

# Cass Clay Food Partners

*Building a strong, healthy and vibrant food system*

Mission: To improve all levels of our community food system to assure that residents have access to safe, nutritious, affordable, and culturally-based foods.

Vision: All members of the community have access to safe, nutritious, affordable and culturally-based food.

## Values:

We believe in a food system that

- is inclusive, integrated, and equitable
- supports and enhances quality of life for all residents
- respects all cultures
- is economically and ecologically resilient
- fosters successful entrepreneurship and sustainable innovation

## Goals:

1. To create an inclusive, well-connected food system.
2. To provide equitable access to safe, nutritious, affordable and culturally appropriate food.
3. To create opportunities to achieve a healthy lifestyle and reduce the risk of chronic diseases.
4. To promote self-sufficiency through food skills education and production opportunities.
5. To create a framework/structure that allows for shared leadership where all interested citizens can come together to achieve our goals.

Statement of Approach: We approach the accomplishment of our stated goals and values by:

- Encouraging shared leadership throughout the Partners
- Engaging the citizens and key stakeholders of Cass and Clay counties to take action
- Fostering teamwork and shared responsibility
- Catalyzing systemic changes through food-related policy and environmental approaches