

Colleges and  
Universities  
Making a Dent in  
Food Waste

Midwest Food Recovery  
Summit 2017

**FOOD**  
**RECOVERY**  
**NETWORK**  
FIGHTING WASTE. FEEDING PEOPLE.

# FRN'S STORY

Fight waste, feed people

- Founded in 2011 by students at University of Maryland who recognized a problem and felt empowered to find a solution
- 40% of food is wasted in the US
- 1 in 6 experience food insecurity







> 2.1  
million  
pounds

340+ FOOD DONORS

260+ PARTNER AGENCIES

# MIDWEST IMPACT



EPA Region 5 + 8

- Spring 2017
  - 199,500+ pounds
  - 500+ volunteers



# VOLUNTEER

\$22,000+ hours

- Hundreds of student leaders

## SPRING 2017

- Total: 650 volunteers and 2,211 hours
- Average: 23 volunteers and 108 hours



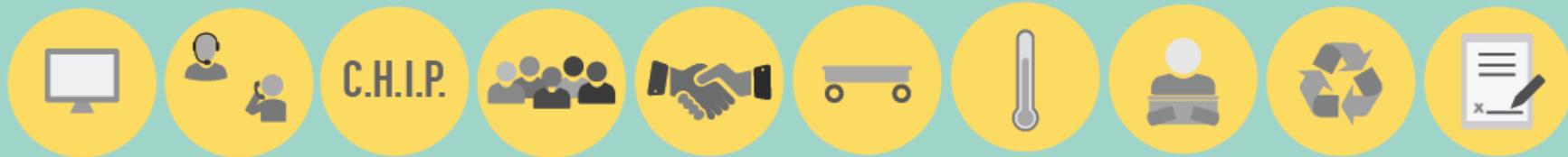


Being part of FRN really allowed me to be part of the community. I would have never considered how little I know about my college community and its needs. **FRN showed me all of the people who are benefited by our support and how much we really are all connected in fighting the same issues.** I think that we often go in with one goal (in my case, reducing food waste), but end up finding more meaning and value in other ways (connecting with community, fighting hunger, helping people). It's been incredibly meaningful, and I am so thankful for my FRN experience.

**Rebecca, Grinnell College**

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# THE C.H.I.P. TIMELINE



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Each one is unique

# WHAT DO RECOVERIES LOOK LIKE?

- 1.5 HOURS
- 3 VOLUNTEERS
- 5-2000 POUNDS

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# IMPACT FOR FOOD DONORS



“Participating in the FRN program makes you feel good!”

*Nick Lula, Director of Dining Services, Shippensburg University*

# FRN'S IMPACT FOR PARTNER AGENCIES



## Top 3 responses about FRN food from 2017 PA Survey

1. Introduces new variety
2. Easier to distribute
3. Better quality than other donated food

When we began almost 25 years ago not much thought was given to the types of food on our menus. We were just happy to have food to offer. Over the years we have learned about the dignity of offering really good, healthy and nutritional meals to those in need. **We have a reputation now for being one of the best soup kitchens because of the quality of the food offered and the variety. Food Recovery Network has certainly helped us expand our menus.** & I was walking through Wegman's not long ago when one of their chef's called out to me "Hi, aren't you the woman from Blessed Sacrament?" It had been quite a few years but I recognized him and was so happy to see him. He had a difficult time in his life and had relied on our program for food. He had since gone to college and was now very happily employed at Wegman's. He said Blessed Sacrament was a huge part in helping him get to this point and he had been wanting to get back to tell me. He looked so healthy and happy and it was a very special moment. Those are the reasons we do what we do and I was very grateful that our paths had crossed again.



— Mary Jo Lightholder,  
Blessed Sacrament Supper  
Program

# What's the cost?

\$0 to join FRN  
Less than \$100 for  
materials

## Recovery Materials

Scale - \$30

Thermometer - \$3

50 Pans + Lids - \$38

Gloves - \$3

Cooler - \$18

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Want to fight waste, feed  
people and empower student  
leaders?

Apply today!

Questions?  
Let's chat.

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