



# NOURISHING COMMUNITY & PLANET

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## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



**WE DON'T WASTE**  
SAVING FOOD • PROTECTING THE PLANET • FEEDING PEOPLE

# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

Well, that was quite a year! 2021 brought us many of the same challenges that 2020 did, and we were ready for them. We grappled with the ongoing pandemic, fought an inconsistent food supply, and expanded our staff to meet the growing need in the community.

It was a year of growth and progress for We Don't Waste. With the pandemic still impacting so many families and individuals, we were so glad to be able to continue to provide vital food access to our community, while also keeping millions of pounds of food out of the landfill to protect the environment.

And we managed to have some fun doing it!



We Don't Waste staff dressed in costumes for the Garden Place Academy Market on Halloween.

Some quick highlights from last year:

- **More than 20 million servings of food recovered and distributed**
- **A growing education program** (including our first school food waste audits!)
- **The purchase of a new food-recovery van and installation of a new freezer** (our first walk-in freezer!)
- **Growth of our Mobile Food Market initiative, with key partners offering additional resources at most markets**

Also last year, We Don't Waste started a strategic planning process to determine the organization's direction for the next 3 to 5 years. We are excited about the opportunities and potential for the future. Our strong financial position is thanks to key partnerships (special shoutout to Danone North America!) and essential support from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

On behalf of the families and individuals we serve, the environment we protect, and the organizations with whom we partner, thank you for your support. **With your help, we continue to be ready for the challenges and opportunities coming our way.**

Best,

Arlan Preblud  
Founder & Executive Director

Michael Richards  
Board of Directors President





# “ We Don't Waste ”

has made our **FOOD SHARE PROGRAM** *possible!*

Without the variety and amount of **reliable, *quality* produce, dairy, and meat**, we would not be able to provide enough food to our refugee clients **every week.**

**THANK YOU!** ”

— Project Worthmore

Partner Agency since 2016



# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

## PARTNER DISTRIBUTION

Our partners are integral to our distribution model, and throughout 2021 we were able to increase our active food donors and distribute food to over 90 nonprofit recipients directly. These nonprofits specialize in serving various communities around Colorado, including veterans, seniors, single mothers, and more. All of the food distributed to these organizations is shared with their communities through various free food programs, many of which would not exist without We Don't Waste's consistent deliveries.

Delivering grains, cereals, and produce to a local nonprofit partner for their weekly food pantry.



Sisters picking up food with their parents at a walk-through market after school.

## MOBILE FOOD MARKETS

Our Mobile Food Markets continue to meet the increased need for food access in communities across Denver. With the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, hunger and food insecurity rose to historic highs in Colorado, and this demand was sustained in 2021. We were able to adapt and add additional markets to our calendar as needed and offered an average of 600+ servings of free, nutritious food per household at each visit.

## EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our education program ramped up in 2021, with an increasing number of classroom presentations, as well as food waste audits in schools across Denver. From first grade, through high school, students learned about the importance of reducing waste, and gained hands-on experience trying new habits to reduce food waste at home and at school.

A student demonstrates the food she is throwing away from her school lunch during a food waste audit.





# FILL A PLATE FOR HUNGER

Our largest and most exciting event of the year, the 10th annual Fill a Plate for Hunger, returned as a hybrid event on September 23rd, 2021. The event was hosted at a new venue, ReelWorks Denver, to accommodate the growing attendance of the event, and it was a hit!

The cocktail hour took place in the courtyard, and was accompanied musically by Hazel Miller & The Collective. This led into the main program and dinner service, where we had the opportunity to share some incredible stories from our community members impacted by We Don't Waste, as well as updates on our programs. Guests also enjoyed a spectacular suite of appetizers and entrées from a menu designed by Chef Troy Guard.

The evening was an awesome success, and we were so glad to be able to celebrate our collective impact on hunger and food waste in-person and virtually with as some of our most passionate supporters.

