

Saving grace

perishable food rescue



ANNUAL REPORT

Impact 2017

a look at what we've accomplished together

DID YOU KNOW?

- Over 90% of wasted food in the U.S. ends up in the landfills.
- The average American family spends \$1,500 a year on wasted food.
- One in seven people in Douglas County are food insecure.
- Six in 10 people living below the poverty line worry that their food may run out before they have money to buy more.

Sources: Wasted! movie, Feeding America, The Landscape Omaha

BY THE NUMBERS

713,721

MEALS FED TO THE HUNGRY



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NUMBER OF NEW NONPROFIT PARTNER AGENCIES

2,036,279

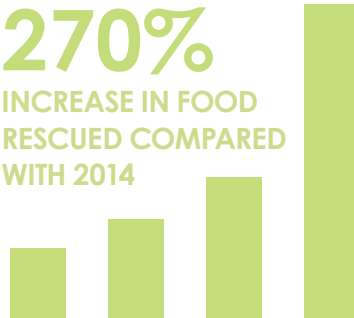
LIFETIME TOTAL POUNDS OF FOOD RESCUED



\$1,234,737.³³

VALUE OF FOOD RESCUED

270%
INCREASE IN FOOD RESCUED COMPARED WITH 2014



11
NUMBER OF NEW FOOD DONOR PARTNERS



Driver Randy Hansen delivers food to Notre Dame Housing for a food pantry that was visited a short time later by seniors.



Jeff Snow of Catering Creations with a graph tracking the company's donations to Saving Grace.

TYPES of FOOD RESCUED in 2017

PRODUCE 
45%
319,920 lbs

GRAINS 
29%
211,201 lbs

DAIRY 
14%
96,913 lbs

MEATS 
11%
82,123 lbs

OTHER 
1%
3,564 lbs

reflections



When I look back at 2017, my heart is full realizing how much we accomplished together:

- In December, the total amount of food rescued and redistributed since operations began just over four years ago reached 2 million pounds.
- The amount of food rescued in 2017 – 713,721 pounds – represents a 17 percent increase over the previous year.
- Our network of food donor partners grew by 11.

While the numbers show the big picture, the real story is the people whose lives are impacted by having access to healthy, perishable food. People like Carol, who visits the pantry at Notre Dame Senior Housing. "We get food here we would not normally have because we don't have enough money to buy it." And Nya, a Youth Emergency Services' client. "The fresh foods are fulfilling."

Feeding the hungry is just one part of Saving Grace's mission. I invite you to help create a no food waste movement in our community.

Have you ever thought about what happens to food when you throw it away? Most likely it ends up in the landfill. Buried in a pile of waste, a head of lettuce can take 25 years to decompose. It's up to all of us to make changes so less food is wasted. I encourage you to look for ways to do this in your life and to ask food vendors to donate their excess food.

Thank you for being a part of our movement to feed our hungry neighbors rather than our landfills!

Beth Ostdiek Smith, Saving Grace CEO and Founder

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TACKLING FOOD WASTE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Food insecurity is a reality in the Omaha area. In Douglas County alone, one in seven people are food insecure. That's nearly 75,000 of our neighbors from all over the community.

At Saving Grace, we believe it just makes sense to feed the hungry with nutritious food that would otherwise go to waste. Here's how we do this:

- Using refrigerated trucks, each weekday morning our professional drivers/food handlers pick up produce, meats, dairy products, packaged and prepared meals, and other nutritious foods from a network of regular and on-call food donors.
- This food is delivered the same day - free of charge - to nonprofit partner agencies, including food pantries, shelters, transitional living facilities, children's centers, senior centers and a health clinic.
- Food is matched to the agencies' needs, enabling them to provide healthy meals to their clients and direct more of their funding to other core programs.

"I became involved with Saving Grace because I believe deeply in the mission. It is a privilege to be part of an organization that helps to provide nutritious meals for individuals across our community and educates people about how they can reduce their food waste, which benefits our environment."

PEGGY DUNN
Board Member

"I did not know working for Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue would impact so many lives on a daily basis. My recipients tell me when they see the Saving Grace truck pull up, they know they will be getting top quality food."

RANDY HANSEN
Driver/Food Handler

We Appreciate Our *food donor partners*

Heartfelt thanks go to our 38 partners who make our work possible by donating their excess perishable food! These grocery stores, wholesalers, caterers, restaurants, schools, event venues and other food purveyors realize this makes good business sense as they receive a tax credit, save on dumpster fees and support their sustainability plan. And, they are feeding our hungry neighbors rather than adding to our landfills.

50,000 lbs. AND UP

Fresh Thyme (132nd & Center)
Fresh Thyme (149th & Maple)
Fresh Thyme (Lakeside)
Hy-Vee #9 (180th & Q)
Trader Joe's
Whole Foods

10,000 TO 49,999 lbs.

