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IMMIGRANT FARMERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS COME TOGETHER TO GROW FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED

Northwest Harvest is Collaborating with Living Well Kent, King Conservation District, and the Hall Family Foundation on Building Greenhouses and Farms that Supply Fresh Produce to South King County

(Seattle, WA – July 13, 2018) Members of the local media are invited and highly encouraged to attend the public open house and dedication of the **Auburn Greenhouse Project**. This multi-organizational initiative is a product of Northwest Harvest's vision of bringing diverse organizations, food justice allies, and a community of volunteers together – all with the goal of improving access to nutritious food for those in our communities who struggle against hunger.

This truly unique project utilizes the agricultural skills of South King County's growing immigrant community to provide nutritious, diverse, and culturally favored foods directly where the need is greatest.

This event is open to both the media and the general public.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, July 14
- Time: 10:00am-2:00pm
- Location: Auburn Greenhouse Project, 3430 Academy Way, Auburn, WA 98092
- Activities include: meet and greet with the farmers and project partners, barbecue, unveiling plans to expand food access, and sharing ways for members of the public and media to get involved

Those in attendance available for interviews include:

- Shamsa Issak – Living Well Kent, Executive Director
- Jim Procopio – Director of Operations, Northwest Harvest
- Melissa Tatro – Community Agriculture Coordinator, King Conservation District

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About Northwest Harvest

Northwest Harvest is Washington's leading hunger relief agency – supporting a statewide network of 375 food banks, meal programs, and high-need schools. Focused on improving equity in our food system, Northwest Harvest believes everyone in Washington should have consistent access to nutritious food that feeds the body, mind, and spirit. In addition to making sure those who suffer from hunger are being fed, Northwest Harvest aims to shift public opinion, as well as impact institutional policies and societal practices that perpetuate hunger, poverty, and disparities in our state.

About Living Well Kent

Living Well Kent is a community-driven collaborative dedicated to the vision of public spaces and initiatives that encourage healthier lifestyles and better living. Living Well Kent is focused on creating a healthier, more equitable and more sustainable city – creating community in which all residents are allowed to thrive.

About King Conservation District

King Conservation District is a natural resources assistance agency authorized by Washington State and guided by the Washington State Conservation Commission. Their mission is to promote the sustainable use of natural resources through responsible stewardship. Since 1949, they have been helping the people of King County manage their natural resources; educate landowners, schools, scientists, consultants, and agencies; and provide technical assistance in solving their problems.