



2025 IMPACT REPORT

Eliminate Hunger & Protect the Planet



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“One of our wonderful partnerships is Food Rescue US - Akron. Volunteers pick up food that would otherwise be in the trash, from stores and restaurants and deliver to us. This is what allows our ArmyMarket to operate. Over the past 18 months, volunteers with Food Rescue have delivered over 10,000 pounds of nutritious food to our food pantry. We have the same goals of serving the most we can with the least amount of waste. Such a wonderful partnership. Thank you, Food Rescue!”

– Lindsey Kercher, Salvation Army, Wadsworth



CELEBRATING 15 YEARS

Food Rescue US is a proven, highly efficient answer to both the humanitarian crisis of hunger and the environmental crisis of climate change. Every donated dollar helps provide 20 meals for neighbors in need while also preventing harmful methane emissions. Few opportunities create this kind of dual impact.

In 2011, our first year of operation, Food Rescue US* rescued 200,000 meals. Today, as we celebrate 15 years of working to eliminate hunger and protect the planet, we rescue **100,000 meals every single day—365 days a year.**

2025 was a record-setting year for Food Rescue US. We grew by 16% and are now feeding and strengthening 51 communities across 25 states and Washington, DC. Nearly 30,000 volunteers rescued 36 million meals—an all-time high. Together, we also kept a record 43 million pounds of food out of landfills, where deprived of oxygen it would produce methane, one of the most harmful greenhouse gases driving climate change.

Yet even with this progress, hunger in America continues to rise. Food inflation and cuts to assistance programs are pushing record numbers of people into food insecurity—the uncertainty of where the next meal will come from. More than 48 million people in the United States now face food insecurity, including 1 in 8 of our neighbors and, most heartbreakingly, 1 in 5 children.

At the same time, America wastes up to 40% of the food it produces each year. Food waste remains the largest category of waste in municipal landfills, and globally it is one of the leading sources of methane emissions.

The tragedy is clear—but so is the solution, and we invite you to be part of it.

To those who already support our mission, we offer our deepest gratitude. Your generosity is creating real, measurable change in communities across the country.

To those considering joining us, we hope this report inspires you to act. We all want our philanthropy to matter—to create the greatest good possible. Supporting Food Rescue US means helping solve two of the most urgent challenges of our time, with immediate and lasting results.

With tremendous gratitude,

Britton Jones
Executive Chairman

Sharon Enright
Chief Executive Officer



2025 IMPACT

Food Rescue US makes it easy for people to take action—connecting surplus, nutritious food with those who need it most through a tech-enabled, direct-transfer, community-powered food rescue model. Using the Food Rescue US app, food donors list available food, and local volunteers make the deliveries to social service agencies who have shared their needs. Site Directors in each location, the Food Rescue US app, and local volunteer rescuers are the engine behind this work. By building local relationships, Site Directors engage their communities to successfully rescue and deliver surplus food directly to social service agencies feeding people facing food insecurity.

In 2025, our model continued to evolve and develop. This, along with the dedicated work of our Food Rescue US community, has led to a 16% increase in communities served across the country. Together, we're creating community, reducing hunger, eliminating food waste, and protecting our planet—each and every rescue.

35,844,515

MEALS MADE POSSIBLE
(206M+ rescued to date)

43,013,418

POUNDS RESCUED
(258M+ rescued to date)

124,601,017

POUNDS OF CO₂ EQUIVALENT AVOIDED

147,239

RESCUES COMPLETED

977

NEW FOOD DONORS ADDED
(5,027 total donors registered)

7,613

NEW USER REGISTRATIONS
(30,000 total volunteers registered)

2025 HIGHLIGHTS



Fridge The Gap: Community Fridge Initiative Doubled In Size
 Fridge the Gap began as a small initiative to streamline the redistribution of fresh food and create a more just, accessible, and sustainable food system. It quickly reached far more people and communities than originally imagined. Thanks to the generosity of the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation, Food Rescue US was able to more than double the original scope of Fridge the Gap, placing 28 refrigerators at 26 social service agencies across the country. Fridge the Gap resulted in thousands more individuals receiving greater access to fresh, nutritious food and local partners who are better equipped to eliminate hunger and protect our planet.



