

# THURSDAY MARKET

in the SOUTH PERRY DISTRICT

## Vendor Sales

- Total Sales: \$848,888
- Farmer Sales: \$379,456
- EBT, SNAP: \$29,847
- Market Match: \$20,420
- Carrot Cash: \$7,297
- KERNEL cash: \$4,382

## Community Impact

In 2023 EBT benefits were reduced to pre-COVID dollar amounts to benefit recipients. Additionally our Dept of Health funded, Market Match, was reduced from a \$40 cap to \$25. We chose to supplement the \$25, and maintain the \$40 with our "Carrot Cash". Additionally we distributed \$3830 of market vouchers to Grant Elementary students, Odyssey youth and Refugee Families with the intention to break barriers to accessibility.

## Vendors:

- 81 small businesses:**
- 30 farms
  - 21 food processors
  - 21 artisans
  - 9 prepared food



## Highlights

2023 was a real winner. In addition to our beloved vendors and business as usual, we invested in new and innovative community partnerships to increase the impact of the Thursday Market.

- Carl Maxey Center is a Black-led Black-centered neighborhood cultural center who we partnered with to host five Black owned small businesses throughout the season.
- Feast World Kitchen is a non-profit restaurant whose mission is to elevate and empower immigrants and former refugees as leaders, using international cuisine as a platform for economic resilience, holistic growth, and culture-sharing.
- The Repair Cafe made its Spokane debut at our market! Repair Cafés are free and they're all about repairing things (together). You'll also find expert volunteers, with repair skills in all kinds of fields ready to fix and ready to teach.





## Sponsors

Our community investments were made possible with support from our sponsors.

- CHAS Health
- Spokane Teachers Credit Union
- Avista Foundation
- South Perry Business and Neighborhood Association
- Smith Barbieri Foundation
- Spokane Parks and Recreation
- Inland Northwest Aeronautical Association
- Snapdragon Flower Farm
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Spokane River Keeper
- Ramstead Ranch

## Looking Ahead

2024 is underway- We've already got some fun projects in the works!

We are working with a local artist, Sally Jablonsky, to design, print and distribute a graphic novel to Grant Elementary, in our neighborhood, as a pilot project to teach kids how to shop at a farmers market.

Lights, Camera, Action! A docu-mini is in production with Get It Got It Media highlighting our makers and growers. We've got the filming done and look forward to its release.

