

JULY 2009:

**Sue McGann, Lettuce Link's
Marra Farm Coordinator**

Congratulations to Sue McGann, Solid Ground's July Employee of the Month. As the Coordinator for Marra Farm, Sue leads hundreds of volunteers each year who till, plant, weed, water and harvest over 14,000 pounds of organic produce for South Park's Providence Regina Food Bank. She also mentors interns and teaches student groups of all ages. Sue inspires new leadership in adults and youth, including action around food justice, local food economies, climate action and general civic participation.



Her work at the Farm runs the gamut. This can include hands in the dirt, answering intern questions, disarming a wasp's nest, scheduling school groups or compost deliveries over the phone, and chatting in Spanish with a community member – often simultaneously! Sue lives, eats, and breathes Solid Ground and Lettuce Link's philosophies of food justice and community involvement, and she puts super human energies toward that end.

Besides her farm teaching and working efforts, Sue serves on panels, talks to the media, and chats at any table about the disparity in access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food and Lettuce Link's work to increase food security in Seattle. She does it all with a glowing smile and a refreshing sense of humor that inspires all around her to dig in and get their hands dirty. We are so fortunate to have such a hardworking and inspiring employee in our midst.

Congratulations to Sue McGann, and to Merry Benson on her nomination. Thank you all for the services you provide to our agency, coworkers and clients! We couldn't do it without you!