Responsive to Community Needs
 From November 1 through December 31, 2025, Food Rescue US experienced a 43.8% year-over-year increase in new volunteer registrations across our network. This significant growth reflects a rising commitment among community members to address food insecurity and reduce food waste, likely in response to the government shutdown and changes in SNAP benefits. The surge in volunteers strengthens our ability to recover more surplus food and deliver it to those who need it most.



Continued Focus on Food Safety
 In 2025, Food Rescue US strengthened our commitment to food safety through several key initiatives. The organization began requiring Site Directors to obtain ServSafe Food Protection Manager certifications, ensuring consistent oversight and compliance with industry standards. We also published a comprehensive Volunteer Food Safety Policy to guide safe food handling practices across our network. In collaboration with Deloitte and Feeding Charlotte, Food Rescue US integrated volunteer food safety training available to all rescuers directly in our app, making education more accessible and standardized for participants. Together, these actions reflect a strategic effort to elevate safety, accountability, and training across all operations.

“I explained to an Executive Director and Director of Operations that we take food safety very seriously. I laid out our policies that pertain to food donors and volunteers with regard to food safety, as well as our stringent rules regarding what can be donated. I then added that all of our Site Directors are certified ServSafe Food Protection Managers and their faces lit up. They said, ‘Oh wow that is fantastic!’ ”

– Karen Saggese, Lead Site Director, Food Rescue US – Fairfield County



Food Rescue US on the Main Stage
 Food Rescue US was proud to host “Using Technology To Scale A Climate Solution With An Important Dual Mission: Helping To Ending Hunger While Reducing Methane Emissions” on the Main Stage of The Nest Climate Campus with Project Drawdown. Joe Robbins, Chief Product Officer of Food Rescue US, showcased our solution to eliminate hunger and protect our planet in a fireside chat with Elizabeth Bagley, Managing Director of Project Drawdown, on the most watched community stage during Climate Week NYC.

After the panel, Food Rescue US rescued surplus food from the Campus as its official Food Rescue Partner. Food Rescue US featured our solution to audiences within the climate community!



Food Rescue US and Toast Integration
 In 2025, Food Rescue US began beta-testing an integration with the Toast restaurant point of sale (POS) system that enables a more seamless and efficient food donation experience. Chefs will be able to schedule, itemize, and manage food donations within their existing workflows. The connection between the Food Rescue US platform and Toast POS was made possible by the ReFED Catalytic Grant Fund, and is currently available to select Toast operators. Restaurants will be able to donate food marked as surplus by pushing it to the Food Rescue US platform, where it can be routed to a local volunteer for pick up, and delivered to a local agency serving the food insecure.

In the Media

Food Rescue US was featured in many national media outlets, including:



TECH SPOTLIGHT

BUILDING MORE INTELLIGENT TOOLS THAT RESULT IN MORE RESCUES

This year, our product team was laser-focused on two big goals:

- Giving site directors more powerful tools that result in more efficient food rescues.
- Making the app more valuable for the agencies serving people facing food insecurity.

For Site Directors

- This year, Food Rescue US built our first AI-powered tool from the ground up in partnership with researchers at Michigan State University. The system learns from patterns in rescue activity to predict when scheduling changes might be needed. The app gives site directors a head start on coordinating with volunteers to help us further reduce food waste.
- The app now automatically surfaces issues that need attention, like a donor whose schedule keeps showing no food available. The system flags these situations and makes it easy for the Site Director to find, review, and resolve.
- Coverage mode was added to the site map, so site directors can see at a glance where coverage is strong and where recruitment efforts should be focused.

For Receiving Agencies

Agencies now have a dedicated mobile interface with tools built for how they work day to day - managing their profile, indicating their needs, and staying connected to incoming rescues dynamically.

For Volunteers

- Volunteers can also now invite others to join their site directly from the app, and earn badges for doing so.
- *Learn* was launched, a new in-app food safety training experience with videos, quizzes, and badges tied to what they complete.

