



# waste not

Creating *sustainable* food systems that  
help people and the planet *flourish*.

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## 2020-2021 IMPACT REPORT





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Dear Waste Not Community,

In reflecting on how the COVID-19 pandemic continues to put pressure on the local food service industry and our neighbors who continue to experience a rise in food insecurity, our team here at Waste Not is grateful for the ability to serve our community in such a dynamic way.

Through a season of change, Waste Not has held tightly to our values and we remain dedicated to meeting the growing need through our innovative food-rescue efforts.

**We are compassionate in how we serve our community and environment.** The pandemic created new & additional barriers to food access and many new families were thrust into food insecurity for the first time ever. In response to this extraordinary increase in demand for food, we expanded our program and together with many community partners, we created a contactless food delivery service for homebound seniors—ensuring that their critical need for nourishing and perishable food staples was met, while also extending a much-needed moment of hope and connection each week.

**We are problem-solvers as we leverage partnerships to solve interconnected issues.** As our team of drivers complete their routes, they ensure that the food we provide is of the best possible quality and set aside products that are no longer suitable for people to eat, such as wilted lettuce and stale bread. To reduce even more food waste, 2021 saw the launch of our Farm Feed pilot program, delivering unusable food to hungry animals, diverting thousands of pounds of food from landfills while saving hundreds of dollars in organizational resources.

**We are innovative in how we use technology to deliver more food to more people.** MealConnect, Waste Not's technology-based food rescue initiative, allows food donations from businesses to be effortlessly paired with a nonprofit partner agency that feeds the hungry and a volunteer driver that assists with transport. It has been heartwarming to see so many community partners and members donate food, safely transport it, and get it to people who are struggling with food insecurity—all in the midst of a very challenging time in the world.

As we look ahead to 2022, we're celebrating 35 years of food rescue and the incredible expansion of our community partners who share our vision for sustainable food systems that help people and our plant flourish. Our mission has never been more needed and the support from our donors, partners, and dedicated volunteers continue to propel our work forward. We are profoundly grateful for each of you.



Sincerely,

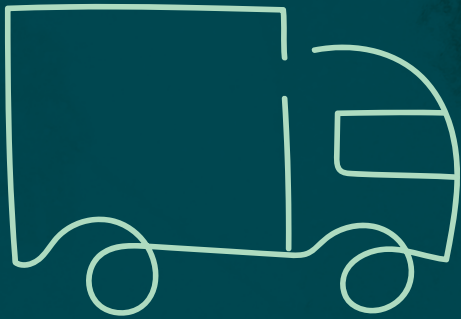
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hillary Bryant".

**Hillary Bryant**  
Director  
Waste Not, Inc.





**3.45 million**  
meals delivered



**1,721.5 tons**  
of food diverted  
from our landfills

**\$6,576.12**  
generated in  
economic value





\$1,144,356

funds raised

\$6,016,593

value of donated food

\$7,238,007

overall revenue

85 nonprofits served

107 food donors







# FOOD RESCUED BY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

**448** food rescue  
connections  
made using our  
MealConnect app



**34,988** pounds of  
perishable  
food delivered

**MealConnect™**

FEEDING  
AMERICA



# CONTACTLESS GROCERY DELIVERY



When the COVID-19 pandemic forced vulnerable seniors to shelter in place for months on end, we quickly recognized the need for a compassionate response and developed a plan for contactless food delivery. As new partners, the Senior Centers in Scottsdale, the City of Scottsdale, and the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce coordinated the collection and assembly of food boxes every week, Waste Not and Nuro, an autonomous fleet of vehicles based in Scottsdale, took care of delivery. Utilizing the MealConnect tech platform from Waste Not, every bag of groceries was paired with a homebound senior and left at the doorstep by Nuro with a smile—all for free and with no direct contact, limiting the risk for coronavirus exposure while ensuring everyone's basic needs are met and offering a glimmer of connection to the outside world.







# NIMBLE FOOD RESCUE

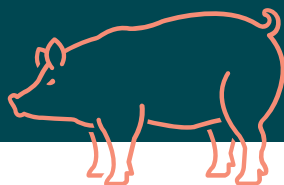


After a soft-launch MealConnect in early 2020, a rapid explosion of use in the early days of the pandemic when restaurants unexpectedly shut down, we've now grown the program beyond the pilot stage, providing local food businesses with a technology-driven system that allows them to effortlessly donate their surplus food at no cost. Our dedicated team of volunteers are quite literally driving out hunger and food waste as they quickly pick up and deliver these smaller quantities of excess perishable food directly to the people who need it most.

