Welcome to the lovely season of fall! There is so much to be thankful for this season. Although we don't usually like to boast, we are extremely grateful to the United Way of Greater New Bedford (UWGNB) for recognizing us with a special Community Partner Award. As part of their annual Live United Awards, we were honored for our work which focuses on resilient communities during this challenging past year. Thank you UWGNB for your recognition and partnership.

What's Growing On? September 2021 News from Grow Education

Students are back in school and Grow Education programming is gearing up for another exciting year of food education! The school's garden is a question that we are always asking ourselves: How can we introduce our students to the practices of sustainable agriculture in the classroom? We are always looking for ways to provide our students with the knowledge and practice they need to make better decisions about their food. 

In the cafeterias! Luckily, the school's garden beds are filled with the end of summer's harvest. We are excited to see all of the potatoes, kale, tomatoes, peppers, and more ready to be harvested and in the cafeterias! We have been experimenting with trying to add more local and sustainable foods to our school menus, which we are learning is not as easy as we thought. For example, introducing a new vegetable to our students is not enough; we need to try it several times for them to really learn to like it. This is a question that we are always asking ourselves: How many taste tests of a new or different vegetable it takes for a child to be accustomed to it (or even like it)? This is where our programming comes in! We are always looking for ways to provide our students with the knowledge and practice they need to make better decisions about their food. 

The Marion Institute is now enrolling participants in its three-part certification course, The Power of Food for Long-Term Health. Click here to register for our October 5th BioBites event. In addition to receiving an introduction to biological medicine, participants in all three Parts will experience immersive training in quantum-based diagnostic technologies and in the latest in diagnostic and therapeutic care. In breakout sessions, teams attending together will receive customized support as they order to best position themselves to be market leaders in the practice of biological medicine.

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At the Leading Edge in the Evolution of Healthcare

For nearly a quarter century, the Marion Institute’s BioMed Network (BMN) has sought to advance well-being through the promotion of biological medicine. Today, the BMN is partnering strategically to provide quality educational experiences that advance health concepts and impart skills in the latest in diagnostic and therapeutic care. In addition to receiving an introduction to biological medicine, participants in all three Parts will experience immersive training in quantum-based diagnostic technologies and in the latest in diagnostic and therapeutic care.

The Power of Food for Long-Term Health

The Power of Food for Long-Term Health is a three-part certification course taught by Dr. Dickson Thom, DDS, ND. This immersive three-part course provides a rare opportunity for healthcare providers and professionals working in related fields to learn the BioMed practitioners approach to patient care. In addition to receiving an introduction to biological medicine, participants in Parts II and III have been specifically designed to meet the evolving needs of healthcare professionals and their teams.

Over two weekends in February and March 2022, participants in Parts II and III will convene at the BioMed Center in Providence, Rhode Island to receive an interactive introduction to the latest in diagnostic and therapeutic care. In breakout sessions, teams attending together will receive customized support as they order to best position themselves to be market leaders in the practice of biological medicine.

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Welcome New Members of SFPC Community Advisory Board!

We are thrilled to announce and introduce the inaugural members of the SFPC Community Advisory Board! Our first Board! At the September 2021 meeting of the SFPC Community Advisory Board (CAB), our first Board meeting will take place on September 30th via zoom. The CAB will use the 2021 Food System Assessment Report for Southeastern MA as a roadmap for understanding the region’s food-related assets, defining progress made and challenges that linger since the last assessment in 2014, and identifying pertinent intervention points where policy change and decision-making at the local and state level can support a more equitable food system. Together, CAB members and the community have the potential to affect long-term systemic change.