

Dear Friend,

It is with great enthusiasm that we share some big news with you today. The Marion Institute has launched a new six acre, Farm-to-Food Relief program: **The Neighborhood Farm at Frogfoot** located on the Wareham/Plymouth line. For years, hunger among our neighbors within Southeastern MA has been well documented, yet it remains hidden.

- 1 in 3 consumers surveyed in our **2021 Food System Assessment** "often" or "sometimes" experienced food running out before there was money to buy more.
- An estimated 1 in 3 Massachusetts residents identify as food insecure, with children being especially impacted.
- Current rates of food insecurity are matching peak March 2020 numbers; food pantries are reporting an increase in the number of visitors they are serving while receiving drastically less product due to supply chain issues, inflation, labor shortages, and limited resources.

The Neighborhood Farm at Frogfoot, made possible by a partnership with **A.D. Makepeace Company (ADM)**, builds upon The Marion Institute's long history of incubating local food initiatives, our belief in the power of food as medicine, and the important role nutrition plays in supporting individual and community health.



Through a multi-year, low-cost lease agreement, The Marion Institute will manage all farm operations, which includes growing fresh produce for area food relief programs and using the farm as a base to develop a volunteer gleaning program in Southeastern, MA. Every year, thousands of pounds of food go to waste in the field because farmers either do not have the labor to harvest a crop or the market to sell it to. The Marion Institute's trained gleaners will work with regional farmers to harvest the crop before it's lost, and deliver it to local food pantries or commercial kitchens to be made into prepared meals for food-insecure individuals and families.

As it gets up and running in 2024, **The Neighborhood Farm at Frogfoot** will work collaboratively with our Southcoast Food Policy Council's partner organizations and stakeholders who themselves work diligently to increase access to fresh, nutrient-dense food for all.



(l. to r.) Chris Makepeace, ADM founder, Liz Wiley, ED of the MI, Jim Kane, Pres. & CEO of ADM, Margie Baldwin, Co-founder and Pres. of the MI.

Good nutrition is fundamental to the Marion Institute's mission of advancing a culture of health. We are proud to partner with A.D. Makepeace Company on this important work and we welcome your support as we leverage the ADM land contribution with individual, foundation, and corporate gifts to help our neighbors in need. To support The Neighborhood Farm at Frogfoot with a contribution, please contact Christy Mach Dubé via [email](mailto:cmach@marioninstitute.org) or 508.748.0816, ext. 118.

Interested in joining our volunteer gleaning crew? - [register here.](#)

With gratitude,



Liz Wiley
Executive Director

We are happy to announce our newest Marion Institute Board Member



Jamey Shachoy has joined the Marion Institute's Board of Directors and we couldn't be more thrilled. Jamey is a volunteer, director, and independent corporate advisor. He worked as Accenture's Chief Tax Officer and held various finance leadership roles with the company. Before Accenture, Jamey worked for a global accounting firm advising clients in the technology industry. He is a lawyer, CPA, and has taught international tax as a visiting professor.

Jamey is a Trustee Emeritus of the Zeiterion Theater and currently serves as Board Chair for Oxfam America. Jamey and his wonderful wife, Laura Ryan, have three children. They enjoy playing on the sea and in the mountains. Welcome Jamey!

Join the Eat Local Southcoast Challenge!

We all may have a general sense of the benefits of eating local - healthier diet, safer consumption, nutrient dense foods, social responsibility and local impact - but often the ease of running to the nearest grocery can overshadow these positive benefits, regardless of our best intentions. Until NOW...



Want to test your will, form new food purchasing and eating habits, and have fun while doing it? Join the [Eat Local Southcoast Challenge!](#) **The Marion Institute's Southcoast Food Policy Council challenges YOU to eat food from a 200-mile radius for 30 days, August 1 - 31st.**

When you register for the **Eat Local Southcoast Challenge** you will receive weekly emails full of tips and resources, including:

- Where to find local food and how to cook it;
- Resources to learn about "The Journey of Food in the Southcoast;"
- Share your experiences with other participants via social media using hashtags **#EatLocalSouthcoast** and **#EatLocalSoCo** - be sure to tag Marion Institute in your posts; and
- Volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved in the local food system.

Invite your family and friends to join you in the **Eat Local Southcoast Challenge** and let's Eat Local Southcoast together!

[Sign Up Here](#)

Join Us on August 15th for the Next Event in Our Summer Climate Series



Global climate change is not a future problem. It is here and we are experiencing its affects now. How do we address and prepare for climate impacts on the Southcoast?



On **Tues. August 15th from 5:30-7:30pm**, we will welcome **Dave Wiley, Ph.D.** Marine Ecologist at Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary "**Climate Change & Our Oceans.**"

If you would like to attend please register at bit.ly/misummerseries

Free and Open to the Public | Light Refreshments
Marion Music Hall, Front St, Marion, MA

Make sure to attend our August 1st BioBites

Please join us on [Tuesday, August 1st, 2023, at 12:00 ET](#) as **Christine Dionese**, Integrative Epigenetic Health Specialist and host of the podcast, *Well Examined*, guides us through the art and science of **epigenetics**: the study of changes in organisms caused by modification of gene expression rather than alteration of the genetic code itself.



[Click here to register for our August 1st BioBites Event](#)

Book Love presents Dr. Dickson Thom in conversation with The Marion Institute (virtual)



Join **Dr. Dickson Thom, author of *Begin Again***, on [Thurs, July 27th at 6:30pm](#) as he explores the link between brain trauma and chronic illness and provides a roadmap to health with his Brain Protocol. Through decades of work as a dentist and naturopath, Dr. Thom has helped thousands regain quality of life.

Dr. Thom will be joined by **Jessica Frank, The Marion Institute's BioMed Program Manager**. Registrants will receive a link ahead of time to join a Zoom livestream of the event.

[Register here for Book Love Event](#)

SAVE THE DATES!

Tues., September 26th 6:30-8:00pm

2023 Virtual Food Summit

"Food Waste and Food Recovery's Impact on Climate Change"

Thurs., October 5th (*Rain or Shine*)

Boogie at the Bog

In collaboration with A.D. Makepeace, Wareham, MA.

Wed., November 1st

Kilburn Mill, New Bedford 6:00-8:30pm

127 West Rodney French Blvd. New Bedford, MA

Tracy Kidder

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author

Dr. Jim O'Connell

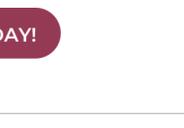
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