

# Thursday Market

In South Perry



We hosted 66 owner operated, hyper local small businesses



Gleaned 1,500 lbs of produce for distribution in low income housing programs



Distributed 325 early reader kids books to promote literacy

## Mission Statement

The South Perry Farmers Market engages the community by providing a weekly forum of exchange. Producers and consumers exchange resources, ideas, and experiences. The market makes a valuable contribution to the unique character of the neighborhood while providing leadership to the broader community. Our mission is to provide a community focused marketplace in the heart of the South Perry neighborhood that promotes and practices social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

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### INCREASE FOOD ACCESS

Everyone deserves access to fresh and healthy food.

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### SUPPORT FARMERS

In creating profitable and diverse selling spaces, our local farmers prosper.

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### CULTIVATE SAFE COMMUNITY SPACES

Farmers markets have that special, undefinable thing that brings people together

## What do we do?

Our local farmers markets serve the community in many ways.

- The 2021 Season was our best YET! We are proud of the part that we play in the **\$548,684** in total sales of our vendors.
- Our KERNEL program, though modified to be take home and COVID safe, still put \$5,500 into the hands of children to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Our 2021 SNAP sales continue to grow at \$23,625. Our 2022 goal is to increase access and awareness of the benefits of the SNAP program even more.
- Market Match, which is a dollar for dollar incentive for SNAP users, and is exclusive for fruits and vegetables - hence benefitting farmers directly, skyrocketed to \$19,811
- The highlights of the season were most notably our exciting partnership and ambassadorship of Spokane Parks Dept. With their support we were able to expand our space, and thus welcome many more vendors to our market. Also, the growth of our staff and volunteer base. Despite the record breaking temps and continued COVID restrictions, this year proved our best yet.



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- South Hill Pediatric Dentistry

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors! It really takes a village to make a market. We sincerely believe the Thursday Market serves as a point of intervention in the community, and are so grateful for the opportunity to bring people together.

## WHAT'S UP NEXT?

We are so excited to grow the impact we make on the lives of our growers, makers, shoppers and community. We believe everyone should have access, and education to fresh healthy food. We also love to bring FUN to our wonderful market. As we truly believe it the most effective gateway to a multitude of enrichment by coming to the market. This season, we are returning to in person KERNEL activities! We're also hoping to expand our kids book giveaway, which was a fan favorite and introduce a harvest festival featuring a fresh cider pressing! And, as always, looking for innovative ways to continue to advocate and support our local food community.

