Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund



MISSION, HISTORY AND THE PEOPLE WE SERVE

No human being is illegal. Migrant and seasonal farmworkers, like others, have fundamental rights to health care, education and meaningful participation in society. The Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund accompanies, advocates for, and serves these unique and often marginalized individuals.

OUR HISTORY

MFAF was founded in 1984 by immigration attorney Suzanne Gladney while working for Legal Aid of Western Missouri.

MFAF operated as a separate nonprofit inside a Legal Aid office until 2012, when it moved to a midtown Kansas City location.

MFAF is 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

HOW MFAF HELPS

- **Intensive healthcare case management,** including more than 600 annual medical, behavioral health and dental appointments annually, interpretation, transportation, medication assistance, COVID and other vaccinations, health information, education and advocacy.
- **Benefits case management and advocacy for WIC, SNAP, Medicaid, and other social benefit programs.**
- **Educational advocacy,** tutoring, parent-teacher conferences and IEP advocacy.
- **Early childhood education** through Parents as Teachers, Head Start and developmental screenings.
- **College applications, visits, FAFSA, scholarships,** financial aid applications and ongoing support.
- **ESL/GED and adult education** in budgeting, financial literacy, home ownership, immigration, naturalization, voting and community engagement.
- **Food, sun kits, hygiene items, clothing** and other emergency assistance.
- **Youth leadership and teen activities.**
- **Community building** through the Women's Group, community events and summer and holiday activities.

2026 STATS:

100%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

88%
OF GRADUATES PURSUE COLLEGE OR OTHER POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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DEDICATED MIGRANT MEDICAL AND DENTAL CLINIC EVENTS

Rooted in community

Who MFAF serves

MFAF serves approximately 400–500 farmers and family members, including 200–270 migrant farmers who migrate to Lafayette County, Missouri, about 60–90 miles east of Kansas City, from mid-July through October for the peach and apple harvest seasons, as well as former migrants who have settled in Lafayette County.

Volunteer with us!

We are looking for volunteers to help us sort through and categorize donated items at our office in Kansas City, MO.

Sign up here:
https://forms.gle/CnURqzBqGqQngnHXA

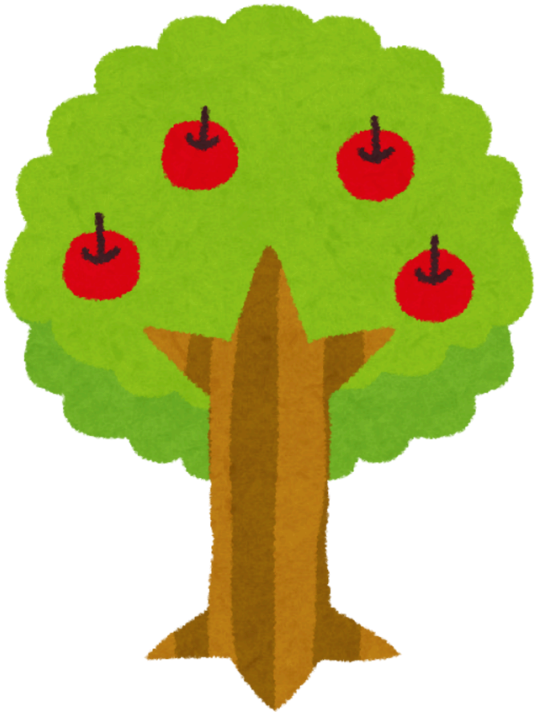
Find Us Online

facebook.com/migrantfarmworkersAF
Instagram: @mfaf1984
www.migrantfarmworkersaf.org/donate



MFAF raises community awareness about farmers' lives and the challenges they face, while advancing inclusion, advocacy and empowerment in rural communities.

Help sustain this work.
Learn more, connect,
and support MFAF.



Swedish Apple Pie

Super-simple, makes its own crust!
From the grandmother of MFAF migrant advocate Amanda Johnson.

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Fill a 10-inch pie pan two-thirds full of peeled, sliced apples.
- Combine 1 tablespoon sugar and 1 tablespoon cinnamon, then sprinkle over apples.
- In a bowl, combine 3/4 cup melted butter, 1 cup flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, a pinch of salt and 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional).
- Pour mixture over apples.
- Bake 45 minutes or until golden brown.
- Enjoy!

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