

FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK

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Food Recovery Network (FRN) is a growing movement of college and university students across the United States. Student volunteers are actively working to end hunger and food waste in their communities by recovering surplus perishable food from their campus dining halls and bringing it to community members in need. In its first two years, FRN provided over 190,000 meals to hungry Americans and recovered 250,000 pounds of food. Without FRN that food would have otherwise ended up in a landfill.

FRN is a proud participant in the [United Nation's Zero Hunger Challenge](#), a global initiative to end hunger in our lifetimes.

The principles of the Zero Hunger Challenge and its focus on solutions align readily with the work and mission of Food Recovery Network, specifically the principle of "zero loss or waste of food." At colleges and universities across the nation, it's no longer the status quo to toss extra food into the trash at the end of the night. Instead, teams of students swoop in and package up the extra lasagna, soup, taco meat, bread and other delicious and nutritious items and drive, bike or walk the items to shelters, transitional homes, after-school programs and other nonprofits that serve meals to the community.

We have a food distribution problem in the United States: [1 in 6 people are unsure where their next meal is coming from while 40% of all food ends up in a landfill](#). Wasted food drains our resources and causes environmental damage--consider the water used for irrigation, the air pollution created from fossil fuel combustion as food is transported, and the 135 million tons of greenhouse gases emitted by food in landfills every year.

Eliminating food waste and reducing the related environmental impacts will help increase the sustainability of our food systems and alleviate hunger.

All FRN chapters not only fight waste and feed people, they also work to raise awareness around topics of food waste, hunger and food justice, reaching a collective 600,000 students and countless faculty, staff and community members.

Between September 2011 and December 2013, FRN grew to include 49 colleges and universities. Food Recovery Network's participation in the Zero Hunger Challenge offers students a chance to be part of yet another exciting and growing movement. [FRN is committed to solving the heavily intertwined issues of food waste and hunger in the United States.](#)

The Food Recovery Network invites college and university students to start new chapters on their campus. Visit www.foodrecoverynetwork.org for more information.