Learn more at [www.wedontwaste.org/fill-a-plate/](http://www.wedontwaste.org/fill-a-plate/)

Founder and Executive Director, Arlan Preblud (right), with Ed Greene (left) of 9News as the Emcee for the evening.



Guests browse the silent auction item packages during the cocktail hour.



Guests begin to take their seats for dinner service led by Chef Troy Guard and a team of elite chefs.



## CANSTRUCTION COLORADO

CANorodo Grill structure designed and built by Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.



Canstruction Colorado made its triumphant return with 6 incredible structures made entirely out of canned foods by local engineering and architecture firms, as well as We Don't Waste's very own team structure! During the event, visitors to Stanley Marketplace could walk around the halls to see the structures and vote on their favorite entry.







# OUR IMPACT

54%

of the food we distributed to our community

was fresh food

we completed

6,585 food pickups



↑ 9.3% increase

20,375,600+



servings of food distributed

33



new food donors

136

total food donors

6,791,895

meals distributed



8,184

metric tons of greenhouse gases (CO2E) prevented

=



1,771

passenger vehicles removed from the road for one year

=



1,091

U.S. houses powered for one year



# MOBILE FOOD MARKET IMPACT

We Don't Waste offered a total of 71 Mobile Food Markets in 2021 across 6 different locations, each serving a different neighborhood of Denver in a **food desert**, or an area lacking access to affordable, nutritious food. Mobile Food Market participants are offered free proteins, produce, snacks, and more. We also partner with other nonprofit organizations to provide additional crucial resources at each market.

**2,790,460** + **FOOD SERVINGS DISTRIBUTED**  
at Mobile Food Markets alone

**4,580** **unique households served**

**609** average food servings received per family

**38%** market participants were **under 18**



“

The markets have helped me live more securely, and my kids love going to help pick out treats for themselves!

”

- Vivian

Market Participant since 2020



# FOOD DONORS

By donating food, these businesses are reducing their climate impact and turning their excess food into opportunity.

34 Degrees  
5280 Produce  
Abundant Foods  
Acosta FoodService  
Adams County Food Bank  
Advantage Waypoint  
Amazing Grace Church  
Americold - King Soopers Warehouse  
Aramark - Coors Field  
Aramark - Refreshments  
ARC Warehouse  
Aurora Organic Dairy  
Aurora Public Schools Warehouse  
Avista Adventist Hospital - Centura Health  
Bayaud Enterprises  
Big Red F  
Bimbo Bakery  
Bondadosa  
Boulder Sausage  
Boyers Coffee  
Bridge and Tunnel Group  
Buehler Moving Companies  
Cake Crumbs Bakery & Cafe  
Canteen  
Carefree Cuisine  
Casa Bonita  
Centerplate at the Denver Convention Center  
Cherry Creek Schools  
Children's Hospital Colorado  
City Harvest  
Clear Creek Provisions (Boar's Head)  
Colorado Feeding Kids  
Colorado Cherry Company  
Community Food Share  
Community Table - Arvada Food Bank  
Conscious Alliance  
Continental Sausage  
Corner Bakery  
Craig Hospital  
Danone Denver  
Inner City Parish  
Denver International Airport  
Denver Merchandise Mart  
Denver Museum of Nature and Science  
Denver Department of Public Health and the Environment  
Denver Rescue Mission  
E.A. Sween Co.  
Eileen's Colossal Cookies  
Einstein Bros.  
Elevated Catering  
Elliott Gardens  
Empire Warehouse

Epicurean Culinary Group  
Epicurean Entertainment at Empower Field at Mile High  
Eta's Catering  
Feeding Denver's Hungry  
Flowers Baking Co  
Food Bank of the Rockies  
Footers Catering  
Forte Fruits  
Gaylord Hotel  
Google Boulder  
Gotham Greens  
Gourmet Foods International  
Green Chef  
Happy Bakeshop  
Harvest Food Distributors  
Haven of Hope  
Healthy Food for Denver's Kids  
Heritage Farms (Lineage)  
Honey Smoked Fish Company  
Huron Produce LTD  
Infinite Harvest  
Izzio Artisan Bakery  
J.M. Smucker Company  
Johnson & Wales University  
King Soopers Bakery  
KM Concessions Inc. - National Western Complex  
La Popular  
Lee Hing Foodservice  
Legends at Dick's Sporting Goods Arena  
Lipman Family Farms  
Lloyd Swint Account  
Lone Tree Elementary School  
LSG Sky Chefs - Denver International Airport  
Lucy's Burgers  
Marshall Retail Group - Denver International Airport  
May Trucking CO.  
McLane Food Service  
Meadow Gold Dairy Englewood  
Menchie's  
Mental Health Center of Denver  
Menzies Aviation - Denver International Airport  
Metro Caring  
Metro State University - Department of Hospitality  
Mile Hi Foods  
Mile High Delivery & Cold Storage  
Modern Market Test Kitchen  
My Kid's Lunch Catering  
Noops

Occasions Catering  
Omega Marketing  
Peak Beverage  
Pepsi Co.  
Porter Adventist Hospital - Centura Health  
Porter Place - Centura Health  
Project Angel Heart  
Quality Custom Distribution  
Quiznos - Denver International Airport  
Rosenberg's Bagels  
Royal Crest Dairy, Inc.  
Safeway Distribution Center  
Seattle Fish Company  
Second Chance Center, Inc.  
See's Candies  
Serendipity Catering  
Southwest Airlines - Denver International Airport  
St. Anne's Episcopal School  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
Sysco Denver Warehouse  
Sysco Foods - Denver Kitchen  
Taddonio Family Foundation  
Tender Belly  
Terumo/Sodexo  
The Rising Church in Olde Town Arvada  
The Salvation Army Warehouse  
The Westin Westminster  
The Westin - Denver International Airport  
Total Source Foods  
United Airlines - Denver International Airport  
University of Colorado - Anschutz Medical Center  
Utz Chips  
Western Distributing Transportation Corp.  
What Chefs Want - Fresh Pack Produce  
Whole Fresh Foods  
Wildcat Elementary School





Our agency recipient partners make a tremendous impact on hunger and food insecurity across a diverse range of communities in Colorado.

# FOOD RECIPIENTS

Adams County Food Bank  
Agudath Israel of Colorado  
ARC Warehouse  
Aromor Mercy Housing  
Arroyo Village - Rocky Mountain Communities  
Backpack Society  
Bayaud Enterprises  
Beyond Home  
Broomfield FISH  
Bruce Randolph School  
Cannon Learning Center  
Caring & Sharing Community Resources  
City Harvest  
Colorado AIDS Project  
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless - Beacon Place  
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless - Clubhouse  
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless - Fusion Studios  
Colorado Coalition for The Homeless - Renaissance  
Works Vocational Services  
Colorado High School Charter  
Colorado Multiethnic Coalition  
Comitis Crisis Center  
Community Food Share  
Community Table - Arvada Food Bank  
Conscious Alliance  
Counterpath  
Crossroads Shelter  
Delores Project  
Denver Department of Safety  
Denver Health Hospital  
Denver Human Services  
Denver Inner City Parish  
Denver Rescue Mission  
Denver Regional Council on Governments - Agency on Aging  
Eastbay Senior Living Westminster  
Empowerment Program  
Escalante-Biggs Academy  
Focus Points Family Resource Center  
Food Bank of the Rockies  
Fostersource  
Family Resource Center - Sterling  
Garden Court - Rocky Mountain Communities  
Garden Place Academy  
Growing Home  
Haven of Hope  
Heart & Hand Center  
Hope Communities Hidden Brook  
Hope House of Colorado  
Jewish Family Service of Colorado  
Joyful Journeys Community Enrichment

