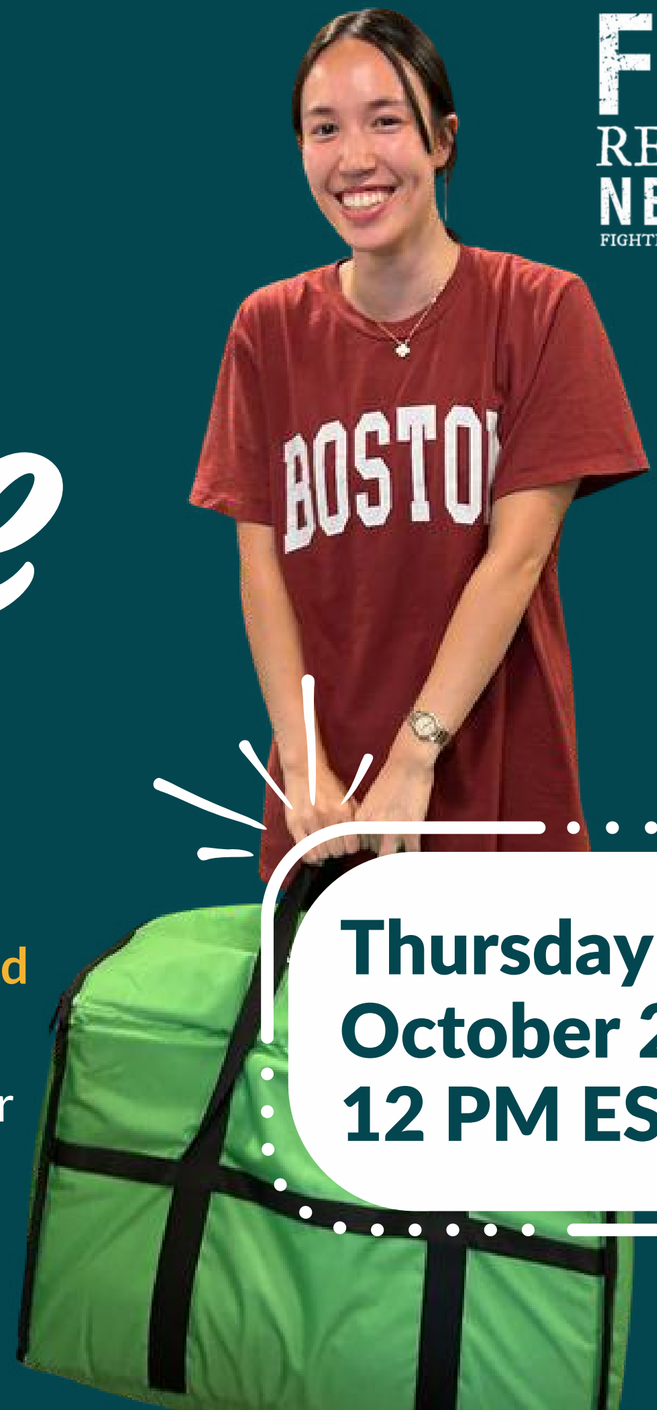
Annual Roundtable

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1. **Please introduce yourself in the chat.** Let us know your name, affiliated organization or FRN chapter, and where in the world you're tuning in from.
2. **You can submit your questions throughout the talk in the chat and Q&A** function and we will answer as many questions as we can.
3. **This session will be recorded**, including chat, but we cannot see or hear you. We will share the recording with you for your records.



Thursday
October 22nd
12 PM EST

TODAY

Mission Focus & Programs

Charting Our Future

Current Program Impact

Acknowledgement & CEO Address



Student Chapter Reminders

1. Complete your Official Chapter Agreement (OCA) to also receive a chapter care package and be eligible for funding. Visit: www.foodrecoverynetwork.org/student-chapter-resources
2. Schedule a 1 x 1 call with FRN National to get individualized chapter advice and support. Email: Programs@foodrecoverynetwork.org.
3. Submit your food recovery photos and videos by October 31st to enter to win prizes in our Annual Food Recovery Frames contest. Visit: www.foodrecoverynetwork.org/food-recovery-frames







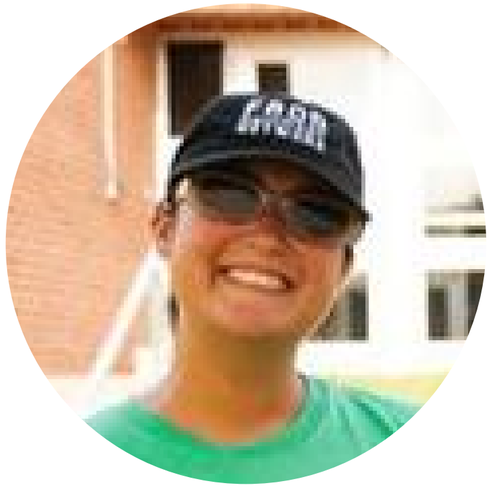
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About Us

FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK
FIGHTING WASTE. FEEDING PEOPLE.

