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FARMING FOR THE HUNGRY

Fork Farms hosts an indoor hydroponic farm tour at St. Joseph Food Program for Wisconsin Secretary of Revenue Peter Barca

APPLETON, WI - On Monday, July 29, 2019, Wisconsin Secretary of Revenue Peter Barca toured the indoor hydroponic farm at St. Joseph Food Program (St. Joe's). He learned about how the innovative application of the technology developed by Fork Farms, in combination with a local business/nonprofit organization partnership, has positively impacted the lives of families throughout Northeast Wisconsin.

Fork Farms and St. Joe's began partnering in June 2018. St. Joe's currently operates eight Flex Farms, the indoor hydroponic growing system developed by Fork Farms. By operating an indoor farm, St. Joe's is able to ensure every family they serve has access to fresh, nutritious leafy greens.

Running an operation the size of St. Joe's requires a lot of work and resources. The communities that surround St. Joe's provide one hundred percent the support the program needs to serve the more than 5,000 people that come through their doors weekly.

According to executive director Monica Clare, St. Joe's is always looking for new ways to find fresh alternatives to canned goods. She went on to explain that the way of the future is going to be finding faster, easier ways to properly feed families.

"At St. Joe's, we constantly focus on providing the best nutrition we can for our client families. That's why we are excited to have a long and beneficial partnership with Fork Farms to continue to positively impact the lives of the people we serve," said Clare.

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The Flex Farm was created to reinvent the food system by reducing the number of miles fresh food has to travel to get to your plate. Alex Tyink, president of Fork Farms, is grateful for the partnership with St. Joe's.

"Many hunger-relief providers struggle to get fresh produce because they rely primarily on surplus food from area stores and restaurants," explained Tyink. "The Flex Farm gives them an affordable, alternative fresh food source, and we are very excited to see our innovative technology in action so close to home."

Fork Farms and St. Joe's are looking forward to seeing the long-lasting, positive impact their partnership will have on hunger insecure families throughout the Fox Valley region.

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Fork Farms LLC is an agriculture technology company based in Appleton, Wisconsin. The Flex Farm, our flagship product, is a highly efficient indoor hydroponic growing system that puts the power to grow fresh, affordable produce into the hands of our partners all across the nation. Fork Farms has been involved in hundreds of indoor farm installations throughout the United States with partnering schools, nonprofit organizations, families, corporate cafeterias and more. We believe in the power of good food, and we have made it our mission to partner with others to Grow Happier, Healthier People.

St. Joseph Food Program's mission is supplementing nutritional needs, free of charge, for the economically distressed within our local communities. St. Joseph Food Program is a private 501 (C) (3), and does not receive any government funding, but relies on the generous community for support. St. Joe's is located at 1465 Opportunity Way, Menasha. Program hours are Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 and Monday evenings 5:30- 7:45. If you wish to donate, contact St. Joe's at 920.734.9461 or visit the website at stjoesfoodprogram.org.