147,239

COMPLETED RESCUES IN 2025

35,844,515

MEALS RESCUED IN 2025

13,467

VOLUNTEER MILESTONE BADGES AWARDED

6 new badges added

377

NEW FEATURES RELEASED

Up 52% from last year

USING DATA TO ADVANCE THE FIELD

This year, we deepened our role as a leader in food recovery innovation by partnering with top research institutions.

COLLABORATION WITH THE RECIPES NETWORK

Food Rescue US partnered with RECIPES, a National Science Foundation-funded initiative led by American University, on groundbreaking academic research to better understand the “why” behind food recovery, and how we can make our efforts even more effective. The study was recently published by the academic journal *Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Highlights from our contributions to the study showcased how our volunteers show up with a sense of purpose, view themselves not only fighting hunger, but also addressing climate change, and see concrete improvements in their own communities due to food recovery efforts. Ultimately, this partnership demonstrates the power of combining research and action. With RECIPES, Food Rescue US is learning not just how to rescue more food, but how to build a volunteer movement rooted in purpose, resilience, and equity.

LOOKING AHEAD

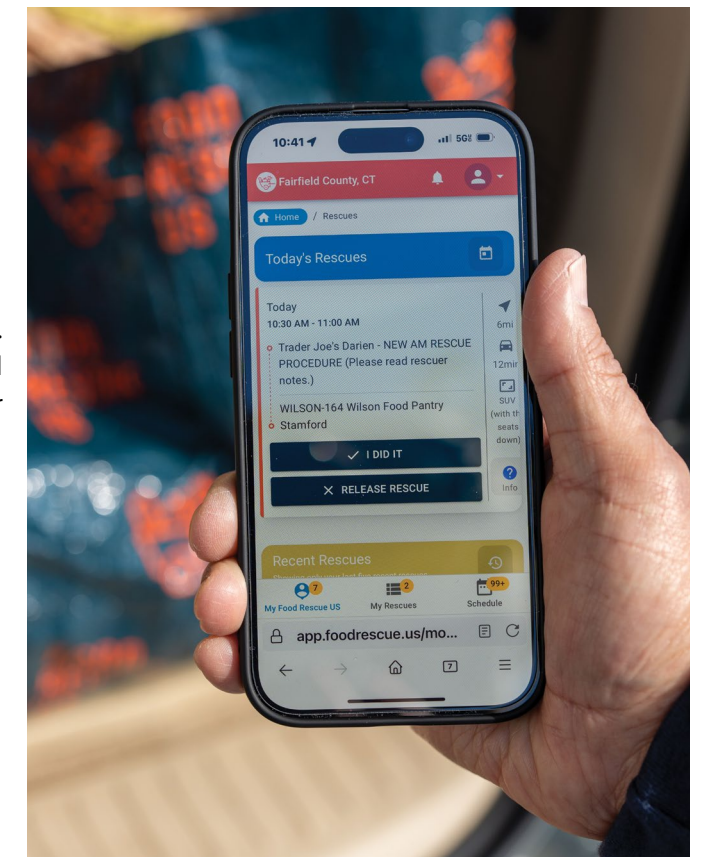
Partnerships are helping us do more than improve our own platform. They’re shaping the future of food recovery, driving smarter systems, better outcomes, and stronger communities.

We’re excited to finish beta-testing a more efficient way to allow restaurants to donate surplus food by connecting their restaurant point of sale (POS systems to the app. Toast operators are currently beta-testing a better way to schedule, itemize, and manage food donations within their existing workflows. The ReFed Catalytic Grant Fund helped to make this innovation possible!

That work made our team fluent in a new set of skills. And we’re already putting them to use. Expect to see AI show up in more places across the platform in the year ahead.

BOTTOM LINE

Our platform is now faster, smarter, and more supportive - for everyone. The tools we’re building today will make food recovery faster, smarter, and more connected for years to come.





"I've been rescuing food via different ways for the last decade—easing food insecurity has always been my mission. Being connected with Food Rescue US as it expands into the New Haven region has been the easiest path yet to help ensure food is distributed to folks in need. The app is easy to use, and thanks to the Food Rescue US leadership locally, the relationships among donors, volunteers, and recipients are well balanced so everyone feels good about the rescues. Nothing demonstrates caring better than food. The Food Rescue US model is a powerful way for a community to show that we can take care of each other."