Akin's Natural Food Store
Attitude on Food
Eat Fit Go
Greenberg Fruit
Hy-Vee #1514 (Shadow Lake)
Hy-Vee #10 (156th & Maple)
Hy-Vee #6 (96th & Q)
Loffredo Produce
QuikTrip Kitchen

2,000 TO 9,999 lbs.

Catering Creations
Century Link/Levy Restaurants
Cheesecake Factory
Hy-Vee #11 (180th & Pacific)
Lunch Box Foods
Pizza Ranch (Omaha)
Pizza Ranch (Papillion)
SpartanNash Warehouse
St. Vincent de Paul School
Wohlner's Grocery

UP TO 1,999 lbs.

Bonefish Grill
Brownell-Talbot School
Contemporary Food Management
Embassy Suites (LaVista)
Outback Steakhouse
Patrick's Market
Presbyterian Church of the Master
Rigel Airport Services
Savor Omaha/Baxter Arena
Simple Science Juices
TD Ameritrade Park
Tired Texan BBQ
Westside Meal Services

"We are a company that really tries to be **influential and supportive** of the *community.*"

BRAD DIERS, Fresh Thyme-Lakeside

"There are so many people who need that *little bit of extra help.* We all go through these moments in time when we need a little help, and we are glad **we are able to do that.**"

JENNIFER BURBACK,
Akin's Natural Foods

"We don't want any food to go to waste that can **support** people in need."

JEFF SNOW,
Catering Creations

DOLLAR VALUE OF FOOD DONATED IN 2017: \$1,234,737.33



2 MILLION POUND MILESTONE: Shown at a recent QuikTrip donation during a celebration in December are Saving Grace team members Judy Rydberg, Beth Ostdiek Smith, Randy Hansen and Brock Thornton of QuikTrip.



MAKING OUR WORK POSSIBLE: Board member Michael Hemenway accepts a check from the Walmart Foundation for our third refrigerated truck.



MAKING AN IMPACT: Clients of Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue's partner agencies are appreciative of the food they receive, Anita shops at the Notre Dame Housing pantry; Maria looks over selections at the Intercultural Senior Center; and Nya selects food to take home at Youth Emergency Services.

THREE IS A FLEET:

Grants from the Walmart Foundation and Claire M. Hubbard Foundation enabled Saving Grace to purchase its third refrigerated truck and hire a third driver in late 2017.



THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT IN 2017!

LIVING OUR MISSION,

OUR MISSION: Connect perishable food from local food purveyors to local nonprofits that feed our hungry, while raising awareness and educating the community on food waste and hunger.

UNIQUE TASTINGS: Advisory Board events held in private homes feature rescued foods transformed into appetizers by local chefs and educate guests on how excess food is feeding the hungry in Omaha. Top photo, from left, Terry McMullen, Sharee Newman, My Boes, Beth Ostdiek Smith, Ellie Archer and Larry Johnson.



THE ULTIMATE FOOD TRUCK EVENT: Local food trucks teamed up with Saving Grace at Farm Credit Services of America. Board members Peggy Dunn, Lonnie Michael Jr. and Beth Ostdiek Smith shared information on Saving Grace with diners.



EARTH DAY: Young attendees pledge to combat food waste.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: These events feature samples of rescued foods transformed by local chefs, along with thought-provoking messages on food waste and our environment. Above left, Chef David Kinney prepares food for an event at Koenig/Dunne Law Firm. Attendees sample rescued foods at an event hosted by Eat Fit Go.

FOUR YEARS AND COUNTING: Saving Grace celebrated its fourth anniversary of rescuing and redistributing perishable food by taking part in Food Day on Sept. 30. From left are team members Randy Hansen, Judy Rydberg, Tracy Wells and Michael Magnuson.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK: Randy Hansen picks up dairy products and other fresh foods at Fresh Thyme; Michael Magnuson loads the truck with donations from Catering Creations.



VISION AND VALUES

OUR VISION: Feed the hungry by rescuing the heartland's bounty that would otherwise go to waste.
OUR VALUES: COLLABORATION • IMPACT • INTEGRITY • COMMUNITY

Fresh Thyme - Lakeside



Akin's Natural Foods



Catering Creations



Our Food Donors Are the Best:

SHOWN AT LEFT

JENNIFER BURBACK,
Akin's Natural Foods

**DRIVER MICHAEL
MAGNUSON & JEFF SNOW,**
Catering Creations

**DRIVER RANDY HANSEN
& BRAD DIERS,**
Fresh Thyme, Lakeside

feeding the hungry our nonprofit agency partners

Thirty-five local nonprofit agency locations received food donations that provided needed produce, protein, dairy and other nutritious foods to some of our community's most challenged children, seniors and families. In many cases, this allowed the agencies to direct more of their funding to programs that meet other critical client needs. Any 501c3 nonprofit agency in the Omaha area can request food donations from Saving Grace.