This nimble model not only empowers our team to deliver more food, but frees up our organization's resources so that our refrigerated trucks and professional drivers are using their time and resources in the most impactful way possible.



# FARM FEED PILOT



For the past 35 years, Waste Not has perfected our food rescue process with the goal of feeding people in need and now, we're expanding our efforts and reducing even more food waste by feeding animals with food that's no longer fit for human consumption.

Our professional food rescue drivers work hard to ensure that the food we provide is of the best possible quality and in doing so, they set aside products such as wilted lettuce and stale bread. Integral to our mission is a persistent effort to reduce all forms of food waste, so in 2021 we launched our Farm Feeding pilot program, and now deliver unusable food to hungry animals, like these adorable pigs at Heartquist Hollow Family Farm in Gilbert, AZ, further enhancing our environmental impact.





*"Clients often come to us with nothing; no food, no clothing, and with no supplements like food stamps. Without Waste Not those families would only have a few non-perishable items to eat."*

— CASS Vista Colina Emergency Family Shelter



**43%** CHILDREN,  
YOUTH &  
FAMILIES



**22%** PEOPLE  
EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS



**11%** PEOPLE IN  
ADDICTION  
RECOVERY



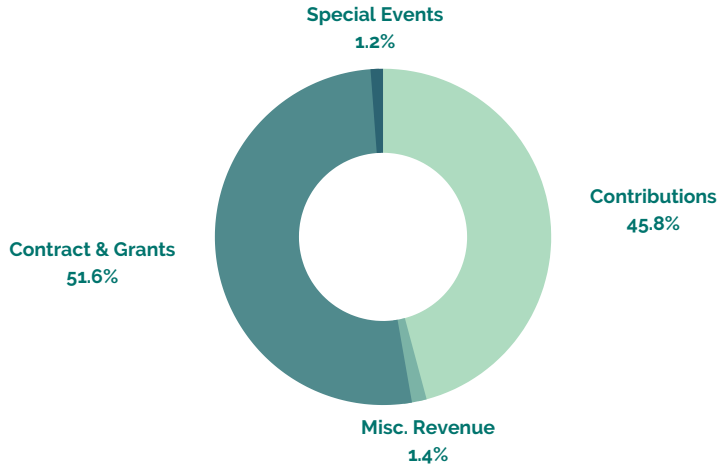
**24%** OTHERS  
WITH FOOD  
INSECURITY



# FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

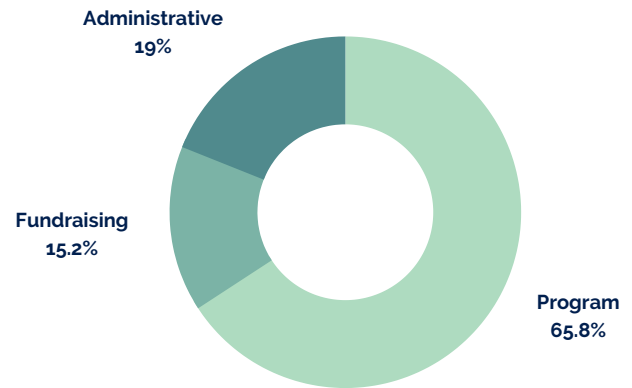
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## Financial Support



**TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,144,356**

## Operating Expenses



**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$887,482**

Value of Donated Food & Supplies: \$6,077,173 | Value of Food Distributed: \$6,062,215  
**2021 End of Fiscal Year Net Assets: \$1,275,704**

## 2021 Board of Directors

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## DONATE TO WASTE NOT

MAKE YOUR DONATION TO WASTE NOT OF UP TO \$400 FOR SINGLE TAX FILERS AND \$800 FOR JOINT TAX FILERS



## FILE & CLAIM

FILE YOUR ARIZONA TAXES AND CLAIM THE ARIZONA CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT USING FORM 321 AND WASTE NOT'S QCO CODE: #20408



## GET IT ALL BACK

RECEIVE UP TO \$800 OF YOUR MONEY BACK IN THE FORM OF AN ARIZONA STATE LIABILITY TAX CREDIT!

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