– Katherine Hinds, New Haven



"I have been a Site Director with Food Rescue US for a little under a year, but it has already made such a huge difference in my life! Getting to further connect with so many community members and give back to my community in this way is truly invaluable. I am so thankful for the support I've received from the national level to make a years-long dream of mine come true. I'm looking forward to the years ahead!"

– Zaire Brown, Senior Director, Food Rescue - Middle Georgia

2025 FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION*

As of December 31, 2025

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$248,418
Contributions receivable	\$68,490
Investments	\$895,796
Total Assets	\$1,212,704

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accrued expenses	\$22,022
Deferred revenue	\$70,542
Total Liabilities	\$92,564

Net Assets

Net assets without donor restrictions . .	\$1,107,995
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$12,145
Total Net Assets	\$1,120,140

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$1,212,704

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES*

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025

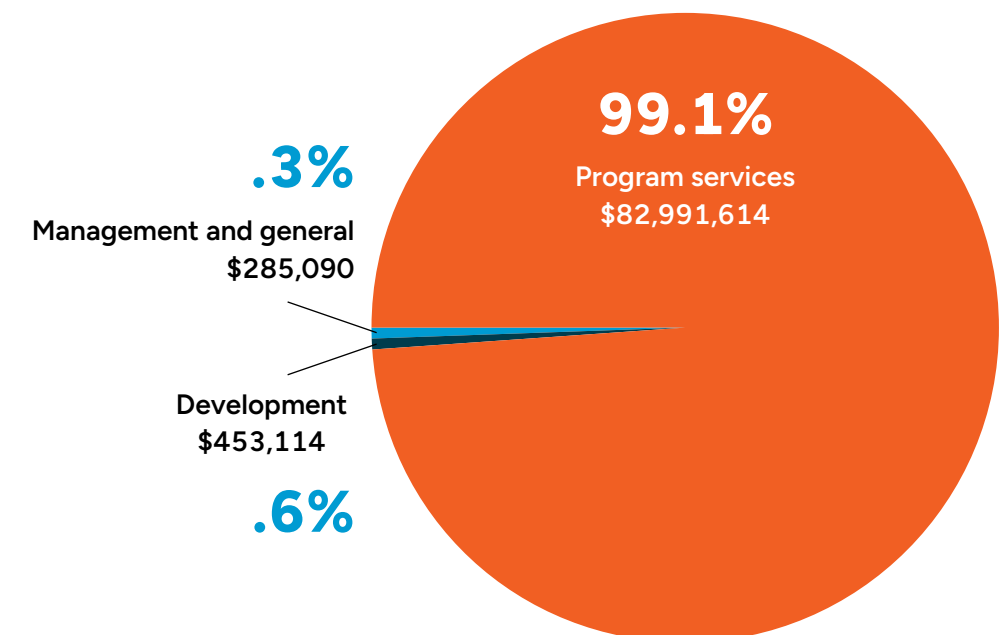
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions	\$2,517,147
In-kind food donated	\$81,725,493
In-kind donated services	\$35,000
Investment return, net	\$30,748
Total Revenues and Other Support . . .	\$84,308,388

EXPENSES

Program services	\$82,991,614
Management and general	\$285,090
Development	\$453,114
Total expenses	\$83,729,818

EXPENSE OVERVIEW



Scan below to see the full financials



*Financial information sourced from Food Rescue US independently audited financials.

OUR NETWORK



Our network consists of independent nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and various entities operating under the Food Rescue US name, utilizing our proprietary app and best practices. We are delighted to collaborate with organizations and individuals who share our dedication to eliminating hunger and protecting our planet.

