

# LEFTOVERS

RESCUE FOOD

## INFORMATION FOR FOOD DONORS

### What is Leftovers and what do we do?

The Leftovers Foundation is a registered charity founded in Calgary, AB with the dual mission of minimizing food waste and increasing food access through several different initiatives. If you have excess food that is of quality that you would still eat it, we will help keep it out of the landfill and find a home for it!

In 2019, we rolled out an app to connect volunteers with food redirection routes, making it easier than ever to make sure your excess food stays out of the landfill. Our app-based food rescue program strives to eliminate food waste by using community mobilization to redirect good food into the hands of those in need through local service agencies. There is no charge to participate; each day we redirect edible food with the help of a small but growing army of volunteers.

### Why donate food?

The beneficial impact of rescuing food for food donors is tri-fold:

- 1. Environment:** minimizing food waste by diverting food from landfills prevents tonnes of carbon emissions associated with food waste from being released into the atmosphere.
- 2. Cost Savings:** our food donors benefit from reduced expenditure associated with the disposal of excess food and reduced food storage costs. We track the weight of donations and will provide you with an annual report showing your food rescue impact.
- 3. Community Good:** our donors have the satisfaction of knowing they are making a valuable contribution to those in need in the community – food donations to charitable organizations enable them to reduce their annual grocery bills and redirect vital funding into education, rehabilitation, and other programs which directly benefit the people they serve.

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### Is there liability associated with donating food?

A common misconception when it comes to donating food is that the donor is liable if anyone gets sick from items they donated. [The Charitable Donation of Food Act](#) protects donors from liability associated with the donation of food in Alberta and we work with you to ensure that donated food is fresh and edible by following the [AHS Guidelines for the Distribution of Donated Foods](#). As such, there is no liability associated with donating.

### What kind of food can be donated?

We use the general quality standard of if you would eat it, we will rescue it — for a more detailed description of foods that can and cannot be donated, check out our [Donated Food Guidelines](#).

### How do I join and what does the food donation process look like?

Join the food rescue movement by filling out our [Vendor Agreement](#).

We will use the information you provide to post a donation pickup on our app at the frequency and within the time frame you request (e.g. 2x/week, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.). Our volunteers will call you prior to coming in to see if you have a pickup that day — if you do, they will pick it up and redirect it to the service agency we have designated as the drop-off location.

We will provide you with signage and social media content to advertise the amazing work you are doing to reduce food waste and alleviate hunger. We will also post on our social media channels!

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask!



Unsold food is rescued from participating, local businesses by volunteers, like you & me!



We coordinate to pick up and deliver food to participating service agencies in need on a weekly basis.



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