



Food Rescue US- South Florida

- Since 2018, the South Florida location of national 501c3 non-profit, Food Rescue US has rescued unsold, unused food from a variety of donors including hotels, restaurants, markets, events, sports stadiums and convention centers, and delivered to social service agencies and shelters.
- The Federal Bill Emerson Law allows for any donations made in good faith to be free of liability for the donor. Congress recently passed the Food Donation Improvement Act making food donation every easier.
- With over 40% of all food wasted and 1 in 5 going to bed hungry, this program not only reduces food waste and feeds the food insecure, but also helps the environment by keeping food from landfills where decomposing food produces more methane gas than auto emissions. COP26 just designated food waste as the #1 cause of climate change.
- Since 2018, over 7.7 million lbs. of usable food was rescued, with over 90,000 lbs. rescued at last year's Formula 1 Grand Prix at Hard Rock Stadium.
- Our over 200 major food donors include hotels, like The Fontainebleau, Ritz Carlton, 1 Hotel and Loews Miami Beach, the Miami Beach Convention Center, DRVPINK and Hard Rock Stadiums and local restaurants Yardbird, Mila, Red Rooster Overtown, Café La Trova, Sugarcane, Kiki of the River and Red Steak South Beach.
- We are currently also rescuing at local markets including a number of Whole Foods, Trader Joes, Sprouts and recently opened Plum Market.
- Using our proprietary web based App technology, all donations are recorded and tracked and direct transferred to over 80 local shelters and soup kitchens like Kristi House, Buddy System Community Refrigerators, Cosac Shelters, Broward Partnership, Broward Outreach, Village FREEdge Pantry, Camillus House, Chapman Partnership, Coconut Grove Crisis Food Pantry, Miami Rescue Mission and Lotus House.
- With an all volunteer team of rescuers that number over 1200, we direct deliver the donated food within a 5 miles radius of donor location and do not take to warehouse to be sorted and shipped out of the community elsewhere in Florida. Donors always know where the food will be delivered and the community served.
- Once a month, we host Food Distributions in underserved communities like Overtown, Little Haiti, Little Havana and Liberty City and provide fresh food and groceries for over 300 people at each of these events.

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