ALABAMA

Birmingham
Grace Klein Community

COLORADO

Denver
Food Rescue US - Denver
Site Director:
Jessica Bartman

CONNECTICUT

Fairfield County
Food Rescue US - Fairfield County
Lead Site Director:
Karen Saggese

Hartford County
Food Rescue US - Hartford
Co-Site Directors:
Anika Hidayat,
Samantha Cassidy

Litchfield County

Food Rescue US - Northwest CT
Co-Site Directors:
Colleen Stradtman,
Sarah Tracy

New Haven

Food Rescue US - New Haven
Site Director:
Haley Schulman

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, DC
DC Food Rescue

FLORIDA

South Florida
Food Rescue US - South Florida
Co-Site Directors:
Ellen Bowen (Founder),
Laurita Santacaterina

Southwest Florida
Food Rescue US - Southwest Florida
Site Director:
Krishna Mala Sachdeva

GEORGIA

Fayette, Coweta & Spalding Counties
Two Birds Foundation

Middle Georgia

Food Rescue US - Middle Georgia
Site Director: Zaire Brown

IOWA

Davenport and Bettendorf
Churches United of Quad Cities

ILLINOIS

Greater Chicago Area
Food Rescue US - Chicagoland
Co-Site Directors:
Linda Bartman,
Sheila McCarthy

INDIANA

Fort Wayne
Food Rescue US - Fort Wayne
Site Director: Jodi Leamon

Grant County

Thriving Grant County

KANSAS

Wichita
ICT Food Rescue

LOUISIANA

New Orleans
Food Rescue US - New Orleans
Co-Site Directors:
Meredith Purcell,
Tracey Armitage

MARYLAND

Anne Arundel County
Blessed in Tech

Howard County
Food Rescue US - Howard County
Site Director: Carla Cash

Prince George's County
Food Rescue US - Prince George's County
Site Director: Rob Howze

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston
Food Rescue US - Boston
Site Director: Virginie Forget

Cape Cod
Barnstable County

MICHIGAN

Detroit
North Corktown
Neighborhood Association

Greater Lansing Area
Food Rescue US - Lansing Communities
Site Director:
Valerie Lafferty

Traverse City

Goodwill Northern Michigan

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis
TC Food Justice

NEW JERSEY

Bridgewater
Food Rescue US - Bridgewater
Co-Site Directors:
Nirmala Shivakumar,
Vanitha Sekar, Hilda Roman

Glassboro

Tuba Farm Foundation

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque
Food Rescue US - Albuquerque
Site Director:
David Campbell

NEW YORK

Nassau County
Food Rescue US - Nassau County
Co-Site Directors:
Madhu Minna,
Karen Filauro

Suffolk County
Food Rescue US - Western Suffolk Co.
Co-Site Directors:
June Ingraham,
Anne Sacks-Berg,
Liz Maloney

Long Island North Fork

Food Rescue US - North Fork
Co-Site Directors:
Beth Haskell,
Lorraine Pacleo

Long Island South Fork

Food Rescue US - South Fork
Site Director:
Patty O'Rourke

NORTH CAROLINA

Durham
Food Rescue US - Research Triangle Park
Site Director: Binta Watkins

Charlotte

Feeding Charlotte

OHIO

Akron
Food Rescue US - Akron
Co-Site Directors:
Katie Evans,
Kim Johnson

Cincinnati

La Soupe

Columbus

Columbus Food Rescue

Dayton

The Food Bank of Dayton

Hamilton

JEE Foods

PENNSYLVANIA

Hershey
Cocoa Packs

Lehigh Valley

iHave iNeed, Inc

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston
Food Rescue US - Charleston
Co-Site Directors:
Rachel Ellis and Andi Stern

