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**“It felt like kismet.”**

The early GPF funding was a vote of confidence that helped us continue to believe in what we were doing, even though there was no real professionalized gleaning organization out there at the time. As we continued our work, more funders became attracted to us and our profile and impact continued to grow and it snowballed from there.

I/we hold a great deal of pride being part of the early GPF cohort. We know the care and evaluation that goes into the selection process of each grantee, and how we are interconnected as a cohort of organizations simply doing good.

Food Forward speaks of our work as "sharing abundance," but also as a "virtuous circle.” GPF's ongoing mission of nurturing small but mighty non-profits is a perfect example of both of those vital and important things coming together.

***— Rick Nahmias, Founder/CEO of Food Forward***