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*Feeding our communities.  
Protecting our planet.*

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## **Who We Are:**

Food Rescue US is a national non-profit dedicated to **reducing wasted food** and **increasing food access**.

## **What We Do:**

By keeping food out of landfills, we **reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change**.

Through our proprietary **web-based app**, we engage **volunteers** and **food donors** to **directly transfer** nutritious **excess food** to **social service agencies** serving people experiencing food insecurity.





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# OUR MODEL

- **Site Director** - The site leadership who manages food donor and receiving agency relationships, coordinates the rescue schedule, and leads community outreach.
- **Food Donor** - The business that is donating the surplus food.
- **Social Service Agency** - Receiving program of the food donation. They serve a local, underserved community clientele.
- **Volunteer Rescuer** - The backbone of Food Rescue US! Volunteers rescue the surplus food, drive it directly to the assigned social service agency, and record the rescue in our web-app.





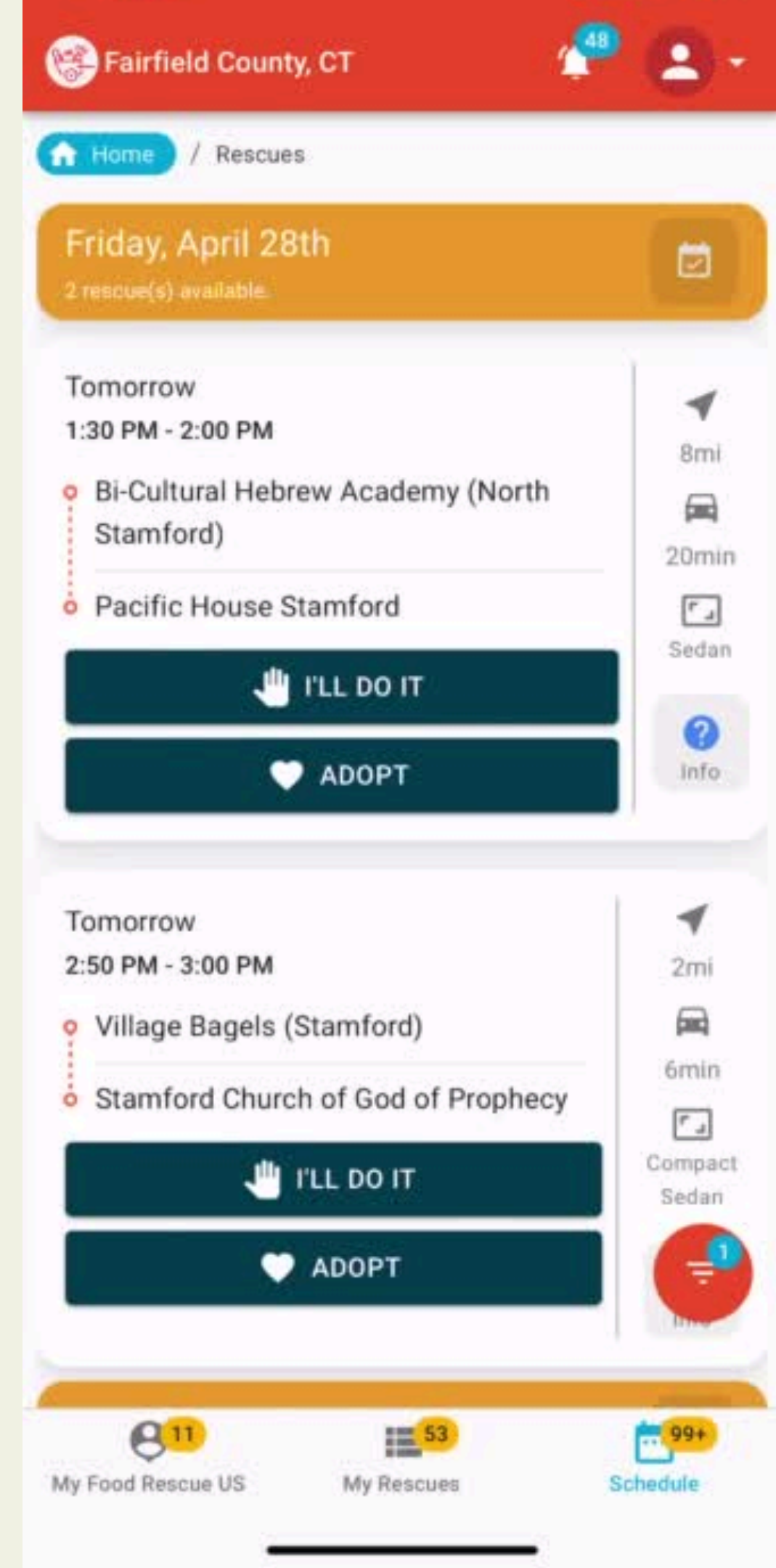
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## OUR APP

Our award-winning web-based app is integral to our model and is a large part of what makes Food Rescue US so sustainable and scalable.

