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To Whom It May Concern,

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Lamoille Community Food Share is pleased to support Salvation Farms' plan to renovate space at the Southeast State Correctional facility to expand their program.

We are a food pantry located in Northern Vermont serving our neighbors in need since 1981 and we have benefited from Salvation Farms work since 2006. So often solutions come from making the right connections. Salvation Farms saw food going to waste in farmers' fields and we have clients that benefit from access to fresh vegetables. This simple idea of gleaning allowed us to increase the nutritional value of our offerings.

The Vermont Commodity Program has allowed us to tap into the offerings being produced through their work with the DOC/VOWP. The potatoes we have received have been clean, packaged and ready to go. They are delivered to our pantry and the modest processing fee makes them very affordable. Salvation Farms has also flash frozen local vegetables and we tapped into a sampling of these. The possibility of offering these as an alternative to canned vegetables is very attractive to us.

There is so much good and right with their program: salvaging food, training inmates, and feeding those that might otherwise go hungry. It's an efficient response to the eternal problems of waste and hunger, implementing long-term practical solutions.

The value of this connection between farmers, the VT Offender Work Program and food shelves throughout VT cannot be overstated. We are hopeful that Salvation Farms can secure the funding needed to take this vital program forward.

Sincerely,

Joan Greene
President