



## A Note to Our **Community**

To our incredible volunteers, donors, partners, and advocates: Thank you for being the heart of the JK Community Farm! Your commitment to the farm has helped us grow from a grassroots idea into a vital resource for our region. That's why I wanted to share exciting news. We are in the planning stage of building a Food Education Center at the farm.

The center will:

- 🌱 Provide essential infrastructure like restrooms, cold storage, and shelter for the thousands of students and volunteers who join us each season
- 🌱 Offer space for hands-on nutrition and agriculture education aligned with Virginia's Standards of Learning
- 🌱 Provide a kitchen for flash freezing and preparing value-added products, so families have access to nourishing food that lasts longer, is easier to prepare, and remains available during the winter months. This is especially helpful for those juggling multiple jobs and with limited time.
- 🌱 Host mission-driven events like farm-to-table dinners, workshops, and hopefully even weddings where the revenue supports our operations and provides meals for families in need.

The farm is in conservation easement to ensure that it is protected from development and saved for future generations, however we are permitted by-right to build an education center on our property. We've asked the county for a minor special exception to host a small number of private events each year, allowing us to generate essential revenue to sustain and expand our nonprofit work.

The center balances our commitment to the land and hunger relief. Our goal for the center is resilience, sustainability, and expanding food access while preserving the beauty and purpose of this land. We will be hosting in-person information sessions in the coming weeks, and we'd love to connect with you face-to-face, walk the land together, and share more about our vision.

I also wanted to take a moment to reshare our story, where we began, how we're funded, and the vision that guides us. In 2018, I asked my parents, owners of JK Moving, if I could use a piece of unused farmland to start a nonprofit that would grow and donate food to families facing food insecurity. They generously offered the beautiful property we now call home, and the JK Community Farm was born.

From day one, we've operated independently as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, powered by volunteers, driven by purpose, and deeply rooted in our mission: to grow healthy food for families in need and connect our community to the land, to each other, and to the food we share. While we're endlessly grateful for the gift of land, the JK Community Farm is also made possible by:

- 🌱 Individual donors, board members
- 🌱 Corporate and foundation partnerships
- 🌱 Community grants
- 🌱 Volunteer-led fundraisers
- 🌱 Mission-aligned event revenue

The farm welcomes an average of 7,000 volunteers each growing season, many from corporate teams, who help us plant, tend, and harvest over 247,000 pounds of food each year, all of which is donated to food pantry partners like Loudoun Hunger Relief, Food for Others, AFAC, and DC Central Kitchen.

Together we are building a nonprofit that is about the families we serve, the kids who learn here, the volunteers who show up in the rain and the sun, and the belief that a small farm can make a big difference.

As we take this next step, we're here to listen, to grow, and to continue serving with care, compassion, and transparency. If you have questions, please reach out to me at [samantha.kuhn@jkcommunityfarm.org](mailto:samantha.kuhn@jkcommunityfarm.org). Thank you for your time, support, and belief in a future where healthy food is a right, not a privilege.

**With gratitude,**  
**Samantha Kuhn & the JK Community Farm Team**