

Food Rescue US – Fort Wayne

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FOOD RESCUE US



Background

- FRUS started in Connecticut in 2011
- "Feed People, Not Landfills"
- Web-based software used to rescue food



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- Started using FRUS and formed the Fort Wayne chapter in 2018
- Aligns with goal of landfill diversion
- Typical rescues were smaller scale until COVID and Farmers to Families

COVID Relief

- Restaurants closing
- Supply chains for farmers cut off
- Families in need
- Keeping food out of landfills
- Existing networks expanded to use the FRUS model for distribution of new food sources





2020 Stats

- 53220 meals rescued from restaurants, caterers, grocery stores
- 34 charity organizations received food
- 76 volunteers from all agencies worked together
- 253 tons of food from USDA boxes distributed
- Continued cooperation among agencies