



## Make Your Special Event Even More Special! Feed More and Waste Less

You can make a real difference in Montgomery County when hiring a caterer for your events. Community Food Rescue (CFR) provides an easy way to share unused catered food with people who are food insecure—including approximately 70,000 residents in Montgomery County. Donating surplus food also prevents good food from going to waste.



High Point Catering donates food left from a Manna fundraising event.

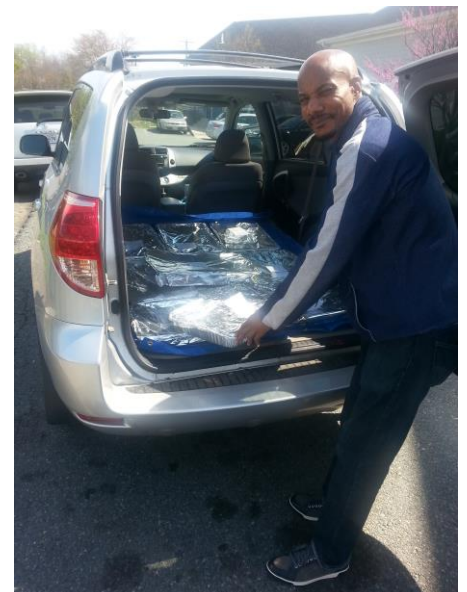
Community Food Rescue, a program of Manna Food Center, matches caterers and other food businesses with food assistance organizations with the help of volunteer food runners. Since launching in 2015, CFR network has rescued and redirected more than 200,000 lbs. of food. With your help we can grow the Community Food Rescue network to feed more and waste less.

### How CFR food donation helps your caterer

- Caterers can take an enhanced tax deduction; CFR tracks the amount and value of food the caterer donates.
- CFR promotes caterers who are part of our network to distinguish their business through CFR's public recognition program and Food Recovery Network's national certification.
- Caterers are protected against liability through the Federal Good Samaritan Act.

### It's easy to get started:

- When selecting a caterer for your next event, let them know that ending hunger and food waste is important to you and your organization. Specify in your proposal that they use Community Food Rescue to donate any surplus food to a food assistance organization.
- If you or your caterer have an existing relationship with a food assistance organization in Montgomery County, CFR volunteers can deliver the surplus food directly to that organization.
- You can find a list of caterers who are already part of the CFR network on our website: [www.communityfoodrescue.org](http://www.communityfoodrescue.org).



Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless receives a food donation for its men's shelter.

## Here's how it works

- Before the event, your caterer signs up to use the CFR free matching software tool here:

<http://www.chowmatch.com/signup>

- They can also download **Chow Match**, the companion free mobile app for iPhones or Android smart phones.
- After the event, your caterer posts their donation on the CFR web tool or mobile app. of at least 12 lbs. of food. If necessary, we encourage caterers to aggregate their donation and refrigerate or freeze the food until this minimum is collected.
- A volunteer food runner picks up the food at a mutually agreeable time. Food runners transport food using CFR's safe food handling protocols.



Custom Cake Design donates surplus cake to Rainbow Community Development Center.

### Details

- We want to keep everyone safe! All food donors, including caterers, must be a licensed food business.
- If an event ends late at night, caterers are encouraged to refrigerate or freeze the food and post the donation for a next day pick up.
- Before pickup, caterers package and label food according to CFR food safety guidelines.
- Upon pickup, caterers sign the food runner's CFR tracking form and electronically sign that food has been handled according to CFR Food Safety Guidelines. Caterers rate their user experience.

### Questions:

Website: [www.communityfoodrescue.org](http://www.communityfoodrescue.org)

Contact: [cheryl@communityfoodrescue.org](mailto:cheryl@communityfoodrescue.org) or call 240.268.2502.

**Licensed caterers and other food businesses sign up to use Community Food Rescue's free matching tool here:**

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**Together we can feed more and waste less!**