
Sowing Seeds—Creative Ways to Give

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Though many of you are still in the throes of Midwest harvest, we in the Pacific Northwest are wrapped up and well into seeding fall crops. It's also the time of year that benefit auctions, banquets and other charitable events start populating the calendar. Giving season is upon us, friends.

Coming off a difficult but beautiful harvest and having the drills following shortly behind to plant another round is one of my favorite analogies of the Kingdom of God. The fruits of harvest are a gift; sowing seeds for another year a privilege.

When I'm not on the seeding crew or staring at piles of paperwork this time of year, I've been spending some time with a fantastic group of local middle and high school kids in a newly-begun chapter of Young Life (the [Lewis Clark Valley Young Life, Area WA49](#)). Our goal as the "adult" leaders is to simply be present in their lives. To play a lot of ridiculous games after football games, and most importantly to be available to hear their stories. To speak a timely, encouraging word when the opportunity arises. In short: to sow seeds.

This year, the local Young Life chapter is offering growers an opportunity to "sow seeds" by sharing a portion of their crops to help fund the next "crop" of kids going to youth camp. It's an easy way (and tax-smart!) for farmers to directly invest a portion of their harvest into the next generation.

The story doesn't end with Young Life alone. I'm sure many of you are involved in similar organizations and finding creative ways to sow seeds in your local or global communities. We'd like to invite you to share your favorite organization with us by [clicking here for a short, two-question survey](#). We'll compile a list and share them in next month's Dispatch with the hope of encouraging others to take advantage of this giving season, **and we will also make a contribution to several!**

Here's to sowing more seeds!