

urban gleaners



reducing waste and want

Our Mission

To help alleviate hunger by collecting food that would otherwise be thrown away and distributing to organizations that feed the hungry.

Who We Are

Urban Gleaners is a small, volunteer organization that picks up edible food from farmers markets, restaurants, grocery stores and event sites, and deliveries it to local agencies that feed the hungry. We also deliver large quantities of food to elementary schools in East Multnomah County, where more than 80% of families are living below the poverty line. Hunger is not a problem of scarce resources but inefficient distribution. The concept of picking up and redistributing food is a simple yet powerful weapon in the fight against hunger.

Facts About Hunger

The USDA's November 2010 Hunger Report shows that 6.6% of Oregon households went hungry sometime in the past year, and approximately 14% of households were food insecure (individuals or families uncertain about whether they would be able to afford to purchase nutritional food.) Last year the Oregon Food Bank distributed 917,000 emergency food boxes to hungry families; 38% of these recipients were children. It has been demonstrated that poor nutrition places the hungry at risk for a variety of illnesses.

Facts about Food Waste

Each year, Americans throw away about 30 million tons of food waste. In the Portland area, close to 200,000 tons of food ends up in landfills, creating harmful greenhouse gasses including methane, a gas twenty-one times more potent than carbon dioxide. Food waste is a lost opportunity to feed the hungry among us.

How you can help

We are always looking for more sources of food and more volunteers to help. Both Federal and State law protect food donors from liability. Hunger is a huge global problem, but as Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people then just feed one." We hope you can help. We appreciate your ideas, your time and your financial support to accomplish our mission.

Please contact us at info@urbangleaners.org or Tracy Oseran/Jane Anne Morton at (503) 226-8061

Urban Gleaners is a non-profit 501(c)3. All donations are tax-deductible.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Perishable and non-perishable foods prepared for the public but not served are acceptable for donation.

Fresh and frozen produce
Canned and packaged items
Commercially baked goods
Meats (USDA inspected)
Dairy products and eggs
Excess or leftover menu entrees from food service operations
Catered or buffet entrees prepared but not served
Both large and small servings are welcome!

WHO WE RESCUE FROM:

Art of Catering
Dave's Killer Bread
Embassy Suites
Flying Elephants
Food Front
Kenny + Zukes
Krispy Kreme
Lucky Lab
New Season's Markets
Pastaworks
Pepino's
 NW 23rd
 Hawthorne
Polaris Studios
Portland Farmers' Markets
 PSU
 Shemanski Park
 Buckman
 King
 23rd
 Pioneer Courthouse Square
Saint Cupcake
Strohecker's
Trader Joes
Voodoo Donuts
Zupan's
 Burnside
 Belmont

WHO WE DONATE TO:

Blanchet House of Hospitality
City Team
Friendly House
New Avenues for Youth
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Rosehaven
Sisters of the Road
Sunshine Pantry
Transition Projects, Inc

Cherry Park Elementary
North Powellhurst Elementary
West Powellhurst Elementary

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Good Samaritan Food Donation Act

FEDERAL AND OREGON LAWS PROTECTS YOU FROM LIABILITY WHEN YOU DONATE IN GOOD FAITH:

The Good Samaritan laws were specifically designed to protect you, the donor. Donors who provide food in good faith are protected by both state and federal Good Samaritan laws that were designed both to encourage donation of needed foods and to protect donors.

In brief, the Oregon Good Samaritan laws (ORS Chapter 30.890 and 30.892) and the Federal Good Samaritan law (The Bill Emerson Food Donation Act) state that you cannot be held liable if you have donated food you believe to be safe and edible.

Oregon laws state that gleaners or good-faith donors of any food, apparently fit for human consumption, shall not be subject to criminal penalty or civil damages arising from the condition of the food, unless injury is caused by the gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of the donor. For information on the Good Samaritan laws, contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture, at 503-986-4720.

The federal act protects donors from liability when they donate to a nonprofit organization. It also standardizes donor liability across the nation and sets a liability floor of "gross negligence" or intentional misconduct for donated goods.

A search of federal and state case law databases conducted in early 2002 revealed no reported cases or suits related to food donation liability or illness resulting from donated food. Inquiries to state health and food regulatory agencies as well as state and national food rescue agencies confirmed this result; they also were not aware of any such cases.

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