

# OUR WORK

The So What Else Food Program was founded in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Today the program recovers over **300,000 lbs of food** a week, serving over **480,000 people** in Baltimore, Frederick, Montgomery County, PG County, and DC a year.



CAN WE DO TO HELP?



# OUR METHOD



**Food Recovery & Business Partnerships**



**Community Partnerships & Food Distributions**



# FOOD RECOVERY & BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

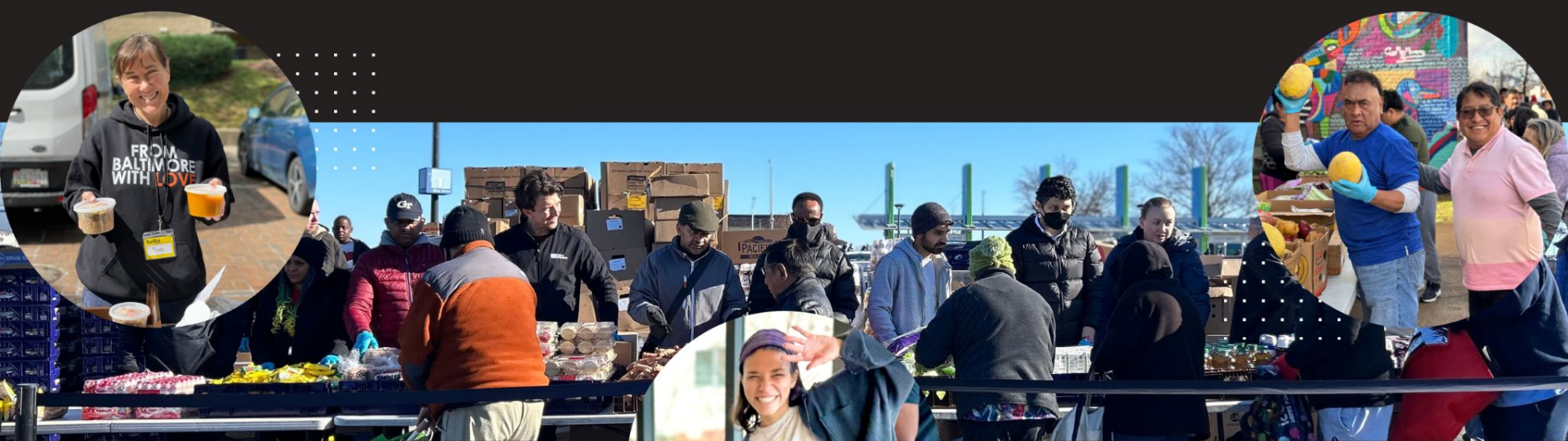
The SWE Food Program works with local businesses and large companies including **The Farmlink Project, Amazon, Sudanos, Holly Poultry, Wholefoods, Trader Joes**, and more, to rescue food slated for landfills due to company policy or excess supply.

By sourcing rescued food, the program can keep **operating costs low**, while **businesses save money** on the cost of landfill disposal. In doing so, **needless food waste is diverted** from landfills, reducing emissions and supporting our planet.

**16,130,603**

Pounds of food diverted from landfills by So What Else in 2023





# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS & FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

SWE works with a network of over **125 schools, nonprofits, churches, and community groups** to bypass access barriers and deliver food directly to the populations that need it the most.

By collaborating with trusted community partners such as **Love & Cornbread**, SWE can quickly and efficiently allocate resources across the DMV.

# PARTNERSHIP WITH LOVE & CORNBREAD

In 2023 SWE partnered with L&C to form a symbiotic partnership for increased food security in Baltimore City. **SWE provides free, recovered produce to the chefs at L&C**, supplementing the raw ingredients they would otherwise have to purchase to create meals for their giveaway in Penn North.

In return, **L&C uses those ingredients to prepare additional hot meals for SWE distributions**, where clients have little to no access to a kitchen or electricity, turning inaccessible produce into ready-to-eat meals.



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