



Friends of We Don't Waste,

2022 was another remarkable year for our organization and for our ever-strengthening community of partner agencies, food donors, supporters, and volunteers. After the last few years of increasing food insecurity due to pandemic-related issues, increasing inflation and rising food costs, and a reduction of SNAP benefits to pre-pandemic levels, We Don't Waste has further solidified itself as an integral solution for food access within our community.

Our Denver community is resilient, and much of our organization's growth has been a result of neighbors helping neighbors, volunteers consistently stepping up to help at whatever opportunity arises, and local businesses and partners embracing the spirit of generosity and providing essential support to allow We Don't Waste to grow to meet increasing need for food access.



Volunteer Program Manager Barona and a volunteer pose with signs at a Mobile Food Market.

Organizational highlights from 2022 include:

- Increased Food Donations: Our food recovery team is bringing in more food and welcoming more food donors, leading to more resources for our partners and Mobile Food Markets, and, ultimately, more food to more families and individuals
- **Education and Advocacy Growth**: Our education and advocacy programs are creating a ripple effect of awareness and changing habits to reduce food waste across all boundaries.
- **Strengthened Operations and Administration**: We focused on increasing efficiencies in food operations and administration in 2022, building a solid foundation for future growth.
- Strategic Planning and Mission/Vision Update: We completed a five-year strategic plan in 2022, aligning the organization on goals and priorities for the future, including an update to our mission and vision statements, along with identification of our core organizational values.

We Don't Waste's ability to grow and adapt over the past few years has demonstrated that we've built a strong foundation in our operations and have become a community pillar in the Denver metro area and beyond.

Our vision is that food goes to people, not landfills, and is accessible to all. Our community is what is going to make that possible. The We Don't Waste team is endlessly grateful for the support we've received, and we look forward to continuing to better serve our neighbors and protect our planet.

Best,

ARLAN PREBLUD FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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MICHAEL RICHARDS BOARD PRESIDENT

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In response to We Don't Waste's recent expansion in programming and organizational growth, We Don't Waste developed a new strategic plan to guide the organization throughout 2023-2027. This included an updated mission, vision, and core values to better reflect who We Don't Waste is.

OUR MISSION:

We increase food access and protect the planet by rescuing and repurposing food, while educating and advocating to increase food security and decrease food waste.

OUR

VISION:

Food goes to people, not landfills, and is accessible to all.



CORE VALUES:

FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT CHAMPION INNOVATION FOSTER INCLUSION BUILD COMMUNITY CULTIVATE SUSTAINABILITY





Yu Meh Food Share by Project Worthmore

Food Agency Recipient

Denver is home to over 60,000 refugees from over 25 countries, and Project Worthmore works to foster community and ensure self-sufficiency for these families and individuals. The Yu Meh Food Share receives fresh food from We Don't Waste, with the goal to provide consistent access to nutritious food and protect the dignity and health of the participants.

"We are able to provide culturally-appropriate food bags to our community, which consists of fresh vegetables and fruits, as opposed to many of the canned foods you find at pantries more tailored to Americans. We distributed roughly over 32,000 pounds of food from We Don't Waste in 2022. These families are going through so much difficulty, but they tell us how much

comfort and joy the food brings them," says Keely Yang of Project Worthmore.

Food offerings at many large pantries are restricted to shelf-stable items like canned food. Providing access to

fresh produce and protein can help make a new space feel like home, and can provide the individual the option to maintain dietary preferences and accommodate religious restrictions.

"I was happy to see that good food—nutritious, balanced, and culturally relevant—was being delivered to people who are still in a difficult place in their lives. It felt right to be part of making their world better, even by a little bit,"

writes Shellie, a volunteer supporting food distribution efforts.





regular participant at We Don't Waste's Mobile Food Markets. Feeding a family of six plus her mother-in-law, Manuela finds time outside of her part-time work to create homecooked meals for her family every night. Her four children keep her busy running to and from sports practice, concerts, and playdates, and her mother-in-law requires extra care to monitor her health, but dinner brings the whole family together as a team. They gather around a meal to catch up on each other's days, watch their favorite TV sitcom, and share some laughter over one of Manuela's creations.

"Food gives me energy. Food makes me happy, and it makes me happy to see my kids eating. They say 'oh mom how'd you make this,' and my husband teases me like 'you must have bought this,' but I made it myself! Does it taste good? I made it!"

Manuela regularly attends the Mobile Food Markets with her sidekick, Oscar, to grab nutritious food for the family. She enjoys the variety of foods and the fresh produce options, but Manuela lights up when she finds cauliflower to bring home. Her mother-in-law shared her favorite egg-battered deep fry recipe for cauliflower from her own mother back in Guatemala, and the whole family cherishes this particular treat.

"Good food is your source of energy. It takes you through the day. You aren't thinking about your empty stomach or how tired you are. You can make it through the day.

