

## In Your Community

"The Community Food Rescue matching program makes it straightforward for small growers like me to get our produce to those who can use it. It was incredibly easy and satisfying for me and helped me feel a real connection to my community."

Amanda Cather, Farmer, Plow and Stars Farm.



### About Community Food Rescue

Community Food Rescue (CFR) is a network coordinated by Manna Food Center. Inspired by a local Food Recovery Task Force, Community Food Rescue partners with and builds the capacity of our community to rescue and redistribute unsold, surplus food every day to people experiencing hunger. We are proud to count dozens of businesses and not-for-profit organizations as our partners.

CFR is made possible through the generous support of Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, as well as private donors, volunteers and dedicated staff of participating organizations.

For more information and to join us:

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*"Our budget goes a lot farther when we receive donated food. CFR's matching network makes the challenge of receiving this food a lot easier."*

Haile Gebregziabher,  
Director of Operations,  
Shepherd's Table

# Feed More, Waste Less

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP FIGHT HUNGER  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY



## Community Food Rescue (CFR) is the coordinated food recovery network of Montgomery County, Maryland.

In Montgomery County, 146,000 tons (23%) of all solid waste is food waste, and approximately 78,000 of residents may not know where their next meal will come from.\*

### Stories of how CFR feeds people instead of landfills:

- 🍷 The Community Foundation of Montgomery County asked their caterer to donate their annual Gala dinner surplus. Tropical Fusion Caterers donated the delicious international cuisine to Bethesda Cares clients who enjoyed a special lunch.
- 🍷 Star and Plow Farm offered a donation of 200 lbs. of surplus organic tomatoes using the CFR matching tool. The donation was instantly matched with Shepherd's Table and with a volunteer food runner who transported the fresh produce. Shepherd's Table cooked the tomatoes into sauce and served dinner to 120 homeless guests the next night.
- 🍷 Manna Food Center rescues an average of 7,000 pounds of wholesome but non-saleable food every day from more than 50 Montgomery County grocery store locations and other entities including Giant, Safeway, Wegmans, Food Lion, Harris-Teeter, Fresh Markets, Whole Foods, Mom's Organic Market, Trader Joe's, Shop Rite and Roots. This rescued food contributes to the daily average of 16,000 pounds of food that Manna distributes to more than 38,000 neighbors each year.

### Community Food Rescue offers:

- 🍷 **Free automated matching app.** Real-time technology matches food donors, food assistance organizations, and food runners allowing them to redirect unsold, surplus food.
- 🍷 **Public recognition program.** We celebrate donors and agencies working together through our public recognition program. Consumers can easily identify food businesses that give back to the community.
- 🍷 **Information and resources.** We share safe food handling and transportation standards through our free guidelines, videos, brochures, training sessions, and web resources.
- 🍷 **The chance to make a difference.** By donating time or food through Community Food Rescue, neighbors help neighbors to reduce landfill space and fill the plates of those experiencing hunger.

"It's working!"

**Chef Tony Marciante, Chef Tony's Restaurant, upon watching the CFR web tool match his first food donation with Interfaith Works-Carroll House.**



## How You Can Feed More and Waste Less

### Food Donor Businesses

Montgomery County-licensed food businesses, such as caterers, farmers, farmers' markets, grocers, institutions, restaurants, etc.:

- Take an enhanced tax deduction
- Distinguish your business through our public recognition program.
- Protect against liability through the Federal Good Samaritan Act.
- Help achieve Montgomery County's recycling goal of 70% by 2020.

### Food Assistance Organizations

Hunger relief organizations that provide food to people experiencing hunger:

- Save money on your food budget using surplus, donated food
- Receive new sources of food from a variety of donors according to the type and quantity of food you can accept
- Learn about safe food handling practices, approved by Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services.
- Receive summary reports totaling the amount of food your organization is given to help your organization demonstrate its impact to donors.

### Volunteer Food Runners

Volunteers, aged 18 and older with vehicles, good driving records, and auto insurance that transport donated food from food businesses to recipient food assistance organizations:

- Help neighbors experiencing hunger and prevent food waste.
- Learn about safe food handling, transportation and food reduction practices.
- Participate with your whole family, congregation or community group to feed more and waste less.

\* Montgomery County Waste Composition Study, July 26, 2013 and Feeding American's Map the Meal Gap study, 2015.