



WE LIVE IN A SPECIAL PLACE. TO LIVE HERE IS TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE SHARE SOMETHING RARE AND PRECIOUS: THE MOUNTAINS AND THE OPEN SPACE. A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND SHARED VALUES. A DESIRE TO TALK AND DEBATE AND GROW, BUT GROW WITH WISDOM AND INTENT.

TO LIVE HERE IS TO KNOW THIS. YET WE SHARE SOMETHING MORE, SOMETHING THAT RUNS MORE QUIETLY UNDER THE FABRIC OF ALL WE SEE AND LOVE. YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT IT, AND YET YOU ARE A PART OF IT. IT IS THE BOULDER COUNTY FOOD SHED, AND EVERY ONE OF US IS KEY TO ITS HEALTH AND VIBRANCY.

A FOOD SHED IS ABOUT PLACE, BUT IT IS MORE THAN A PLACE. A FOOD SHED IS ABOUT WHAT WE EAT, BUT IT IS MORE THAN THE FOOD ON OUR PLATE, TOO. ABOVE ALL, A FOOD SHED IS A RELATIONSHIP: BETWEEN PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND ITS PRODUCERS, BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND THE ECONOMY. WHEN WE BECOME AWARE OF AND NURTURE THESE RELATIONSHIPS, WE ALL THRIVE.

THE SHED ISN'T SOMETHING WE CREATE—IT SIMPLY IS. AND WE CAN'T CHOOSE TO BE A PART OF IT — WE ALREADY ARE. WHAT WE ALL HAVE A CHOICE IN IS WHETHER WE ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE IT, MAKE IT STRONG AND RESILIENT, NURTURE THE THINGS THAT IN TURN NURTURE US. WE BELIEVE THAT IN DOING SO WE CREATE A VIRTUOUS CYCLE, SUPPORTING A VIBRANT FOOD SHED THAT IN TURN REWARDS THE COMMUNITY WITH FOOD THAT IS HEALTHY FOR PEOPLE, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY.

WE ARE OUR FOOD, OUR LAND, OUR WATER, OUR AIR, OUR ECONOMY. THE SHED HOUSES IT ALL. THE SHED IS OUR WAY OF SAYING WE'RE LINKED. WE'RE TOGETHER. WE'RE IN. SO SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS. SHOP LOCALLY. PARTICIPATE IN THE FARMERS MARKETS AND CSAs. LOVE WHERE YOU SHOP. LOVE WHAT YOU EAT.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE AND IT WILL LOVE YOU BACK.

**BECOME AWARE OF YOUR ROLE IN THE SHED AT
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