



Local Food Hero



Sandy enrolled in the Master Gardeners course through UAF Cooperative Extension Service 45 years ago and helped establish the Juneau Community Garden in the early 1990's.



Sandy is known as the Juneau-Douglas tomato man. He grows tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and squash in his home greenhouse which he sells in the spring. He donates the proceeds to the Master Gardeners.



Sandy plants, harvests and donates 800-1000 pounds of locally grown potatoes to the Juneau Food Bank and homeless shelter each year.



Sandy helps at the local schools by helping prepare their potato plots and also helps with direction and encouragement for the annual 7th-8th graders fall potato harvest campout at the community garden.

"Don't give up; you'll get there. And get yourself a good set of rain gear. We've had crops fail, and others grow better. It's like gambling, going to Las Vegas."

Sandy Williams

