

## How 1 program in Seattle brings farm-fresh food to those in need | GMA Transcript (English)

- Ginger Zee:** And now we go to an extraordinary program in Seattle that brings farm-fresh food to the tables of those who need it most. This segment is sponsored by Wells Fargo, which has teamed up with Feeding America to run drive-up food banks around our nation. Here's the story.
- On-screen text:** Farm-to-table to food bank. Vegetables harvested just for those in need
- Ginger:** On this 10-acre farm just north of Seattle, Washington –
- Father Jim Eichner,  
Manager of Food  
Bank Farm:** [picks vegetable] That's a perfect one right there.
- Ginger:** Everything grown is not for sale. Instead, it's harvested –
- Father Jim:** These are really nice.
- Ginger:** And donated to a local community food bank. It's a mission of compassion for Father Jim Eichner.
- Father Jim:** So I thought, what if we can grow just for the food bank, and we'll give them first pick – fresh stuff.
- Ginger:** The farm grows seasonal, hearty vegetables.
- Father Jim:** We're growing mostly winter squash. We grow that because it's durable. It doesn't bruise easily, so that's a really good crop for the food bank.
- Ginger:** And because of the current crisis, this year more than 54 million people may experience food insecurity, including a potential 18 million children. So, our sponsor Wells Fargo is teaming up with Feeding America, creating drive-up food banks in more than 30 locations in some of the country's hardest hit communities.
- On screen text:** Pledge to provide 50 million meals. Drive-up food banks helping hardest hit areas

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**Sound:** Honk

**Ginger:** Today, we're in Seattle, Washington.

**Food Bank Volunteer:** Good to see you!

**Ginger:** Where volunteers are distributing Father Jim's farm-fresh vegetables as part of their boxes.

**Lara Underhill, Wells Fargo employee:** Jim's farm is like a farm-to-table distribution, so it's fantastic.

**Food Bank Volunteer:** One of everything!

**Linda Nageotte, President & CEO, Food Lifeline:** We'll see between 500 and 750 cars today. There may be folks in those cars that represent one, maybe represent five households. We'll distribute tens of thousands of pounds of food that all families need to make nutritious meals.

**Ginger:** It's a commitment to provide 50 million meals, stretching from the East Coast -

**On-screen text:** Fort Mills, SC

**On-screen text:** Winston Salem, NC

**Ginger:** To down south -

**On screen text:** Houston, TX

**Food Bank Volunteer:** Come up here, Sweetie.

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**Ginger:** To the West Coast.

**On-screen text:** Mesa, AZ.

**Food Bank Recipient:** Thank you! Have a good night!

**Ginger:** Extending support to neighbors and friends who need it the most.

**On-screen text:** Seattle, WA

**Lara:** This need is not going to end, even when the pandemic ends, and so we really need to keep this support going.

**Food Bank Recipient:** Thank you!

**Ginger:** These drive-up food banks are going to be available until the end of October. You can learn more about the program and find a distribution event near you by going to Good Morning America's Facebook page.