Our app makes it easy for:

- Site Directors to coordinate our nearly 60,000 rescues a year.
- Volunteers to see and sign up for available rescues.
- Receive badges to reward and gamify experience.
- Spanish translation.



# WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

Donating any amount of food saves your business money, benefits our planet, and helps feed your neighbors in need.

## Food that can be donated:

- Fresh produce
- Dairy products
- Fresh or frozen meats
- Baked Goods
- Pre-packaged foods
- Dry goods, non-perishables
- Prepared foods that have not been served

## Food that CANNOT be donated:

- Food that has had direct customer exposure (i.e. self-serve bars)
- Leftover prepared food that has been reheated
- Food not properly temperature-maintained
- Food with signs of spoilage
- Food in damaged packaging

# FOOD RESCUE US HARTFORD

*Started in 2018 and is 1 of 3 sites in Connecticut*



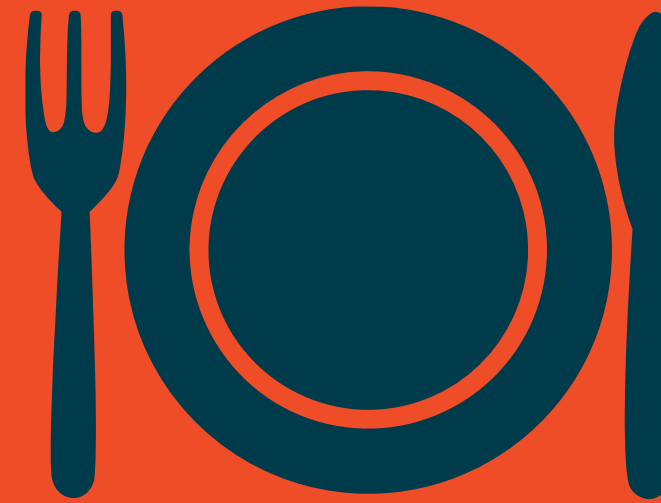
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FOOD  
DONORS  
IN OUR  
NETWORK



**22**

COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS  
RECEIVE FOOD WEEKLY  
OR BI-WEEKLY



**1.2 M LBS**

FOOD SAVED TO DATE  
THAT WOULD  
OTHERWISE GO TO  
LANDFILLS



**350+**

ACTIVE  
VOLUNTEER  
RESCUERS



# WHO WE SERVE

- My Portion Inc.
- Avon Food Pantry
- Burlington Social Services
- Community Partners in Action
- Farmington Food Pantry
- Philips Church
- Salvation Army
- Shiloh Baptist Church
- South Park Inn
- St. Justin's Food Pantry
- The Victory Tabernacle Church
- Loaves & Fishes Hartford
- Kamora's Cultural Corner
- South Windsor Food and Fuel Bank
- The Friendship Soup Kitchen
- D&J Longmore Foundation
- North End Little Pantries (NELP)
- Glastonbury Riverfront Community Center
- Hartford Deportation Defense
- Let's Evangelize Outreach Corp.
- New Britain Food & Resource Center
- Ghanaian Parish
- South Congregational Church of East Hartford
- St. Francis Comprehensive Women's Center





# Our Current Focus

## 1) Ramp Up Food Donor Recruitment

- Onboarded a new co-site director to support food donor recruitment
- Recruited volunteers to help with in-person site visits
- Focusing on school campuses - brought on University of Hartford as a new food donor this week!
- *Biggest challenges:* Not knowing which businesses are already donating food; Not knowing the best point of contact; Limited time and resources for food donor recruitment and onboarding

## 2) Coordinate Direct Support for Our Receiving Agencies

- Increased communications with our receiving agencies
- Started monthly newsletter to let our volunteers know how to help our receiving agencies beyond completing food rescues



## GET INVOLVED

- Become a food rescuer
- Donate your excess food
- Connect us with a potential receiving agency
- Connect us with a potential donation agency
- Join our leadership team
- Make a monetary donation

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