

*Cascade Harvest Coalition*

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## Helping Hmong Farmers this Holiday Season

Recent flooding in the Snoqualmie valley has been devastating to the Hmong farming community. Very few of the Hmong farmers use the internet as a means of communication and information, so they had little notice of the flood and its anticipated levels and were especially hard hit. Connections within the greater farming community to access help are minimal, and the language barrier further alienates the Hmong.

Many of the Hmong farmers are the flower vendors at the Pike Place Market and Community Farmers Markets in Seattle. Bulb and tuber losses at these flower farms are estimated to range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 PER FARM!

Most of the Hmong farmers are leasing lands, so loans are not readily available, nor were they aware crop insurance options.

### **You can help!**

#### **Donate Money:**

- o Make checks payable to the '**Hmong Farmer's Relief**' (a 501(c)3 nonprofit: Hmong Eastside Association) All donations will be used to buy dahlia tubers.
- o WSU- King County Extension has agreed to receive donations on behalf of the Hmong Eastside Association. Checks can be sent to: 919 SW Grady Way, Suite 120, Renton, WA 98055, Attn: Hmong Farmers Relief
- o Make a Direct Deposit Donation at any **Bank of America** branch in Washington. Make checks payable to the 'Hmong Farmers Relief.'

#### **Donate Dahlia Tubers at the following locations:**

- o Starbucks in Carnation
- o 21 Acres Farm in Woodinville; 13701 NE 171<sup>st</sup> St (immediately south of downtown Woodinville)
- o King County Extension office in Renton