LOVIN' SPOONFULS

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN ABUNDANCE & NEED

At Lovin' Spoonfuls, we work with food vendors and nonprofits across Massachusetts to prevent good food from going to waste. Lovin' Spoonfuls is the largest food rescue operation in New England, serving around 50 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 nonprofit partners serving people facing food insecurity. At Lovin' Spoonfuls, we never "bank" food.

160+ NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Our nonprofit 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, 38 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 them.

Around 35% of food produced in the U.S. goes unsold or uneaten.

Food is the 3rd largest source of greenhouse gas emissions behind China and the U.S.

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

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

IN 2021, 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 1,226 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.

WE KEEP THE VALUE IN GOOD FOOD.

By providing rescued food to our nonprofit partners - food valued at $6.8 million in 2020 - we enabled them to devote more of their budgets to the people they serve.
As a nonprofit food rescue, we rely on grants and private philanthropy to sustain our work. Every $1 we receive enables us to rescue roughly 3 lbs. of food. That’s enough to feed a person for a day.

Support

Supports the rescue of 2,800 lbs. of food, creating 2,240 meals.

$1,000

Supports the rescue of 7,000 lbs. of food, creating 5,600 meals.

$2,500

Supports the rescue of 14,000 lbs. of food, creating 11,200 meals.

$5,000

With questions about how you can support Spoonfuls:

Contact our Development Team at development@lovin spoonfulsinc.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 frontline 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:

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