It's good in so many ways."

Like so many families and individuals attending the Mobile Food

Markets, Manuela's family is able to keep everyone fed and growing

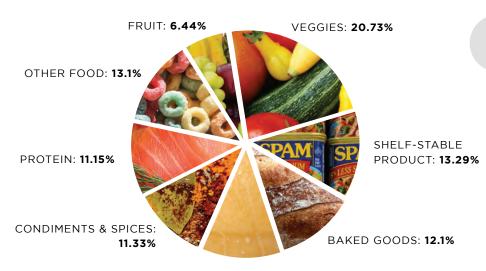
strong with three full meals a day. With just a little extra support

from the markets, they are able to thrive, even in difficult

times.



21,982,829 = 7,327,609SERVINGS RECOVERED



DAIRY: 11.82%

Where does this food come from?

MEALS

What sets food recovery apart from your typical food bank operation is that nearly all of our food is donated *surplus* from local businesses and producers, as well as from nationwide distribution chains. The food is edible, but was rejected for sale due to any number of reasons.

Recovering surplus allows us to provide a variety of fresh food products each week as opposed to primarily shelf-stable food, and creates a more culturally inclusive selection for our partners.

Where does the food go?

17.057.630 food servings distributed to FOOD RECIPIENT AGENCIES

4.061.725 food servings distributed to MOBILE FOOD MARKETS

80.843 individuals served through MOBILE FOOD MARKETS

109 FOOD RECIPIENT AGENCY PARTNERS

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

14,944 tons of greenhouse gases (CO2 equivalent) were prevented by consuming food instead of letting it end up in a landfill.

854 million gallons of water were not wasted.

(It takes a lot of water to grow our food.)



NUTRITION & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

By engaging with our community through impactful educational experiences, We Don't Waste is able to raise awareness of the issues of food insecurity and food waste, and create intergenerational change.

Our education team added a part-time Nutrition Education Specialist to help build out education progamming and increase the number of presentations and food waste audits performed in schools by 48%.

We Don't Waste also launched our free. At-Home Food Waste Audit program: a four-week program in both English and Spanish that provides a complete guide to tracking, monitoring, and reducing the amount of food waste we produce in our own homes.



Students at Parmalee Elementary School learn about the importance of nutrition and preventing food waste.

+ 1,500+ STUDENTS EDUCATED AT 18 SCHOOLS + 12 SCHOOL FOOD WASTE AUDITS COMPLETED



Utilizing a free mobile app, We Don't Waste's volunteer community is able to expand food recovery to dozens of additional food businesses in the





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954 UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS

12,704 TOTAL HOURS OF VOLUNTEER **SERVICE**

FOOD DONORS

In addition to those listed below, we recovered food from over 60 individual carriers and warehouse/cold-storage facilities, as well as over 20 local nonprofit partner agencies.

34 Degrees 505 Southwestern 5280 Produce Abundant Foods

Anschutz Medical Center

Aramark - Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Astro Coffee Bar

Barber's Farms Bimbo Bakery

Bruce Randolph's Hydroponic Classroom

Catering by Design

Centerplate at the Colorado Convention

Clause and Effect Clear Creek Provisions

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Serve 6.8

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The Westin Westminster Ullr's Garden United Airlines University of Denver **US** Foods

Utz Chips What Chefs Want



As a partner agency, all 109 recipients share the food We Don't Waste recovers with their community for free. This distribution comes in the form of warm meal centers, pop-up food pantries, to-go fridges, meal kits, and more.

FOOD RECIPIENTS

Adams County Food Bank

ARC Warehouse

Auraria Campus

Backpack Society

Bayaud Enterprises

BeyondHome

BGoldN Food Pantry

Broomfield FISH

Buckley Spouses Group

Cannon Learning Center

Caring & Sharing Community

Resources

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Employment

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Community Table

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Denver Human Services

Denver Inner City Parish

Denver Rescue Mission

East Bay Senior Living

Westminster

East High School

Edgewater Plaza

Ekar Farm

Empowerment Program

Escalante-Biggs

Academy

Family Resource Center

Sterling

First Baptist Church

Focus Points Family

Resource Center

Food Bank of the Rockies

Food for Hope

Fostersource

Garden Place Academy

Growing Home

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Heart & Hand Center

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Church

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Food Bank

New Genesis

North Middle School

Peaceworks

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Project Worthmore

RE:Vision

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Secor Cares

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Sox Place

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Center

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Warehouse

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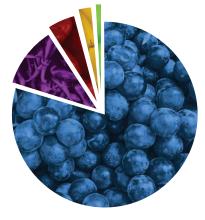
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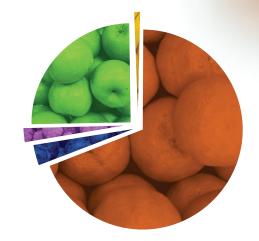
Agency Relations Specialist





