ANNUAL REPORT

Food Rescue

POTLUCK
WE HAVE BEGUN A NEW YEAR WITH SIGNS OF LIGHT AT THE END OF WHAT FEELS LIKE A VERY LONG TUNNEL. I DON’T HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW CHALLENGING 2020 WAS FOR EVERYONE, BUT IT WAS PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING FOR SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS THAT LOST JOBS AND HOMES DURING THE ECONOMIC FALLOUT THAT ACCOMPANIED THE PANDEMIC. THE MISSION OF POTLUCK FOOD RESCUE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE TO CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR TESTED OUR RESOLVE AND PUSHED OUR RESOURCES TO THE BRINK, BUT IT ALSO GAVE US HOPE AND HELPED US TO BUILD AN EVEN MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY.

AS YOU KNOW, POTLUCK’S OPERATING MODEL IS TO RECOVER FOOD FROM COMMERCIAL KITCHENS LIKE RESTAURANTS AND CATERERS AS WELL AS GROCERS, HOTELS, AND HOSPITALS. WE PROVIDE THAT FOOD TO HUNGER RELIEF AGENCIES SO THAT THEY CAN BETTER SERVE THEIR CONSTITUENTS. THIS YEAR SAW AN UNPRECEDENTED SHUTTERING OF RESTAURANTS, AND AN END TO LARGE EVENTS. THAT MEANT A DROP IN FOOD DONATIONS UNLIKE ANY WE HAVE SEEN IN OUR 30 YEAR HISTORY. POTLUCK HAD TO BE AGILE IN ITS APPROACH THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEED OF OUR FOOD INSECURE NEIGHBORS. THAT MEANT FORMING NEW PARTNERSHIPS, JOINING THE USDA FARM TO FAMILY FOOD BOX PROGRAM, WORKING WITH THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND THE CLINTON SCHOOL, AND WORKING WITH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO REROUTE FOOD TO WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST.

WE, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, SHIFTED OUR COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS REPEATEDLY AND ADJUSTED TO NEW INFORMATION AS IT ROLLED OUT. OUR TEAM IS SENT OUT INTO THE PUBLIC DAILY. THEY HAVE HAD TO BE EXTREMELY DILIGENT TO KEEP FROM BEING PARTY TO GETTING AND SPREADING THE VIRUS. WE HAVE WORKED THROUGH THE LOSS OF 2 OF OUR 3 FLEET VANS, AND EACH OF US HAS OF COURSE HAD TO DEAL WITH OUR OWN PERSONAL TRIALS AND STRESSES FROM THE PANDEMIC.

IN SPITE OF THE CHALLENGES, WE HAVE RISEN TO MEET THE NEED. POTLUCK DOUBLED THE POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED OVER LAST YEAR, PROVIDING ENOUGH FOOD TO PROVIDE JUST OVER 400,000 MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED. I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR TEAM FOR ALL WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2020. MAY 2021 BRING RELIEF AND ABUNDANCE TO US ALL.

Sylvia Blain
Executive Director
Potluck Food Rescue

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FOOD RESCUE
BY THE NUMBERS

*Numbers represent pounds of food recovered
*361,466 pounds of food donated in 2020
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57 AGENCIES SERVED IN 2020 UP FROM 40 IN 2019

89 CORPORATE FOOD DONORS IN 2020 DOWN FROM 96 IN 2019

434,000 MEALS PROVIDED IN 2020 UP FROM 168,000 IN 2019
The Environmental Impact of Food Rescue

We have decreased greenhouse emissions by 323,445.28 cubic tons

This is equivalent to:

Removing annual emissions from 249,677 Passenger Vehicles

Conserving 373,08 Households' Annual Energy

Conserving 706,523 Barrels of Oil

Conserving 33,040,594 Gallons of Gasoline

Total pounds of food used in these calculations do not include food provided by the USDA Farm to Family Box Program and does take into account transportation miles.
2020 FOOD DONORS

