

# Community Food Rescue



**Food Waste Prevention Week: April 1-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



a program of



fighting hunger and feeding hope in montgomery county









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- Food For Families – choice market, satellites, school-based pantries
- School-based Programs
- Community Engagement & Pop-up Pantries
- Advocacy Task Force
- SNAP Enrollment
- Community Food Education
- Farm to Food Bank
- **Community Food Rescue**

# The Facts

**90,000 tons lbs. of food scraps** generated each year in Montgomery County

- wasted energy and water
- increased GHGs
- packaging

**27%** of Montgomery County residents reported **experiencing food insecurity**





# CFR Origin Story



**MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY  
FOOD COUNCIL**



**Food Recovery Working Group**



**Chew Match**

# How does it work?

CENTRAL WEBSITE

CLEAR FOOD SAFETY GUIDELINES

FREE CHOWMATCH ACCOUNT FOR ALL MEMBERS

INSTANT & AUTONOMOUS FOOD MATCHING

VOLUNTEER PICK UP AND DELIVERY

STAFF DEDICATED TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION



# Community Food Rescue Website

[www.communityfoodrescue.org](http://www.communityfoodrescue.org)



## HOW YOU CAN HELP



### DONATE

Local farms and businesses with unsaleable and unused foods – donate to hunger relief organizations.



### DELIVER

Volunteers – transport food from donating businesses to food assistance groups.



### FEED

Food pantries, churches, other food assistance groups – receive donated food, based on your needs and delivered to your doorstep.

# Clear Food Safety Guidelines

## BE SAFE

### Food Safety Guidelines for Donors

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*Read our County-approved Food Safety Guidelines for handling and transporting recovered food. Learn how the Good Samaritan Act protects food donors and recipient organizations from liability.*

[LEARN MORE](#)





# Chow Match Software

Maryland - Montgomery County



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Welcome to ChowMatch!

## Helpful Tips:

- ➔ **SCHEDULE FOOD RUN** pickup using the Donor dropdown menu.
- ➔ **SCHEDULE EVENT** using the Donor dropdown menu.
- ➔ **VIEW MY FOOD RUNS** using the Donor dropdown menu.
- ➔ **VIEW MY FOOD RUNS** using the Recipient dropdown menu.
- ➔ **VIEW AVAILABLE FOOD RUNS** using the Volunteer dropdown menu.
- ➔ **EDIT MY PROFILE** to change my volunteer notifications.

Download the free ChowMatch App at [Google Play](#) or [Apple Store](#)



# Volunteer Food Runners





# Donors



# Recipients





# Instant & Autonomous Food Matching



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Food Accepted \* [?](#)

Maximum Amount of Food Your Organization Can Accommodate Each Food Delivery

Bottled Water

pounds

Baked goods loose, unwrapped

pounds

Baked goods individually wrapped

pounds

Fresh whole fruits and vegetables generally eaten cooked

pounds

Fresh whole fruits and vegetables generally eaten raw

pounds

Frozen grocery items ready-to-eat

pounds

Frozen grocery items needs to be cooked

pounds

# Volunteer Pick-up and Delivery





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# Donation Sources & Contributions



**49 GROCERY STORES: 37.5%**

**23 FARMS: 1.2%**

**12 RESTAURANTS/CAFES: 3%**

**6 FOOD SERVICE/CAFETERIAS/SCHOOLS: <1%**

**4 NON-PROFIT FOOD ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS: 57.5%**

**3 OTHER: <1%**



# **CFR Program Impact**

**Pounds of Recovered and Redistributed Food:  
9,421,500**

**MTCO<sub>2</sub>e Greenhouse Gas Benefit:  
9,799**



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# Questions?

