

How to start a Food Rescue Program

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**Schools
across U.S.
throw away
ONE
BILLION
unopened
food items
per year!!!**



Feed People, Not Landfills



We teach our students that food has nutritional value.....

but then we train them to treat it as trash by not providing an alternative.

Why?

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The Federal Law was unclear about school food donations before November 2011, and while it is now clear, it is not widely known.

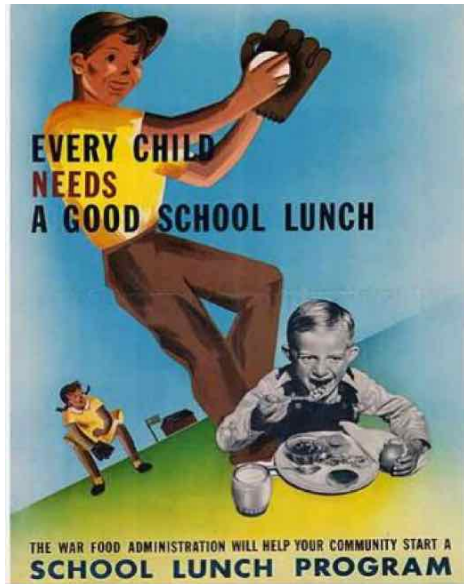
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Fear of time commitment to begin the program

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Concern meeting health department standards

Good News!



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School Food Rescue Programs



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USDA and EPA Join with Private Sector, Charitable Organizations to Set Nation's First Food Waste Reduction Goals

NEW YORK, Sept. 16, 2015 – Today, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Environmental Protection Agency Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg announced the United States' first-ever national food waste reduction goal, calling for a 50-percent reduction by 2030. As part of the effort, the federal government will lead a new partnership with charitable organizations, faith-based organizations, the private sector and local.



ENVIRONMENT



**FEED LOCAL HUNGRY,
NOT LANDFILL**

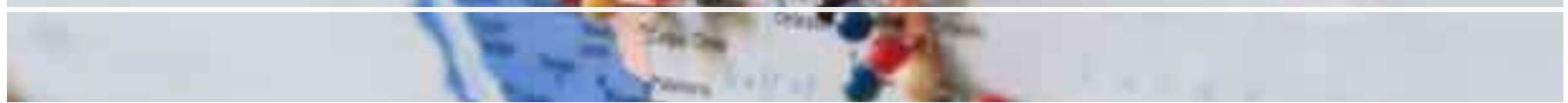


**TEACHING VALUE OF
FOOD**

BENEFITS



Addresses Environmental Concerns







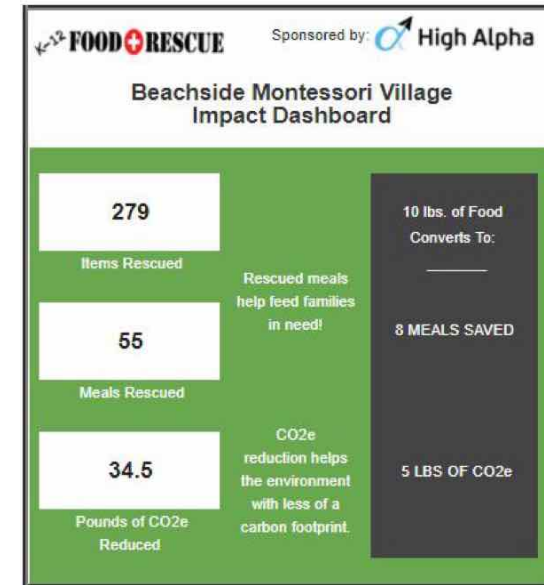
Broward County Stats

- **220 schools – potential to offset 330 million green house gases**
- **11.7 million food items recovered**
- **81, 650 CHILDREN in Broward County go to bed hungry. - Feeding South Florida**

Case Study: Beachside Montessori Village

- Sustainability class studying food systems
- Food in landfill creates methane gas, 21 times more potent than CO₂.
- BMV threw away on average 52,020 unopened food items. Releasing over 6,000lbs. of greenhouse gas each year.





How Did We Do It?

Supplies: Refrigerator & salad bar cart (B-stock)

Volunteers

Spread the word: School assemblies

Food Share & Donate 3 times/week

District 220 schools – potential to offset over 1.5 million lbs. of greenhouse gasses each year



How can you help?

Refrigerators – share tables



One Action

- Empowers children to reduce greenhouse gases and feed the hungry.
- For assistance in beginning a program in your school contact elaine.fiore@browardschools.com