AR CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION
AR HEART HOSPITAL
AR HISTORIC MUSEUM
AR RECOVERY CENTER
BANK OF AMERICA
BEN E. KEITH
BLUE CAKE HONEY PIES
BOULEVARD BREAD
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA- PACK 30
CAFE 42
RISTORANTE CAPEO
CAPITAL HOTEL
CATERING TO YOU
CATHEAD DINER
CATHOLIC DIOCESE
CENTRAL AR CHRISTIAN
CHENAL COUNTRY CLUB
CHICK-FIL-A
CLINTON FOUNDATION
CONGREGATION B’NAI ISRAEL
COUNT PORKULA
CROWNE PLAZA
DADDY’S DELI
DAVID’S BURGERS
DESAULT FALCON JET
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
EAST 6TH BREWING
ECO KIDS
EDWARD’S FOOD GIANT
EPISCOPAL COLLEGIATE
ESTERS SOMA
FLIWAY BREWING
FRESH MARKET
GIRL SCOUTS - DIAMONDS OF ARKANSAS
GOOD SHEPARD COMMUNITY
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GUS’ FRIED CHICKEN
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
HERITAGE CATERING
HMS HOST/ AIRPORT
JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LITTLE ROCK
KEMURI
KID’S COOK/SPORK
LAMB WESTON DISTRIBUTOR
LEXICON INC.
LISA ACADEMY
LITTLE CAESAR
LITTLE ROCK CLUB
LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCA LUNA
LUBAVITCH OF ARKANSAS
MARKHAM STREET PUB AND GRILL
NEPHROLOGY CLINIC OF ARKANSAS
PARAMOUNT DISTRIBUTORS
PETIT & KEET
PIZZA D-ACTION
PULASKI TECH CULINARY
READ THE LABEL
REBEL KETTLE
RECOVERY CENTERS OF ARKANSAS
ROCK REGION METRO
ROSIE’S POT & KETTLE
RX CATERING
SIMMONS BANK -INVESTMENTS
SOULFISH CAFE
ST. LUKE’S METHODIST CHURCH
ST. MARY’S MINISTRY
ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
STARBUCKS:
BROADWAY
CANTRELL/MISSISSIPPI
CANTRELL/SAM PECK
JFK/MCCAIN
MAUMELLE
NORTH HILLS OUTLETS
RIVERFRONT
RODNEY PARHAM
SHACKLEFORD/KANIS
UNIVERSITY/MARKAM
THE ROOT CAFÉ
TRADER JOE’S
TYSON FOODS
UAMS
UNITED WAY
WOODLAND HEIGHTS RETIREMENT
WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN
2020 Community Partners Served

AMBOY FOOD PANTRY
ARKANSAS CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION
AR HOSPICE
AUDUBON PLACE
CAFSI - OUR HOUSE
CANVAS COMMUNITY CHURCH
CARELINK
CENTRAL ARKANSAS BAPTIST CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY
CLINTON CENTER
DISCIPLES OF LOVE OUTREACH
DUNBAR GARDEN LITTLE FREE PANTRY
EASTERN STAR
FEED FIRST
FOOD JOBS WORK
FRESH 2 YOU MOBILE MARKET/VINE AND VILLAGE
FRIENDLY CHAPEL
GARDNER METHODIST
HAMILTON ACADEMY
HARMONY HEALTH CLINIC
HELPING HAND
HERITAGE HOUSE - NLR HOUSING AUTHORITY
HOSPICE HOME CARE
IGLESIA DE STA. ANA
JERICHO WAY
LITTLE ROCK COMPASSION CENTER
LOVE ON THE ROCK MINISTRY
LUBAVITCH OF ARKANSAS
LUCIE’S PLACE
NORTH LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
OUR HOUSE
OSSIE BARNES EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION
RIVER CITY MINISTRY
SALVATION ARMY
SARAH DAISY – NLR HOUSING
SPIRIT OF VILONIA
ST ANDREW UMC
ST. FRANCIS HOUSE
ST. MARK’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ST. MARY’S MINISTRY
STEWPOT
SUMMIT CHURCH
SYLVAN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH
THE VAN
THE WELL JOHN 4 MINISTRIES
THERESA JAMES MANOR – NLR HOUSING
UNION RESCUE MISSION
WELL FED
WILLOW HOUSE – NLR HOUSING
WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST
WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

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"Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one."

- Nikolai Berdyaev

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