

Three Square 2019 Annual Report Food for People Not Landfills Program

Bucket 1: Prepared Perishable Food

Characteristics of food in this category:

- Food that is temp sensitive and must be quickly consumed or flash frozen
- Bulk food that is temp sensitive and must also be packaged into usable portion amounts
- Planned rescue that requires food bank/agency labor within a short window
 - o I would have to add into this bucket prepared food that is not packaged/chilled by food bank/agency labor but by the donor and picked up by Three Square. It's more of a general retail/food industry donor model but is prepared food so would need to fall in this bucket.
 - We started rescuing from restaurants in 2020 using this model
 - Many of the surplus banquet food donors use this model
 - This is a necessary model that preserves resources while still offering the ability to capture this food. Donor engagement is a must for this model.

Included in this category:

- Banquets, events, concessions
- Restaurants

82,189 lbs/68,491 meals

16 donors

Opportunity Gap: There are many more event and banquet centers where surplus can be rescued. Because of the large resource demands of this type of rescue Three Square is determining the best way to continue these types of rescues. We can grow, maintain, or discontinue the growth of this program depending on the model and donor engagement in assistance in labor and cost demands. We also started rescuing from restaurants in 2020 so there is a large gap there, although they are a much smaller target when looking at available poundage. 2020 will also bring us the addition of Allegiant Stadium and a large opportunity for food rescue both within the football season as well events and catering outside of the season.

Bucket 2: Perishable Non-prepared Food

Characteristics of food in this category:

- Food that is individually sold as grocery/retail product
- Bulk food that is already frozen or dry but is pre-packed and needs only a scheduled pick up
- Food that is in small, moderate or large amounts that are pre-scheduled on regular routes

Included in this category:

- Gleaning/agricultural
- Grocery retail
- Emerging retail

- Vendors/food production

10,006,473 lbs/8,338,728 meals

349 donors

Opportunity Gap: There are warehouses, distributors, and suppliers that are dormant or inconsistent donors. In 2020 we aim to bring on more of these types of donors. There are a few retailers opening new stores in the valley as well that will become donors as soon as they open.

Bucket 3: Non-perishable Food*

Characteristics of food in this category:

- Food resourcing based on circumstances that are unusual or irregular
- Canned, packaged, dry goods

Food included in this category:

- Grocery retail
- Emerging retail
- Food shows
- Vendors/food production

**The Subcommittee elected not to include donated food procured from community food drives as some of those foods are purchased for donation and not to divert food from landfills.*

9,810,511 lbs/8,175,426 meals

Most of these donors overlap the other two buckets. The additional donors are mostly donors of beverages – Niagara, Nestle Water, Bonanza Beverage, Premium Waters, Pepsi, Coca Cola, etc.

Opportunity Gap: Same as above – warehouses, distributors, and suppliers. This bucket is trickier because of the Foods to Encourage strategy that Three Square aims to abide by. We want to source and distribute nutrient dense foods that are not empty calories so we limit the amount of candy, soda, juice, and snacks that we receive through this channel (food shows, mini bar product, surplus concessions, etc).