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sioux Falls
Bread Bank SF

TEXAS

Austin
Keep Austin Fed

UTAH

Box Elder County
Wasteless Solutions

Salt Lake City

Wasteless Solutions

Summit County

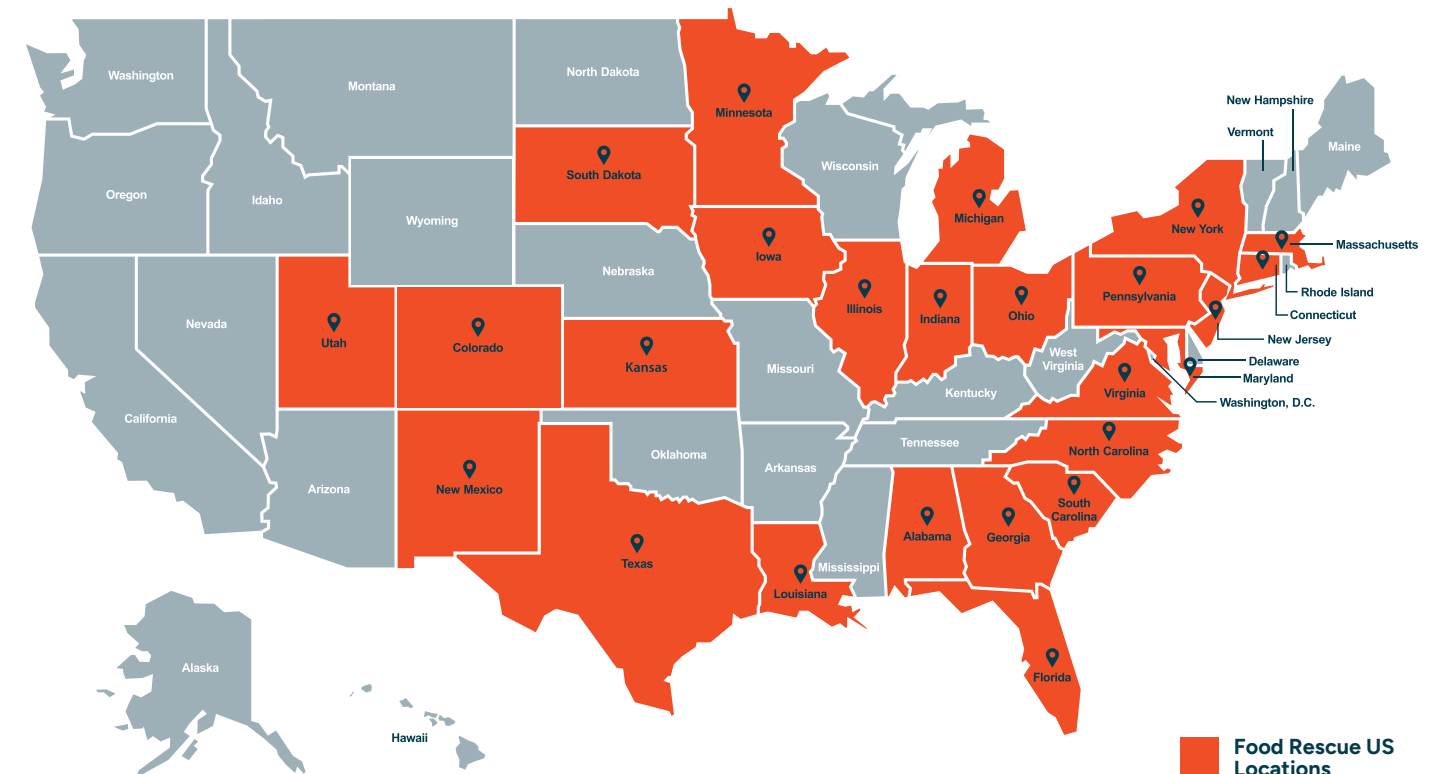
Wasteless Solutions

Weber County

Wasteless Solutions

VIRGINIA

Virginia Beach
Food Rescue US - Virginia Beach
Co-Site Directors:
Sandra and Natalia De Los Rios



OUR TEAM & BOARD

OUR TEAM

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Data & Operations

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Product Advocacy
Specialist

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Chief Technical Officer

Wiktor Maszota
Frontend Developer

BOARD

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John A. McKenna

Karen McNair

John Popa



"This May also marks an exciting milestone for our site as we celebrate our 5-year anniversary. It's been amazing to see how far we've come and the impact we've been able to make in our community over that time... The impact we're able to make together—rescuing food, supporting our communities, and building meaningful connections—is something we are deeply proud of. Your support and recognition only reinforce how special this work is.

I'm grateful to be part of this mission and look forward to continuing the work together."

— Madhu Minna, Site Director, Food Rescue US - Nassau County





JOIN THE RESCUE

In the face of rising need and strained systems, Food Rescue US meets people where they are—in 51 communities, 25 states and Washington D.C., and growing.

Find out how you can join the rescue today.



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