

# BECOME A SPONSOR

## OF HENDERSONVILLE FARMERS MARKET



### Who we are + What we Do

Hendersonville Farmers Market (HFM) is operated by the 501c3 nonprofit Friends of Downtown Hendersonville. As a producer-only market, everything sold at HFM is offered by the farmers and artisans who help sustain the culture, economy, and environment of our region. By facilitating a direct relationship between these producers and the community, HFM contributes to the success of local growers and entrepreneurs, expands access to farm-fresh foods, and creates a vibrant and diverse gathering place in the Seventh Avenue District.

Sponsorships represented more than 50 percent of our annual budget in 2022.



### Why align your brand with HFM?

**Build Customer Loyalty And Trust:** Sponsoring HFM testifies to your company's commitment to community growth and prosperity, localism, sustainability, economic development, and entrepreneurship.

**Our Customers Are Your Customers:** Our customers are consistent with the demographic makeup of Hendersonville at-large. If you do business in Hendersonville, your customers are here!

**A High-Visibility Sponsorship Opportunity:** More personal than just a Facebook banner! You have a chance to interact with the customers throughout the market season.



*"We love it. We appreciate it. We believe it strengthens local farmers and our community and we cannot wait for next year. Thank you for a professional, pleasant and profitable experience."*

LOCAL VENDOR



*"I loved meeting locals, listening to the live music, and getting delicious food. The SNAP program made it possible for me to buy fresh fruits and veggies to cook that I otherwise wouldn't. Everyone was always so kind and wonderful. I can't wait to come see y'all again when the Market reopens!"*

REGULAR CUSTOMER





# 2022 AT A GLANCE

A GLIMPSE OF WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT IN 2023



<b>88</b> TOTAL VENDORS	<b>25</b> REGULAR MARKETS <b>2</b> HOLIDAY MARKETS	<b>\$23,634</b> CASH VALUE TOKENS DISPENSED VIA CREDIT/DEBIT	<b>+</b>	<b>\$22,668</b> CASH VALUE TOKENS DISPENSED VIA DOUBLE SNAP	<b>=</b>	<b>\$46,302</b> CASH VALUE TOKENS DISPENSED
<b>350</b> TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS						



## AN AVERAGE SATURDAY AT HFM

- 1100** CUSTOMERS VISITING
- 35** VENDORS SELLING
- \$35** SPENT BY EACH CUSTOMER
- 38%** CUSTOMERS VISIT WEEKLY
- 80%** CUSTOMERS LIVE WITHIN 15 MILES OF DOWNTOWN

## VENDORS

- 14** RETURNING VENDORS WHO WERE FIRST-TIME FOOD VENDORS IN 2020
- 30** FULL SEASON VENDORS
- 75%** VENDORS WITHIN HENDERSON CO.



Our customers choose to shop at HFM because of the variety and quality of products offered, and because they enjoy supporting local producers as well as the community atmosphere that the market provides.

## ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS

SNAP benefits are exchangeable at the market for tokens. Thanks to regional partner Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP), HFM was able to offer a Double SNAP program to eligible customers in 2022.

- 15** CUSTOMERS USED THE DOUBLE SNAP PROGRAM PER MARKET
- \$40** AVERAGE CASH VALUE DISPENSED PER SNAP TRANSACTION

# SPONSORSHIP 2023

## OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS



### PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$5,000 (1 AVAILABLE)

- Industry exclusivity
- Promotional booth at any market days of your choosing throughout the season (no maximum)
- "Hendersonville Farmers Market presented by..." title and prominent logo placement on all promotional materials and advertising as well as quote/blurb in press releases
- Monthly dedicated social media posts via e-newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, as well as permanent recognition on our website with a direct link
- Company materials/information placed at market Info Booth throughout the season
- Customized employee volunteer opportunities with volunteer t-shirts and market coupons
- Weekly recognition during market hours announced by entertainers
- Speaking opportunities at pre- and post-season vendor meetings as well as at special events

*At this level, we work with you to customize the sponsorship to meet your goals.*

### COMMUNITY SPONSOR - \$1,500

- Promotional booth at six market days of your choosing throughout the season
- Company name and logo placement on all promotional materials and advertising
- Monthly dedicated social media posts via e-newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, as well as permanent recognition on our website with a direct link
- Company materials/information placed at market Info Booth throughout the season
- Weekly recognition during market hours announced by entertainers

*This level can be specified to recognize your company as the sole "Music Sponsor" or "Kids Zone Sponsor" for the duration of the season. Contact us for details.*

### FARMERS MARKET SUSTAINER - \$500

- Promotional booth at three market days of your choosing throughout the season
- Company name on all promotional materials and advertising (no logo placement)
- Bi-monthly dedicated social media posts via e-newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, as well as permanent recognition on our website with a direct link
- Weekly recognition during market hours announced by entertainers

*This level can be specified to recognize your company as the sole "Event Sponsor" of any of our Special Events throughout the season, such as Tomato Festival, Pollinator Day, etc. Contact us for details.*

### FRIEND OF THE MARKET: DOUBLE SNAP DONATION - \$75+

*Support our Double SNAP program as an individual by becoming a Friend of the Market. Your contribution of \$75 or more makes it possible for underserved families to buy fresh, local food from our market.*

*In return, you receive:*

- Merchandise item of the year
- Your name or family's name listed on our website as a Friend of the Market

*\*Bi-monthly or bi-weekly is defined as "every other" in this case rather than "twice per"\**

# AGREEMENT FORM



## FILL & SIGN

### Sponsor Opportunity:

- Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000
- Community Sponsor: \$1,500
- Farmers Market Sustainer: \$500
- Friend of the Market: \$75 (or more)

Sponsor Name:

Mailing Address:  Street  City  State  Zip

Contact Name:  First  Last

Email:  Phone:

I agree to be a 2023 Hendersonville Farmers Market Sponsor at the annual level indicated above. I understand that this sponsorship provides for the operational expenses of the event and that my business will be listed as one of the sponsors. I understand that sponsorship approval is on a first come, first serve basis and that if my opportunity includes a promotional booth, it is up to the sponsor to provide any necessary materials for the booth. I agree to make full payment of the sponsorship fee with submission of this Agreement.

Authorized by (print):

Authorized by (signature):  Date:

*Please submit completed agreement to Terry Jacobs, Downtown Events Coordinator at [tjacobs@hvlnc.gov](mailto:tjacobs@hvlnc.gov). Checks can be made out to Friends of Downtown Hendersonville and can be mailed or dropped off using the following address: Downtown Hendersonville (ATTN: Terry Jacobs), 160 6th Avenue E, Hendersonville, NC 28792. For any questions, contact Terry Jacobs at 828-233-3205.*