have had lots of interest lately with community members wanting to volunteer with local farms.

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Manna operates Farm to Food Bank in partnership with the Office of Food Systems Resilience, the Office of Agriculture, and the Montgomery County Food Council.