Become a Partner

Do you work with vulnerable children and families?
Are you passionate about access to healthy food?

What is Hoophouses for Health?
Hoophouses for Health is a program designed to increase access to fresh, local fruit and vegetables for vulnerable families while at the same time expanding the season extension capacity of Michigan farmers.

What is a Hoophouse?
Hoophouses are large, plastic-covered structures similar to greenhouses built to extend the growing season. Farmers from across the state use hoophouses to provide fresh, healthy, and locally-grown fruits and vegetables directly to vulnerable families at farmers markets and through schools.

It takes a community to make this program successful, and partners like you can help make sure that children and families get the fresh, healthy foods they need.
How Does the Program Work?

Michigan Farmers Market Association provides community partners with vouchers

Community partners distribute vouchers to families

Families receive vouchers and instructions on when and where to use them

What Would My Role Be as a Partner?

Hoophouses for Health Community Partners help implement the program in the following ways:

- Distributing Hoophouses for Health vouchers to participating families through home visits, socializations, or at-market distributions
- Maintaining records of voucher distribution
- Teaching families how to use Hoophouses for Health vouchers
- Introducing families to farmers markets and educating them about nutrition
- Participating in monthly conference calls with our Hoophouses for Health team to provide updates and insight

How Can I Get Involved?

Visit www.hoophousesforhealth.org and click Community Partner Information under Resources to download the Community Partner Commitment Form.

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