## Innovative Collaborations in the Hospitality Sector to Increase Food Recovery

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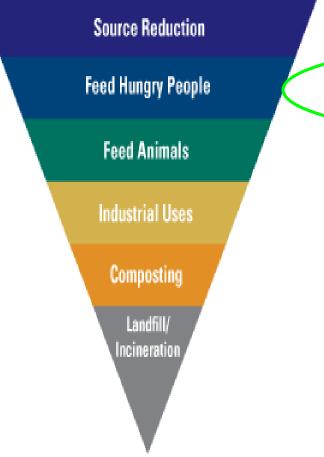


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"Successful Collaborations **Promoting Food Donation** and the **Unique Partnerships** they have **Built in their Communities**"

**Today's Webinar Description** 

## Food Waste Recovery Hierarchy\*



Source Reduction – Reduce the volume of food waste generated

Feed People – Donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens and shelters

Feed Animals – Provide food to farmers

Industrial Uses – Provide fats for rendering and food discards for animal feed production

**Composting – Convert food scraps into a nutrient rich soil amendment** 

Landfill Waste

\* US EPA developed a food waste recovery hierarchy to illustrate how productive use can be made of excess food. The hierarchy emphasizes practices that provide the greatest ecological, economic, and social benefits, with disposal as the last option.

# Who is ...



- **Coordinates** surplus inventory donation programs
- Links qualified non-profit charities to donor locations
- Manages agency scheduling
- Operates a live answer support center
- Documents donations with eLog Mobile
- **Provides** recall tracking assistance
- **Delivers** detailed reporting



by the numbers in 2014...

1992 Established
4 Countries
50 States
310 Companies
7,383 Charities

17,200 Donors 1,600,000 Pickups 40,600,000 Pounds 380,000,000 Total Pounds 0 Foodborne Illness

# Why Donate Surplus Food?

- ✓ Employee Pride & Engagement
- Environmental Waste Reduction
- Sustainability
- Community Relationships
- U.S. Incentives Encourage Donations

## **U.S. Liability Protection**

### **Bill Emerson**

### **Good Samaritan Food Donation Act**

Signed into Law October 1996 by President Bill Clinton

Liability Protection, <u>except</u> in cases of Gross Negligence or Intentional Misconduct

# Who Donates Surplus Food?



### Who Gets the Food?













Rescue Mission<sup>®</sup>

the way home

KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES

Restoring Lives In Jesus' Name





Union



Inter-Faith Food Shuttle



## What's Involved?

- Make Food Safety First
- Identify Potential Donation Items
- Select Qualified Charities
- Establish Pickup Schedule
- Track Donations
- Calculate & Report Savings

## What Equipment is Needed?

#### **Cambro®** Pans



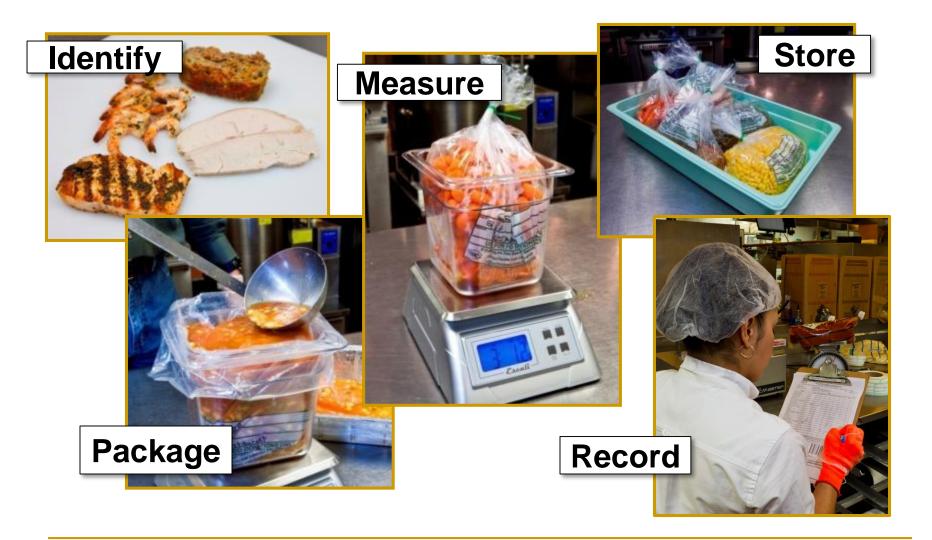
#### **Food Safe Storage Bags**

#### **Transport Bins**

#### **Insulated Transport Pouches**



## What's the Process for Restaurants?



### What's the Process for Charities?



## What's the Impact at Charities?



40 million pounds in 2014 (1.6 million pick ups)



Over 400 million pounds (meals) since 1992

### **Tracked with eLog Mobile**

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## **Tax Incentives**

IRC Section 170e - December 18, 2015

Enhanced tax deduction for donating food

- Permanent for all businesses
- Increased cap to 15% of net income
- Carry forward deduction for 5 years
- ✓ Defined Fair Market Value

# Summary

- Proven, safe program
- Variety of food and consistent supply
- ✓ Local availability Readily accessible
- Immediate impact on the lives of people
- Positive impact on environment
- Free to hunger relief organizations
- U.S. Congress encourages with tax incentives

# **Questions or Comments?**



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