

DOWNTOWN HARVEST, CSA

(Sponsored by OLC Catholic Church)
120 Sussex Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Membership Agreement 2011

Membership Share: \$515 (\$540 after April 1, 2011)

To Register:

- 1) Fill out form**
- 2) Deliver completed form and payment to the address below. Please note that there are a limited number of shares, and registration will close when we reach the limit.**

Please make checks or money orders payable to: **Starbrite Farm.**

Mailing Address:

Starbrite Farm

c/o Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church
120 Sussex Street – Jersey City, NJ 07302

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____

Phone(day) _____ Phone(evening) _____ Phone(cell) _____
(Answer all available and indicate how you like us to reach you.)

Authorized Name(s) to pick-up share(s) _____

How did you hear about Downtown Harvest? _____

Have you been a member of Downtown Harvest before? _____. Which year(s) _____

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

I commit to membership in the DOWNTOWN HARVEST, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) for the 2011 harvest season (June-October). I understand that while I may transfer ownership of my share to another person, there are NO REFUNDS. The establishment of this CSA is dependent on securing a sufficient number of members. If there are an insufficient number of members, or if the CSA reaches its membership limit and my application was received too late, my payment will be returned to me.

Starbrite Farm will deliver the harvest to the OLC Church garage at 120 Sussex Street, Jersey City for 22 weeks from June into October on Wednesday evenings. The date of the first pick-up is dependent on the growing conditions and will be communicated to members closer to the actual date. I will pick-up my share at the OLC Church on Wednesday evenings between 5:30pm-8:00pm. I understand that if I do not pick-up my share during this time, it will be donated to the Emergency Food Pantry operated by Our Lady of Sorrows in Jersey City.

I understand that in addition to my payment of \$515 for a full share (\$540 after April 1, 2011) (*NOT tax deductible*):

- ✦ (Initial here)_____ I will contribute \$15 to Downtown Harvest toward the administrative costs of the CSA. I will bring cash to the first pick-up date.
- ✦ (Initial here)_____ I must volunteer a designated amount of time or ability in support of the Downtown Harvest CSA.
- ✦ I agree to allow Downtown Harvest to include my e-mail address in a membership list. This is the CSA's primary method of member communication. I agree that I will not use members' e-mail address lists to promote my personal interests.

The CSA share:

- ✦ As a member of the CSA, I will receive a weekly share of produce. The shares will vary by size and weight depending on the time of the season.
- ✦ One aspect of CSA is that members support their farmer by sharing in the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season.) CSA farmers purposely plan for such contingencies, and use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk to members and optimize the rewards: growing a wide variety of crops that thrive in different types of conditions, cover cropping, crop rotation, and irrigation. Moreover, the CSA builds relationships of trust between the farmer and community group. On the whole, members will get a wide variety of vegetables in plentiful amounts. **Therefore I agree that while Starbrite Farm will act in good faith to provide fresh organic produce for the duration of the season, there is no guarantee of quantities or contents of weekly shares.**
- ✦ I am aware that it is necessary to inspect and wash all produce thoroughly before consuming.

Volunteer Service Requirement: (Mandatory)

Downtown Harvest is operated entirely by volunteer effort, and each member is required to contribute his/her time at least once during the season. Most members do this by working one delivery night. Please note that if members are scheduled and cannot come, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.

- I'd prefer to physically help out during delivery hours (only one full shift required.)
- I'd prefer to help in other ways, such as planning social events, calling members about information, etc.

Describe any specific talents or note comments below:

_____ I am interested in joining the CSA Core Group, which involves playing a role in organizing and running Downtown Harvest, and various social and educational events for 2011.

SHARE OPTIONS:

_____ 1. I would like a full share, and enclose \$515 (\$540 after April 1, 2011)

_____ 2. I understand that there are no half shares. I would like to split a share with a partner (either alternating weeks, or dividing a share each week. I understand that my partner and I will determine how we split our share. My partner's name is _____. (Please complete the split partner agreement on page 3.)

_____ 3. I would like to make a contribution of \$_____ toward a share to be given to the Emergency Food Pantry operated by Our Lady of Sorrows in Jersey City. This emergency food provider helps our neighbors who are experiencing an emergency need for food, providing them a 'life raft.'

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

For questions and comments: downtownharvest@yahoo.com



MEMBER SPLIT SHARE PARTNER AGREEMENT - DOWNTOWN HARVEST
(This page is only necessary for those splitting a share and registering both partners)

_____ and _____

agree to split a membership full share in Downtown Harvest 2011 season.

We understand:

- ✦ It is our responsibility to decide how to split our share, whether we alternate weeks or divide a week's share.
- ✦ The full share must be picked up at one time on the pick up day. If we wish, we may leave a labeled bag with the check-in volunteer for our share partner to pick up later in the evening.
- ✦ Our farmer cannot guarantee that the share can be halved exactly.
- ✦ Downtown Harvest will list both names in membership records.
- ✦ Each split share member is required to volunteer his/her service to Downtown Harvest

Contact information for the second partner:

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____

Phone(day) _____ Phone(evening) _____ Phone(cell) _____

(Answer all available and indicate how you like us to reach you.)

The people authorized to pick up our share are:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____