



## **Grocery Rescue** **Working Together to Fill the Plates of Hungry Neighbors**

**National Food Retailers want to ensure food donations are handled safely, distributed properly and credited to their organizations!**

- Feeding America works nationally with retailers to ensure proper handling and distribution of donations through member food banks like Food Bank of Wyoming (FBW)
- FBW invests funds to be a member of Feeding America and participate in these national programs.
- In return, we receive support on a national level to secure more food. National support and reassurance means local stores are willing to donate more items.
- National efforts bring donations from Amazon, King Soopers and City Market (Kroger), Costco, Sam's Club, Sprouts, Starbucks, Target, Trader Joe's and Walmart.

**Locally, Food Bank of Wyoming invests more than \$670,000 a year in our Grocery Rescue Program to ensure our retail donors and agency partners are supported.**

This includes pickups by our drivers, food safety training and supplies for participating agencies, agency capacity building and program oversight by our Lead Store Donation Coordinator.

### **How Food Bank of Wyoming Helps to Keep the Program Operational:**

- Outreach to retailers to ensure strong connections and encourage participation
- Train store managers and teams on what and how to donate
- Ensure stores receive the reports and support to feel comfortable making donations
- Provide stores with literature, monthly newsletters and customized posters and guidelines about donations
- Encourage donations from independent stores not affiliated through Feeding America
- Train partner agencies how to properly pick up, transport, store and report donations
- Help agencies with funding opportunities for refrigerators, freezers, shelving, etc.
- Provide agencies with food safety and documentation supplies
- Pair agencies with local stores to ensure no food is wasted
- Resolve issues and disputes between stores and agencies

### **How Our Agencies Help**

- Agencies pay a small flat annual fee for membership in the program. These fees help to cover about 4.5% of FBW's Grocery Rescue costs.
- Agencies pick up donations so we ensure pickups at all the retail donors in our service area.
- Agencies are assigned specific store pickups and collect food items.
- They record donation weight and report back to Food Bank of Wyoming.
- Agencies benefit by receiving anywhere from 10,000 lbs to 900,000+ pounds annually of rescued food, depending on their capacity, number of stores and number of clients served.

**Thanks to our combined efforts, nearly 21 million pounds of food ended up on the plates of hungry neighbors, rather than disposed of. Together we can solve hunger!**

# National Retailers



## Concerns

- Food Safety and Handling
- Food is Helping Needy
- Donations Accurately

## Give Through

- Food Safety and Handling Trained National Member Network
- Meet IRS requirements for distribution
- Unified tracking system for donations
- Peace of Mind

Provides

# FEEDING AMERICA

Who works with network members



Coordinates

Store Pickups  
Reporting  
Food Safety

\$670K Annual Investment

Store Donation Coordinator, Drivers, Warehouse, Sorting, Repacking, Food Safety

## Who works with Partner Agencies

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Partner investments support about 4.5% of our Grocery Rescue Program cost

Direct Pickups

Direct Delivery

Warehouse Orders

Who Distribute to our Community



Rescued Pounds

# 2017

2007  
931,000

# 20+ million