At Lovin' Spoonfuls, we work with food vendors and non-profits across Massachusetts to prevent good food from going to waste. Lovin' Spoonfuls is the largest food rescue operation in New England, serving over 40 cities and towns in Greater Boston, MetroWest and Hampden County.
HOW WE WORK

WE UTILIZE A DIRECT DISTRIBUTION MODEL.

70+ FOOD VENDORS

We partner with grocery stores, wholesalers, farms, and farmers' markets to facilitate the rescue of perishable food that would otherwise be discarded. Maybe it's nearing its "best by" date. Or perhaps it's produce that is slightly bruised or misshapen. It's no longer considered "saleable," but it's still good.

SAME DAY DISTRIBUTION

Our team of ServSafe-certified Food Rescue Coordinators operates a fleet of refrigerated vehicles along eight different routes. They pick up from vendors and distribute, same day, to non-profit partners serving people facing food insecurity. At Lovin' Spoonfuls, we never "bank" food. Direct distribution equals direct access.

170+ NON-PROFIT PARTNERS

Our non-profit partners include pantries, meal programs, shelters, addiction treatment and recovery programs, veterans' services programs, child-serving programs, senior centers, and more.
The financial cost is greatest for consumers, who spend money on food they don’t eat.

Meanwhile, around 50 million people are facing food insecurity across the country. If we rescued just 30% of the food we wasted, we’d be able to feed the majority of them.

Food is the #1 material in landfills in the U.S. and a major contributor of greenhouse gas.

It makes up 24% of landfill inputs and 4% of greenhouse gas emissions. Put another way, if we managed to rescue all the food we wasted, it would be like taking 37 million cars off the road.

Wasted food costs the U.S. about $285 billion each year.

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Sources: ReFED, Feeding America, USDA.
WAYS WE HELP

IN 2020, WE KEPT 4 MILLION LBS. OF FOOD OUT OF LANDFILLS

THAT'S ENOUGH FOOD FOR 3.3 MILLION MEALS.
Our focus is on perishable food: produce, lean proteins, dairy.
Food Rescue Coordinators strive to source food that helps to meet the nutritional needs of people facing food insecurity.

RESCUING 4 MILLION LBS. OF FOOD IS LIKE TAKING 1,168 CARS OFF THE ROAD FOR A YEAR.
Food rescue has important environmental benefits. By keeping food out of landfills, we prevent greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

FOR 16% OF OUR NON-PROFIT PARTNERS, WE PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF DONATED FOOD THEY RECEIVE.
We help to offset their food costs so they can devote more of their budgets to the people they serve - and less of their time worrying about the expense of food.
AS A NON-PROFIT FOOD RESCUE, WE RELY ON GRANTS AND PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY TO SUSTAIN OUR WORK. EVERY $1 WE RECEIVE ENABLES US TO RESCUE 3 LBS. OF FOOD. THAT’S ENOUGH TO FEED A PERSON FOR A DAY.

$1,000 Supports the rescue of 3,000 lbs. of food, creating 2,500 meals.

$2,500 Supports the rescue of 7,500 lbs. of food, creating 6,250 meals.

$5,000 Supports the rescue of 15,000 lbs. of food, creating 12,500 meals.

With questions about how you can support Spoonfuls:

Contact our Development Team at development@lovinspoonfulsinc.org or call (617) 390.4450.
If you're working on a story about food access or the impacts of wasted food on people or the planet... if you want to know about hunger... if you want to hear from front-line workers about how we keep good food from going to waste during a pandemic... if you're curious about the evolution of Lovin' Spoonfuls from a passion project to a business... contact us.

With media requests:

Contact our Communications Team at communications@lovinspoonfulsinc.org or call (617) 390.4450.

You can also learn more about us on our website, lovinspoonfulsinc.org, or on social media at: