



Community Farm & Educational Centre

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Dear Mr. Gable and County Councillors:

Thank you for this opportunity to introduce you to *Shared Harvest Community Farm and Educational Centre* located at 834 North Shore Drive in Dunnville. *Shared Harvest* is a subsidiary of the registered 'not for profit' *Triple Bottom Line for Sustainability Inc.* and is now in its 6th year of operation.

With Dunnville's first organic Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) program, *Shared Harvest Community Farm* provides shareholders with weekly boxes of fresh, locally harvested organic produce that is affordable by all. Additionally, in order to meet its vision of "creating a world where all people have access to nutritious, environmentally sustainable and fairly traded food", *Shared Harvest* offers the "*Let's Eat Right Dunnville*" program in which low income CSA shareholders receive a food box at a highly subsidized rate, namely 1/3 of the market price.

To date, Farm Managers Kevin Hamilton and Sandra Claudi have worked to create a sustainable farm business and the volunteer board of *Triple Bottom Line for Sustainability Inc* is well situated to embark on the next phase of development. The following goals for this phase have been identified as:

- To expand *Shared Harvest's* use as a community space for education on food sustainability and environmental protection.
- To provide an attractive community space for celebrations, workshops, arts events, etc.
- To promote *Shared Harvest* as a tourist destination including but not limited to agri-tourism and eco-tourism

On behalf of the board, we respectfully submit the enclosed Haldimand County Rural Business and Tourism Community Improvement Grant Application for your consideration.

Thank you for this opportunity
Sincerely

Barbara and Reza Kazemi
TBL for Sustainability Inc.