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G.I.F.T. Program Collects Over 6,800 Pounds of Produce in Fourth Year

SUMMIT, NJ, January 4, 2016 – Summit Downtown, Inc. would like to thank everyone at the Summit Farmers Market who graciously donated fresh food to the G.I.F.T. program during the 2015!

The Summit Farmers Market celebrated its twentieth anniversary this year, while G.I.F.T. is in its fourth year at the market. G.I.F.T., which stands for “Give It Fresh Today,” is inspired by an initiative with the same name started by a teacher at a farmers market in Honolulu, Hawaii. Fresh food, especially produce, is collected from vendors and customers alike, and then donated to those in need. Extra produce from customers’ home gardens is welcomed, too. This year, over 6,800 total pounds of fresh food were donated to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Ann’s Food Kitchen. Special thanks to volunteers from St. Ann’s, St. Teresa’s, and the Junior League of Summit for manning the booth each week.

The G.I.F.T. program has been so successful that Summit Downtown, Inc. is accepting applications from community nonprofit organizations interested in receiving fresh food from May-November. Interested groups must be able to come to the market on Sunday afternoons and transport the produce to their facility. Please call 908-277-6100 or email office@summitdowntown.org for more information.

The Summit Farmers Market is open 8AM to 1PM every Sunday from Mother’s Day to Thanksgiving. The twenty-first season will begin on May 8, 2016.

Summit Downtown, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the on-going development and promotion of the business community in downtown Summit, NJ.

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