Kenzi's Causes Toy Shop  
Lalo Delgado - Strive Prep Campus  
Lifespan Local and Barton Institute  
Lutheran Family Services - Rocky Mountains  
Mayor's Office - City and County of Denver  
Emergency Food Distribution  
Mental Health Center of Denver  
Metro Caring  
Metropolitan State University - STEM Education  
New Apostolic Church Food Bank  
New Genesis  
North Middle School  
Presentation of Our Lady  
Project Angel Heart  
Project Worthmore  
RE:Vision  
Rose Andom Center  
Samaritan House  
Second Chance Center Inc.  
Secor Cares  
Senior Support Services  
Servicios De La Raza  
Shannon's Hope  
Sharing & Caring Ministries  
South High School  
Sox Place  
Saint Elizabeth Of Hungary Church  
Street Fraternity, Inc.  
Sunrise Elementary School - CCS  
The GrowHaus  
The Rising Church in Olde Town Arvada  
There with Care  
Thrive Church  
True Light Baptist Church  
Urban Peak  
Volunteers of America - Head Start Program  
WeeCycle  
Weld County Food Bank  
West High School  
Wyatt Academy





# KEY PARTNERS



TWO GOOD

We Don't Waste's partnership with Danone North America and Two Good Yogurt grew in 2021, as did their *One Cup, Less Hunger* program. For each individual cup of yogurt sold, Two Good donated 2¢ to We Don't Waste and City Harvest in New York. Two Good's mission to reduce food waste and hunger aligns with our own, and we look forward to a continued partnership.



CoBank was an incredible partner of We Don't Waste again in 2021, continuing its vital support of the organization and showing its tremendous community involvement and leadership. CoBank sponsored our Fill a Plate for Hunger event as Presenting Sponsor, supported our Mobile Food Market initiative, and offered many hours of Board of Directors service and volunteer time.



Kiewit Meridiam Partners (KMP) continues to be an outstanding partner to We Don't Waste. As a founding partner and the very first sponsor of our Mobile Food Market initiative, KMP has continued to support this high-impact effort to increase food security in low-income neighborhoods, ensuring We Don't Waste is able to provide vital food access for food-insecure families and individuals in our community.



A volunteer handing out snacks from one of the dozens of food stations at a Mobile Food Market.



# AWARDS AND MILESTONES



**BANK OF AMERICA**

## **Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Award**

We Don't Waste was named as the 2020 Bank of America Neighborhood Builder® awardee in Denver. The two year partnership included a grant, comprehensive leadership training, and access to a network of peer organizations across the U.S. This program allowed us to grow our local impact, expand existing programs such as our Mobile Food Markets, and increase our food recovery efforts.

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**COLORADO**  
Department of Public  
Health & Environment

## **Front Range Waste Diversion (FRWD) Grant Recipient**

We were awarded the 2021 Front Range Waste Diversion (FRWD) grant to support and provide technical assistance to our efforts to reduce food waste. This program has allowed us to install our first walk-in freezer in our Distribution Center, increasing the amount of servings we are able to recover and store on-site. We were also able to acquire a van to facilitate smaller quantity food pickups.

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## **Impact 100 Metro Denver Grant Recipient**

We Don't Waste was honored to be selected as one of three Impact100 Metro Denver grant recipients in 2021. Impact100 supported We Don't Waste's *More Haste, Less Waste* initiative, focused on increasing operational efficiencies for greater capacity and impact, and creating a volunteer food-recovery network to recover more food.





# 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Food Recovery Specialist

Our families are always so grateful for all of the food provided because it allows them to save toward rent and other necessities.

— WEST HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS FOOD BANK



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2021 — December 31st, 2021

We Don't Waste brought an incredible community of partners with us into 2021, and continued our trend of growth from 2020. With a larger fleet, staff, more frequent Mobile Food Markets, and more food pickups than ever before, we look forward to continuing to expand our reach and operations.

REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Grants and Contributions	2,891,376	126,800	3,018,176
In Kind - Food / Non Food Contributions	8,963,133		8,963,133
Interest Income	37,033		37,033
Special Events - Less related expenses	255,157		255,157
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	152,375	(152,375)	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>12,299,074</b>	<b>(25,575)</b>	<b>12,273,499</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program Services	1,069,279		1,069,279
In Kind - Food / Non Food Contributions	8,963,133		8,963,133
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>10,032,412</b>		<b>10,032,412</b>
<b>SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>			
General and Administrative	270,597		270,597
Fundraising	299,346		299,346
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>569,943</b>		<b>569,943</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,602,719</b>		<b>10,602,719</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,696,719</b>	<b>(25,575)</b>	<b>1,671,144</b>
NET ASSETS, Beginning	2,206,970	112,500	2,319,470
NET ASSETS, Ending	3,903,689	96,925	3,990,614







# LOOKING AHEAD

Food insecurity continued to be a challenge for our community in 2021, but with amazing support from our community, we have been able to meet the need and plan for the future of food recovery in Colorado.

The main goal that drives us every day is increasing our food recovery in and around Denver. Looking forward, this includes not only growing our staff and vehicle fleet, but also exploring entirely new methods for food recovery. We began developing a program to utilize volunteers as an auxiliary food recovery team for smaller and more agile food pickups, and are excited to launch it in 2022.

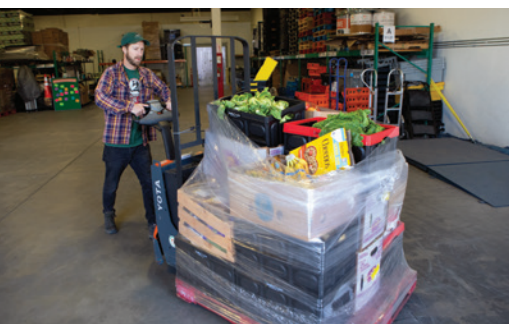
We are also focusing on growing our community engagement through education and advocacy. From excitable second-grade classrooms to sitting on the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger policy committee, our team is working hard to make our community more waste-conscious and address food insecurity more broadly.

In addition, we are looking into how we can strengthen and improve our operations to make them more efficient and effective. Working with a process-improvement consulting firm, we're evaluating and researching the best ways to enhance and scale our food operations to better serve our community and our planet.

Finally, in late 2021 we began a strategic planning process to determine our direction and goals for the next five years. That process should be concluded by fall 2022, and we're excited to share the results of this work!

The team at We Don't Waste is extremely grateful for the support of our partners, donors, and volunteers. We have ambitious goals for the future of food recovery in Colorado, and we look forward to having you along for the ride.

— Thank You



# GET INVOLVED

## DONATE

Your donation will make an immediate impact on hunger in our community. We specialize in food recovery and distribution, and can stretch your dollar to recover more servings and provide countless free, nutritious meals to those experiencing food insecurity. [Go to \*\*www.wedontwaste.org/donate\*\* to give today.](http://www.wedontwaste.org/donate)

## VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization. We have volunteer opportunities available every week for individuals, as well as corporate groups and organizations. [Contact us at \*\*volunteer@wedontwaste.org\*\* to get started.](mailto:volunteer@wedontwaste.org)

## LEARN

It takes all of us to make a difference on food waste and hunger in our community. Head to our website to learn more about ways to reduce food waste at home, or schedule an education presentation for your colleagues or organization. [Go to \*\*www.wedontwaste.org/education/\*\* to learn more.](http://www.wedontwaste.org/education/)

## GIVE FOOD

If you own or manage a restaurant, food production facility or distribution center, you can drastically reduce your food waste and make a positive eco-impact by donating your excess food at no cost or liability to yourself. [Learn more at \*\*www.wedontwaste.org/food-recovery/\*\*](http://www.wedontwaste.org/food-recovery/)

## PARTNER

Our communities are able to flourish because of our partnerships. We are happy to help you accomplish your Corporate Social Responsibility goals, engage your employees, and partner around a shared purpose. Event sponsorships, program partnerships, and cause-related marketing are just a few of the ways you can get involved. [Contact us at \*\*development@wedontwaste.org\*\* to learn more.](mailto:development@wedontwaste.org)

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