

# Pathfinder and CSA Farm Shares

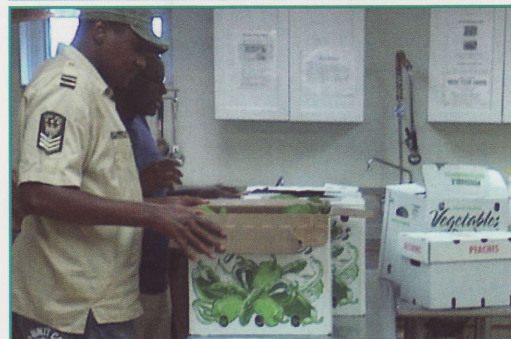
Through funds donated at the 2011 *Imagine the Possibilities* Fund-A-Need Auction, Bridgewell has been able to purchase 14 seasonal shares of locally grown fresh vegetables from a group of local farmers who belong to the Greater Lowell branch of the World PEAS (People Supporting Agricultural Sustainability) cooperative.

"This is very much in step with the newer initiatives of the food security network and will be a focus of the hunger-homeless commission this fall," said Pathfinder Program Director David Robinson.

Innovative partnerships such as this will be the topic at the upcoming food security and sustainability conference in Lowell.

One share of fresh vegetables can feed two people for a week. The 14 shares purchased

for Pathfinder through the end of the growing season in October has provided a surplus of veggies for about 28 homeless diners per week. This partnership demonstrates Bridgewell's commitment to wellness and health across all of our programs.



## The Connector: Bridgewell Hard at Work

The Connector is a quarterly publication for North Shore non-profits that reaches more than 55,000 residences. It is distributed through the Salem Evening News, Lynn Daily Item, and the Swampscott and Marblehead Reporters.

Each quarter, Bridgewell works with The Connector staff to highlight a program or individual. This past issue featured Bridgewell's Employment Supports program. The article featured Rachel Deveau, who since 2009 has worked at Petco, where she stocks shelves and cleans. She is very proud of her job and hard work.

In celebration of her fame in print, Rachel took a break from work and had a signing party to celebrate her feature in the newspaper! She autographed copies of the article while snacks and refreshments were served.

Bridgewell is proud of its partnerships with

community businesses like Petco. Employment Supports also works with Peabody Essex Museum, Gordon College, Strong Leather and other local businesses.

Visit Bridgewell's website – [www.bridgewell.org](http://www.bridgewell.org) – to learn more about Employment Supports and to read the full copy of The Connector article!