AGENCY

AGENCY	TOTAL POUNDS of FOOD RECEIVED
Bethlehem House	890
Boys and Girls Club (North) *	4,881
Boys and Girls Club (South) *	5,355
Carole's House of Hope	2,725
Chariots 4 Hope *	1,705
Compassion in Action	29,377
Christian Outreach Program Elkhorn	38,736
Enoch Ministries	4,700
Faith Westwood Methodist Pantry *	450
Heart Ministries	139,086
Heartland Hope Mission	51,265
Hope Center for Kids	7,725
Intercultural Senior Center	16,870
Juan Diego Center	28,060
Kelly House *	2,008
Millard South Student Pantry *	735
No More Empty Pots *	785
Notre Dame Housing	14,026
One World Community Health *	15,850
Open Door Mission	31,290
Open Door Mission South	32,288
Papillion Safehouse *	2,199
Project Hope	9,800
Rejoice! Lutheran Church *	1,608
Rejuvenating Women *	569
Restored Hope	2,585
Ronald McDonald House	655
Salem Food Pantry	12,629
Siena Francis House	26,681
St. Martin de Porres Senior Center	26,222
St. Vincent de Paul Pantry	62,536
Stephen Center	34,545
Table Grace	10,645
Together	87,965
Youth Emergency Services	5,790

*New in 2017

"It is almost like a treat (for our clients) to have a \$5 sandwich for nothing. It's the little stuff that we take for granted."

Tony Gramazio, Youth Emergency Services



The food pantry at Notre Dame Senior Housing features fresh foods delivered by Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue.

WHO WE SERVE



"The seniors really enjoy getting fruits and vegetables because they can get expensive in the grocery stores."

Barbara Thomas, Notre Dame Housing

"Saving Grace's work is important in our community because it addresses a solution to hunger by rescuing perishable food to be used by people in Omaha in need of food. Saving Grace keeps thousands of pounds of usable food from ending up in a landfill."

CAROL RUSSELL
Advisory Board

"Saving Grace's work is important in our community because it addresses two very pressing issues -- food waste and food insecurity. Saving food from entering the landfill and instead feeding people in need is a win for the community and a win for the environment."

LENLI CORBETT
Board Member

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS!

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\$50,000 AND UP

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\$25,000 to \$49,999

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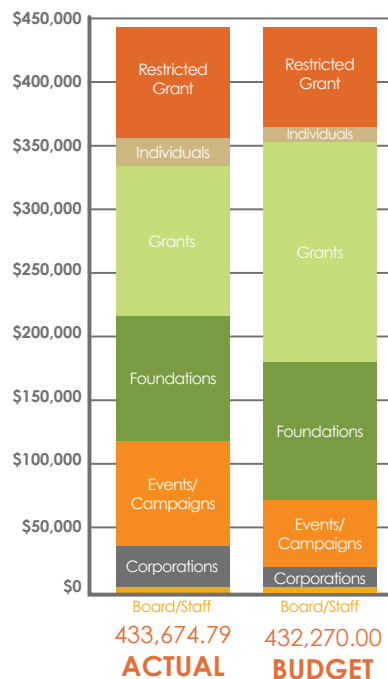
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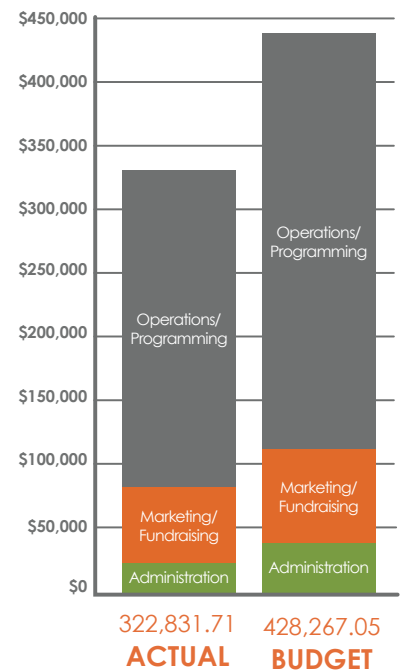
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INCOME 2017 ACTUAL VS. BUDGET



2017 EXPENSES ACTUAL VS. BUDGET



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much for your
support!

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2018 GOALS

POUNDS OF FOOD
RESCUED
826,000

FOOD RECIPIENT
AGENCIES
38

SCHEDULED FOOD
DONORS
35

JOIN OUR NO FOOD WASTE MOVEMENT

Did you know that **40%** of food produced in the United States goes to waste? *Join the movement to reduce this number:*

- Pledge to reduce your own food waste.
- Support the 38 food partners that donate their excess food to Saving Grace to feed the hungry. Visit our website for the latest list.
- Ask other businesses what they're doing to reduce food waste. Talk about opportunities to work with Saving Grace.

CONNECT WITH SAVING GRACE

- Sign up to receive our **emails** and keep up with the latest news at www.savinggracefoodrescue.org.
- Connect with Saving Grace on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **LinkedIn** and **Instagram**.
- Watch for news about upcoming events like **Food for Thought**.

FOOD WASTE HIERARCHY



REDUCE



FEED PEOPLE IN NEED



FEED LIVESTOCK

COMPOST & 100%
RENEWABLE
ENERGY



DISPOSAL