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Providence Farm Collective is Growing the Future of Farming—right here in Western New York!

Through investment and partnership by our greater community, Providence Farm Collective is a leader in building resiliency, sustainability, and equity in our regional food and farm systems. While most grants provide organizations like ours with program support, very few provide operations support. It is through investments like yours that provide unrestricted funding that empower PFC to cultivate farmer-led and community-rooted programs for just and equitable access to food and farmland.

As the federal government cuts essential funding for nonprofit organizations, vital regional agriculture and food access programs like ours are at risk of being lost. Your investment in our work is more important than ever. Thank you for joining us!



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We are happy to share more information with you, including details about partnership opportunities, programs, and news.

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Growing the Future of Farming



PFC International Farmers Market: A Community-Driven Food Revolution

Farmers markets across New York State anchor resiliency in our food system and the communities they serve. In fact, “by the community for the community” explains why every market uniquely provides a wide range of farm fresh offerings and a different experience to meet the needs of its local customers.

The PFC International Farmers Market is more than just a place to buy vegetables—it’s a vibrant, farmer-led initiative that reimagines food access, economic empowerment, and cultural preservation in Western New York. Located at 130 Grant Street, this market is a beacon of resilience and innovation, created “by our communities, for our communities.”

Rooted in Culture, Grown with Purpose

Culturally Important Crops: PFC farmers grow and sell produce that reflects the rich culinary traditions of Buffalo’s immigrant and refugee communities. Shoppers can find: Bitterballs (African eggplants), Roselle, African maize, sweet potato leaves, specialty hot peppers and squash, Asian eggplants, okra, and more.

These crops are often unavailable in mainstream grocery stores, making the market a vital source of culturally appropriate nutrition.

Making Fresh Food Affordable, Revitalizing a Neglected Neighborhood

Located on the West Side of Buffalo, a USDA-designated food desert, the market injects vitality into a historically underserved area. The market acts as a multiplier in the local economy, supporting not just farmers but also nearby businesses and community organizations. The presence of fresh, locally grown food fosters health, pride, and economic activity in a neighborhood that has long been overlooked. The market accepts SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb), WIC, and Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers, ensuring that low-income families can access fresh, organic produce.

Empowering Farmers, Strengthening Communities

Direct-to-Community Sales: PFC farmers continue the tradition of selling directly to their neighbors, building trust and relationships while eliminating middlemen.

Income Supplementation: The market provides a crucial revenue stream for farmers, many of whom are immigrants and refugees rebuilding their lives through agriculture.

Fair Compensation: This is another example of how PFC innovates solutions that fairly compensate farmers while increasing food access—ensuring sustainability for both growers and eaters.

The PFC International Farmers Market is a living example of how grassroots innovation transforms food systems.

Upcoming Events

At Providence Farm Collective, we cultivate a vibrant community through volunteer and engagement opportunities, special events, and community craft workshops.

Be sure to check the PFC website regularly for upcoming events. Another way to stay up-to-date on ways to connect: Subscribe to the PFC Newsletter.

October Corn Husk Wreath-Making

November Block Printing with Vegetables

February Basket Weaving

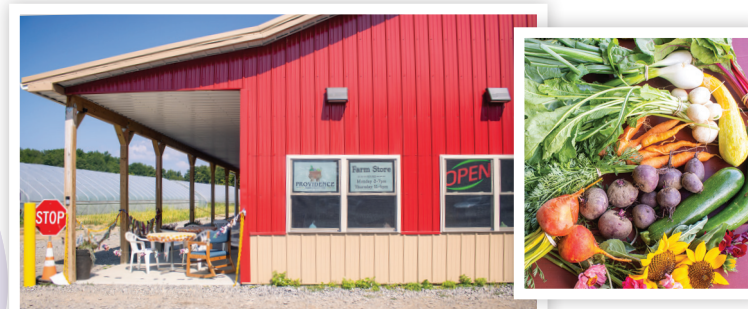
March Cornhole Game-Making for the Whole Family



Support Your Local Farmers

Shop throughout this October at the PFC Farm Store, 5701 Burton Road in Orchard Park. Every week there is a new assortment of in-season, just-harvested, organically grown vegetables for sale, along with PFC merchandise, honey, and until frost, flowers. The store is open on Mondays from 3:00 – 7:00 PM and on Thursdays from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Coming Soon: Sign-up for Providence Farm Collective’s 2026 CSA Farm Share. Be sure to regularly check the PFC website and also sign up for our newsletter to stay informed!



Urban Farming in Buffalo—Kandolo Makongo

Kandolo Makongo, a seasoned incubator farmer at PFC, launched his Kandolo Farm business on Buffalo’s East Side this season. Since making his home in Buffalo, Kandolo has dreamed of his own farm. This year his vision became a reality as he was guided by PFC’s Farm Mentor Mo, Farm Director Beth, and PFC board member Rebecca Redwood to secure a turn-key urban farm not too far from his home. Alongside partner organizations Buffalo Go Green and Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust, Kandolo is accessing more farmland and increasing production of key cultural crops to meet the produce needs of his growing customer base.

“The farm that I have in the city makes me happy,” Kandolo shares. “I feel free at all hours to work when it’s most convenient for me. I can irrigate whenever, and it’s close enough that my kids can walk over and work with me. I’m trying to build a fence to keep pests and critters out, and I’m hoping to get plastic for a high tunnel to extend my growing season.”

We’re proud to celebrate the incredible milestone of one of our farmers launching independently. This is the heart of our mission: building farms, launching thriving farm businesses, and supporting a food system that works for all of us. Every success like Kandolo’s is a reminder of what’s possible when we invest in people, land, and community.