The largest student-led movement recovering surplus food to end hunger in the U.S.

Food Recovery Network (FRN) unites 8,000+ college students, food suppliers, farmers, and local businesses across the U.S. in the fight against climate change and hunger by recovering surplus food from across the supply chain and donating it to local nonprofit organizations that feed people experiencing hunger.

On over 230 college campuses in 45 states!

FRN'S FOUNDING CHAPTER

Northwestern University
Tulane University
University of Minnesota
University of Maryland
ASU
The George Washington University
Cornell University
The University of Chicago
Brown
Wisconsin – University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Michigan
Ohio State
UCLA
FSU
Rutgers
Penn State
Texas Tech University System
Columbia University

We believe no one should be hungry.



FRN's Programs

College Student Chapters

FRN mobilizes college students to recover and donate surplus food from their campuses, reduce CO2 emissions, and advocate for a more equitable food system.

Business & Event Food Recovery

FRN partners with businesses to implement food recovery programs for their events and daily operations to increase sustainability and community support.

Title I Elementary School Produce Distribution

FRN distributes fresh surplus produce at Title I elementary schools to feed young children and families experiencing hunger, while supporting the farming and small business community.







Nationwide Impact since 2011:

21+ MILLION MEALS
donated to feed people

230
student chapters at colleges and universities



9090.51 METRIC TONS
of CO_2 emissions prevented

3.05 BILLION
gallons of water saved

350
local hunger-fighting organizations and community nonprofits served

25+ MILLION POUNDS
of surplus food, that would otherwise go to waste, recovered and donated

8000
student leaders & food system partners across the United States

foodrecoverynetwork.org

Data Driven Strategy



Food Insecurity is estimated to be the highest in a decade.

22% +

Current market analysis shows groceries prices up more than 22% or more than last year

48M

people face food insecurity in the US.

