Transition Sarasota ---
What We Do
(as of 9/24/17)

Transition Sarasota partners with many local organizations to advance our mission of building a sustainable local community both now and for future generations. In the seven years since our founding, we have also built a considerable network of individuals who support our goals, especially our focus on strengthening our local food infrastructure and relieving food insecurity. Our email list has grown to more than 1,700 people who individually signed up for our newletters and announcements, and our Facebook page has more than 1,800 followers.

Our **Suncoast Gleaning Project** has completed another season of harvesting otherwise wasted produce and providing it to the All Faiths Food Bank for redistribution to food insecure families in our area. Almost all of it is fresh local organic produce from Jessica's Organic Farm in north Sarasota County. Over the seven seasons of the project, more than 247,000 pounds have been donated, and this past season was our largest yet, with more than 54,000 pounds harvested by more than 200 volunteers. This project has attracted attention in other parts of Florida and is being studied as a model.

Also in its seventh year, our **Eat Local Week** again provides a focus on local food producers and businesses, with 16 events including the Geraldson Community Farm Fall Harvest Fest, the Second Annual Big Mamas Collard Green Fest, the Green Path Farms Veterans Appreciation Dinner, our Keynote Presentation by Samantha Benjamin-Kirk of the USDA, and many other informative, inspiring, and just plain enjoyable events. Eat Local Week is established as a showcase for local organizations and businesses, and a catalyst for community building throughout our local region.

This year, in partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota, Transition Sarasota revived its **Films For a Future** series of monthly screenings of documentaries on a variety of topics, including urban gardening, permaculture, and healthy food.

Although our founder, Don Hall, has moved on to become national co-director of Transition US, Transition Sarasota continues to pursue his vision of a sustainable local community on Florida's Suncoast.