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### **Sustainable Wheat Ridge Partners with Mobile App to Supply Family Tree Clients with Fresh Produce**

**WHEAT RIDGE, Colo., Sept. 3, 2020** –Sustainable Wheat Ridge, a volunteer group sponsored by the City of Wheat Ridge, has become one of several organizations to support [Fresh Food Connect](#)'s new mobile app. Denver Food Rescue, Boulder Food Rescue, and Colorado Springs Food Rescue as well as Wheat Ridge Family Tree are receiving fresh produce from local gardens through this collaborative program for distribution to the families they serve.

Fresh Food Connect's mobile app coordinates the donations of home grown produce to local non-profit organizations like Family Tree. Gardeners sign up via [Fresh Food Connect's mobile app](#) and indicate when they have extra produce. Family Tree will appear automatically as the Wheat Ridge option when gardeners type in 80033. Gardeners then list what they are donating and upload a photo and then deliver their produce to Family Tree during the times listed. Family Tree will distribute to people living in their domestic violence shelter and/or to people experiencing homelessness who are receiving support services.

"Many of us backyard gardeners harvest more than we can eat so this is a way to donate that fresh food to neighbors with less access to fresh vegetables," said Laura McGarry, member of Sustainable Wheat Ridge. "This program reflects the amazing generosity of our community and we thought it would be a perfect fit for Wheat Ridge."

In collaboration with hunger-relief organizations, Fresh Food Connect currently facilitates the donation of food from gardens that might otherwise go to waste in 111 zip codes throughout Colorado, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Fresh Food Connect continues to grow its impact by partnering with organizations around the country.

#### **About The City of Wheat Ridge**

The City of Wheat Ridge, located west of Denver with a population of 31,000 residents, is home to a mix of retail/commercial businesses and unique residential neighborhoods. Wheat Ridge is a vibrant community in a prime location, providing easy access to the Denver metro area and to recreation west into the mountains. The City was recently ranked Top Smallest City by the Economic Development Council of Colorado. Info about Wheat Ridge [ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://ci.wheatridge.co.us)

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