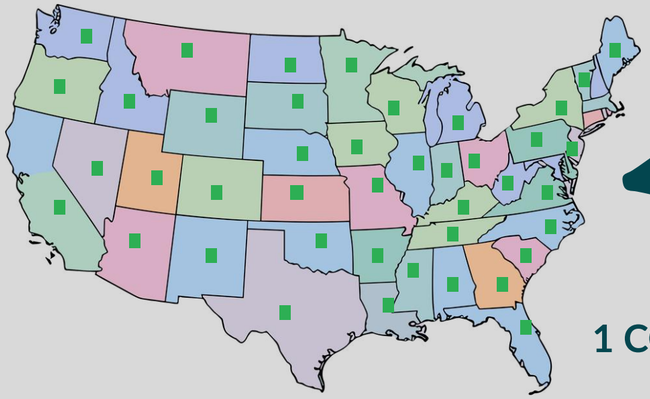
1 in 5

children under 18 face food insecurity

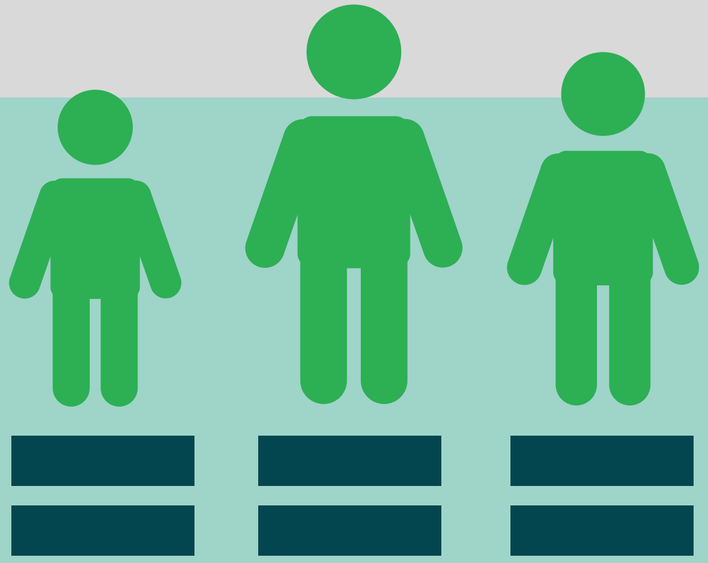
5M

people have lost SNAP benefits in 2026 across the U.S. including 1.5M children

Past Strategy



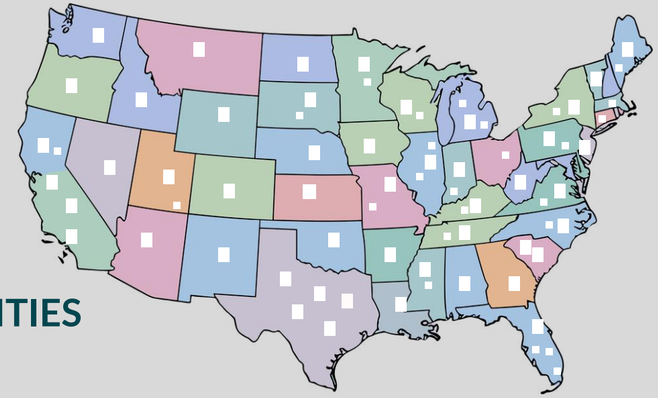
1 COUNTY PER STATE

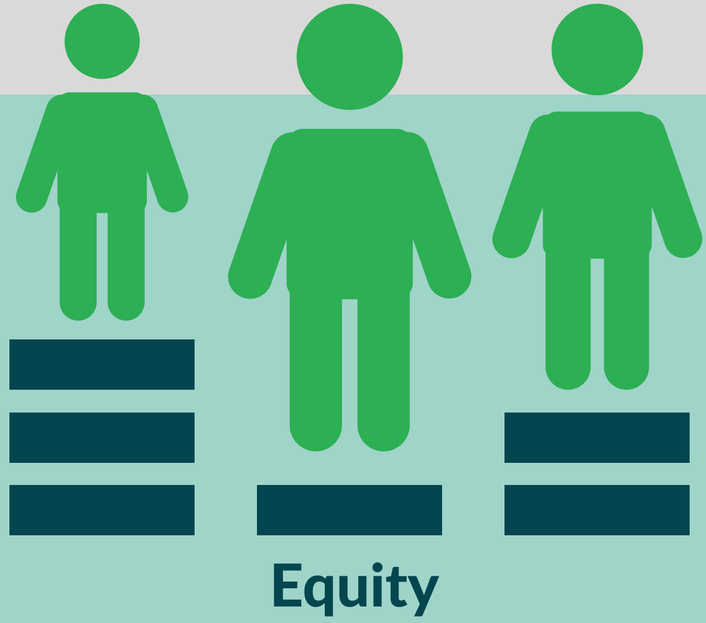


Equality

Future Strategy

POPULATION DRIVEN COUNTIES



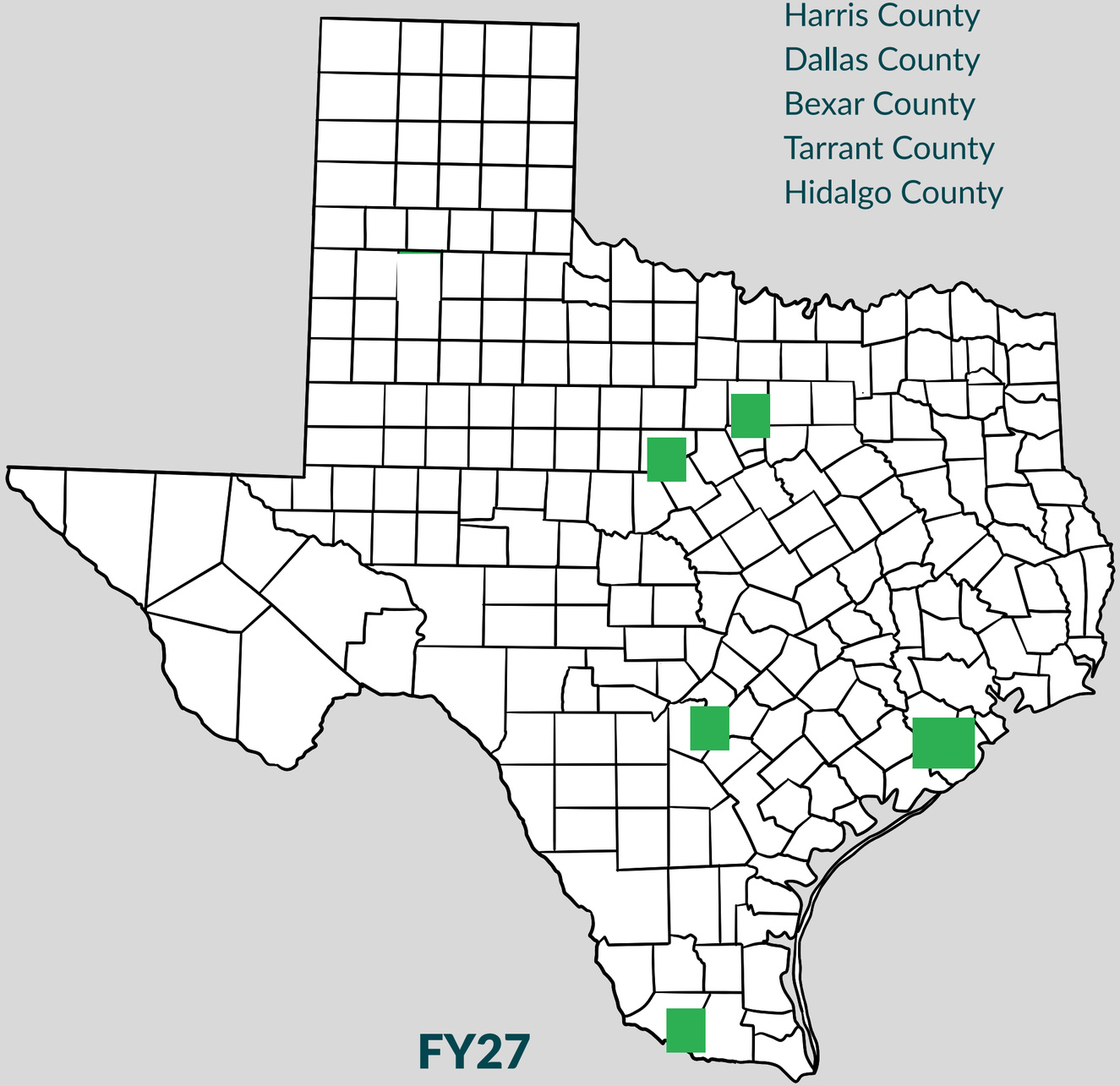


Equity

What we learned



FY25,FY26



FY27

3 YEAR GOAL:

25% to 50%

Increase Food Recovered in Target Areas from 25% to 50% (FY26, FY27,FY28)

FY27 DELIVERABLES:

1.4M lbs

1.4M lbs of food recovered and donated including 35% of surplus food in target areas

Program Success



Nationwide Community Impact



- Elementary School Produce Distribution
- FRV Business Partners
- College and University Chapters
- Community College Partners



July 2025- June 2026

In the past year Food Recovery Network...

Redirected
1,699,885.16
total pounds of surplus food

Prevented
1,070.25
metric tons of CO_2 emissions prevented

Volunteered
32,250
hours



Colleges and universities recovered
1,104,302
pounds of surplus food - more than in any previous year

Our colleges and universities recovered more food than in any previous year.

Saved
201.84
million gallons of water

Provided
1.42
million meals


We distributed more produce than in any year prior.
Produce Distribution
92,248 lbs distributed
58 markets
4,919 families served
$82,243.96 back into communities
3 states
17+ school communities
bit.ly/FRNProduce


Community Colleges
290,018 lbs recovered
241,682 meals provided
34.44 million gallons of water saved
182.60 metric tons of CO2e prevented
We've welcomed a record number of community colleges to our network.
bit.ly/FRNCCollege

Feeding more people faster



Fight food waste.
Feed people.

Food Recovery Network recognizes that food security, economic security, and climate justice are inextricably linked to racial equity, and achieving progress in any of these areas depends on addressing the root causes of these inequities. FRN is committed to racial equity and inclusion through all aspects of our organizational development and programming. We welcome, respect, and encourage the contributions of all individuals, celebrating diversity of race, color, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital and familial status, language, mental or physical impairments and disabilities, military status, economic class, immigration status, foster care status, body size, criminal history, and other characteristics that are often used to marginalize individuals and communities.

We acknowledge that the land on which our headquarters office resides is inhabited by the Kinwaw Paskestikweya Clan, also known as the Piscataway Conoy Clan, who were the traditional inhabitants of these lands and waters long before we arrived, and continue to reside here. To learn more about the tribal lands on which our chapters reside, please see https://native-land.ca. We ask you to honor this beautiful land by joining us and committing to sustainability and promoting environmental well-being for everyone to thrive.

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