FINANCIALS





FINANCIAL EXPENSES

IN-KIND & FINANCIAL REVENUE

\$15,612,865

TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS,

& OTHER SUPPORT

тот	AL EXPENSES	\$13,122,915
	\$10,771,423	IN-KIND FOOD DISTRIBUTION
	\$1,448,574	PROGRAM EXPENSES
	\$569,868	MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
	\$292,773	FUNDRAISING
	\$40,277	FOOD PURCHASE

	\$10,801,423	IN-KIND FOOD DONATION
	\$3,903,216	GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS
	\$546,450	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
	\$333,587	SPECIAL EVENTS, NET
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STRONG PARTNERSHIPS FOR AN EVEN STRONGER FUTURE

We Don't Waste continued to grow our staff and programs in 2022, with an expanded and reorganized Food Recovery & Distribution team and Nutrition & Environmental Education Team.

With a bigger and better optimized organization chart, we were able to increase food recovered, and we presented to more schools and organizations than ever before.

Much of this growth is thanks to

continued partnership from local businesses as well as nationwide support from Danone North America's Less Hunger, More Good program with Two Good Yogurt.

Moving into 2023, we prepare for a capital campaign for the purchase of a new building. A larger space remodeled to suit We Don't Waste's programs will allow us to continue to grow at our current rate of expansion so that We Don't Waste's food

distribution can support more Coloradans. Our space will also be designed to better serve our education programming and used to host joint community events and programs with partner agencies.

In addition to bolstered programming, the building can be designed with sustainability in mind, keeping We Don't Waste's operations growing and green for many years to come.

40 GOOD

KEY FINANCIAL DONORS



The dedication and genorosity of our community has created an incredible foundation on which We Don't Waste has been able to improve and expand our programs and services. We owe immense gratitude the following donors for their outstanding genorosity.

Capital Campaign Donors

Donors marked with an *asterisk contributed to the capital campaign in addition to their unrestricted gifts.

\$100,000 and above

*CoBank
Danone North America
The Salah Foundation

\$50,000 - \$99,999

Adams County
Denver Post Community
Foundation
*Fox Family Foundation
Healthy Food for Denver's
Kids

The Anschutz Foundation

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Food Bank of the Rockies
Kiewit Meridiam Partners
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Colorado
The Schlessman Family
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\$10,000 - \$24,999

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We are so grateful for the food we receive each week from We Don't Waste, and its variety and freshness. We are especially appreciative that we've been able to partner with y'all on some larger-scale events that have been very meaningful for our community.

Heart & Hand Center



LOOKING FORWARD





Volunteers pack food at a Mobile Food Market

We believe that food is a human right. As simple as the concept may seem, this idea encompasses the breadth and depth of the work We Don't Waste staff performs every day. With this belief at the center of our operations, and our strategy for expansion, we can imagine a future in which our vision, food goes to people, not landfills, and is accessible to all, becomes a reality. In order to create this future, we must continue to grow our impact, integrate food recovery into existing food production and distribution systems, and evolve as fast as we can to continue to serve our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

In order to grow, **we champion innovation**. Our team continues to find new ways to increase our impact and new methods to connect food to our communities. Our food recovery app allows for increased community partnerships, and our volunteer community gets hands-on experience with food recovery with opportunities beyond We Don't Waste's truck routes.

We Don't Waste's programs reach countless demographics across the Denver metro, so **we foster inclusion** by involving our community at each of

our Mobile Food Market host sites, and providing food without restriction or barriers. Our volunteers are a diverse community of their own, and the students we teach, both young and old, learn how they as unique individuals can help protect our planet and feed their neighbors.

None of our work would be possible without our incredible partnerships and supporters, and **we build community** through a strong network of food donors and food recipient agencies. In 2022, we worked with over 100 new first-time food donors to continue integral food donations to our current food recipient agencies while bringing on new nonprofits and agencies.

We also **cultivate sustainability** through our actions and food recovery operations every day. Our team currently utilizes composting to reduce the impact of incoming food waste, and we are building new climate-conscious solutions into future expansions of our distribution center.

Your support created the foundation upon which We Don't Waste can look confidently into planning our future as an organization. A larger space for food distribution, more food donors than ever before, and a stronger, dedicated community of staff, partners, and volunteers are all working together to create a healthier Denver.

Everyone deserves to eat, and with your help, we will move through 2023 with an even greater impact on food waste and food insecurity.

THANK YOU!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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.

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.

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.

DONATE FOOD

If you own or manage a restuarant, 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/

PARTNER WITH US

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.

The food we receive from We Don't Waste is incredible! Our food pantry supports anyone in need that comes to us from the community, and we get great feedback on the program. People love the variety of options. They get to choose what to take home: veggies, cookies, snacks, soup, or anything! I can see the positive impact it's having on people that come back each week.

-Jennifer, Southwest Family YMCA





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