

# Harvest CROPS

Community Residents Offering Produce Seasonally  
501(c)(3) Charity Nonprofit Organization

2019 Annual Report

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*"Give us permission, so we can continue to fulfill our mission"*

*Mission Statement: Harvesting residential fruit with volunteers for the benefit of less fortunate people.*

The year 2019 represented ten years for Harvest CROPS, starting in 2009. Our first grand year total was 4,700 pounds from 22 residential harvests. Our first harvest was Lemon Grove



City Hall on Main Street. The founder noticed fallen lemons around City Hall's five lemon trees. He parked his car, walked in and introduced himself. Asking to harvest their lemon trees, he was told "Please have a seat." A first for her, the secretary had to ask management. After explaining our mission, the City Manager responded with an

exuberant "Yes!" Their lemons had been used as vandalism, broken building and car windows. We were the solution. On a Saturday morning, the founder, his wife and daughter harvested five lemon trees. With five filled buckets donated by Yum Yum's Donuts, an amazing 100 pounds were picked! The lemons were given to a nearby Lutheran Church Food Pantry. The same year, the Lemon Grove's Gazette news printed an article with pictures on Harvest CROPS. The following year, with St. John of the Cross Youth Group's collaboration, we doubled, near 10,000 pounds.



Harvest CROPS now averages 700 pounds at one residential harvest. With seven volunteers, traveling 40 miles round-trip, we harvest in less than three hours. Annually we harvest



over 60,000 pounds. In December, since 2009, we passed 400,000 pounds. All delivered free to limited income families and seniors, fresh residential fruit is made only possible by residents, volunteers and the public who financially donate to our mission. A village, residents who have, are more than happy to give to residents who have not. Harvest CROPS simply brings the two together. We are the middle link. We supply a seasonal abundance of fresh residential fruit that would otherwise rot—if no one fills the gap.

Now on our eleventh year, our mission is only made possible with the public's shared vision in support. Not only do we save residential fruit from waste, we also contribute to our environment. Less wasted fruit to the dumps means less unnecessary methane gas (major contributor to global warming). Representing San Diego County, three million residents, together we can make a difference for our younger generations. Our win/win nonprofit continues to receive calls from our seasonal loyal residents, on top of new residents who are excited to discover us. We strongly feel we are in the right direction, growing in demand. We provide a free all-volunteer service, not only to pick fruit, but also save our precious



planet.

We received close to \$1,500 from our November and December news updates. Our annual budget is less than \$5,000. Short \$3,500, please

San Diego County, support our mission where everyone wins. Please help us to continue providing our free residential community services with a cash tax-deductible donation.

Please make check payable to:

Harvest CROPS  
2112 Ensenada Street  
Lemon Grove, CA 91945

or click [www.HarvestCROPS.org](http://www.HarvestCROPS.org) Click our “[Donate](#)” button (right side column).



Attached is our annual end-of-year report 2019.

# 2019 End-of-Year Report

## Summary

Description	Value	Notation
Provided	<b>\$ 62,440.00</b>	Free Fruit
Expenses	<b>\$ 3,190.60</b>	Annual Budget
Results	<b>\$ 59,249.40</b>	<b>Given Free</b>

Please...

**Staff** All volunteers, to include three board members. No salaries were paid

## Residential Harvesting

2019	Total	Monthly Average
Pounds	<b>62,440</b>	<b>5,203</b>
Market Value <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$62,440</b>	<b>\$5,203</b>
Harvest Visits	85	7
Miles	3,555	296
Volunteers	5,321	443
Hours <sup>3</sup>	17,424	1,452

<sup>1</sup>\$1.00 a pound

<sup>3</sup>All Volunteers



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## Finance

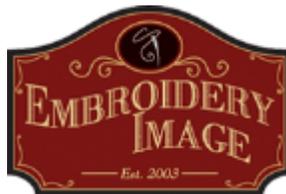
Received	Dollars	Count	Averages
Cash	\$ 3,840.64.00	26	\$ 147.72
Equipment	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$ 3,840.00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$ 147.72</b>
Paid	Dollars	Count	Average
Gasoline	\$ 1,368.43	43	\$ 35.09
Insurance	\$1,190.78	2	\$ 595.39
Marketing	\$ 180.76	12	\$15.06
Administration	\$ 208.33	8	\$ 26.04
Materials	\$ 230.45	4	\$ 57.61
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,190.60</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>\$ 29.27</b>
<b>Bank Account End-of-Year Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 1554.63</b>		

# Thank You for Your Tax-deductible Donations

## Individuals

<i>Barbara Taylor</i>	<i>Dan Cohen</i>	<i>Sharon Sabala</i>
<i>Cindy McLaurin</i>	<i>Andrea Savage</i>	<i>Jerry Bice</i>
<i>Erlene M. Johnson</i>	<i>Dan Gardner</i>	<i>JoAnna Worster</i>
<i>Jeannine Sullivan</i>	<i>Stephanie Van Zant</i>	<i>Mary Kujuellis</i>
<i>Linda Romanow</i>	<i>Karla Cochran Padilla</i>	<i>...and Anonymously</i>

## Local Businesses



Please ask how to contribute. Support our mission. We are available for presentations at meetings. Be a part of our growing success, feeding people in need with fresh residential fruit. You can make a difference!  
Simply email, text or call for details [Please donate today, tax-deductible.](#)