



2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



FOODCYCLE

*turning surplus into solutions for hunger,
equity, and climate resilience.*

150,000+

meals delivered weekly

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11 MILLION

pounds of edible
food recovered in 2025

.....

14,000+

lbs of CO₂ diverted

Letter From The Executive Director

Dear friends,

This year asked more of our communities than ever. Cuts to food assistance made it harder for families to afford groceries, even as the cost of living continued to climb. At the same time, the demand on our partners surged. And yet, because of you, tens of thousands of pounds of beautiful, perfectly good food were rescued every week and delivered directly into the hands of people who needed it.

FoodCycle was founded on a simple idea: good food should feed people, not landfills. Today, that idea has become infrastructure. Working alongside our partners, we are building a regional food system that treats surplus food as a resource — one that can reduce hunger, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and invest in health and dignity at the neighborhood level.

This year we expanded our recovery and distribution network, and deepened collaboration with agencies across Los Angeles. We launched new work with the city to move rescued food quickly, safely, and equitably, and we continued laying the groundwork for a dedicated food hub that can stabilize supply for the communities most impacted by food insecurity.

What gives me hope is not only the scale — it's the alignment. Nonprofits, food retailers, local government, and residents are showing that hunger, climate, and waste are not separate problems. They are one system, and we can change that system together.

Thank you for standing with us, volunteering with us, donating food and funds, opening doors, and helping us build something that lasts. The work ahead is urgent, but it is also possible. We are proving that every day.

With gratitude,
Nancy Beyda

Executive Director, FoodCycle



Partnering Nonprofits Highlights

FIRE RELIEF EFFORTS

We mobilized rapid-fire relief across the region, working with our partners at Vintage Faith church delivering 250 care packages to hotels, providing clothing for 350 people, and ensuring 1,000 individuals were fed at local food pantries. We also helped 75 people find shelter and resourced 16 nonprofits to provide on-the-ground support. In total, 2,000+ people were served through our disaster relief efforts.

We continue to support fire survivors by partnering with Home of Kings and Queens and other community organizations that are leading the long-term effort to rebuild communities devastated by the fires.



OUR NONPROFIT NETWORK

During 2025, FoodCycle worked in collaboration with 206 community-based partners across Los Angeles, building a resilient, people-centered food system that ensures good food reaches those experiencing food insecurity. By aligning nonprofits, food businesses, volunteers, and public agencies, we move beyond isolated interventions toward lasting systems change—transforming surplus into shared abundance. Through this collaborative network, FoodCycle strengthens local capacity, reduces waste, and advances equity, demonstrating that meaningful change happens not alone, but together.

More Partner Spotlights



The St. Margaret's Center Food Pantry provides quality food items to households experiencing food insecurity. This program supplies critical nutrition to hungry individuals and families.

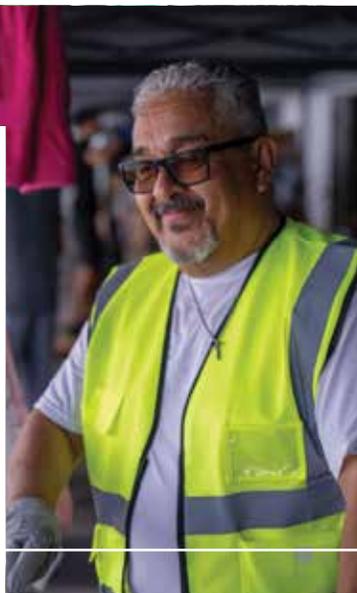
ST MARGARET'S CENTER

"We want to express our gratitude to FoodCycle for the donation we receive weekly from Trader Joe's. The produce is specially valued & our most popular item. The drivers are awesome & helpful. It greatly enhances our food pantry operations."

Andrea Ramirez

CARSON FOOD HUB

We're excited to share that FoodCycle is growing. Our new Carson Food Hub will allow us to accept more of the large donations coming our way and ensure we can provide even more fresh, culturally relevant food to our partners across South Los Angeles—one of the communities hardest hit by food insecurity. This new space will help us move healthy food quickly and reliably to the families who need it most, turning abundance into access and strengthening a more resilient, community-centered food system.



More Partner Spotlights



LOVE THE CITY CENTER

Love the City is a weekly food distribution in Culver City, operated in partnership with Vintage Faith Church, that provides free groceries to community members every Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The program brings together FoodCycle staff, dedicated community volunteers, and corporate volunteer groups to create a welcoming, dignified pantry experience. By combining rescued food with hands-on service, Love the City not only helps meet immediate food needs but also fosters connection and collective care among neighbors, volunteers, and local partners.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GLENDALE

“I think we’ve catered to about 1,700 families already. And we’re just thankful that FoodCycle is able to fill in some of those needs that we’re not able to get from other sources.”

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MIDNIGHT MISSION

FoodCycle is proud to support organizations like Midnight Mission that nourish our unhoused neighbors. By ensuring they have access to fresh, high-quality food, we help them serve warm, healthy meals every day to people who need them most. Together, we’re turning donated food into dignity, nourishment, and hope for our community.



HEART OF COMPASSION TO VIC-VALLEY INTERCOMMUNITY

“Our seniors are extremely happy. The food that they get from here is what they utilize for their home groceries. It is a great partnership.”

Victor Alvarez

How Our Business Partners Help Your Support Go Further



Good food shouldn't be thrown away — and more than 300 local businesses agree. Through partnerships with grocery stores, farmers markets, and retailers like Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Bristol Farms, Lazy Acres, Seafood City, and many more, FoodCycle rescues fresh, high-quality food and makes sure it reaches the communities that need it most.

Closing The Circle Conference

Closing the Circle brought together leaders from across the region to turn big ideas into real action—ensuring surplus food feeds people, not landfills. The day united recovery organizations, public agencies, funders, and community partners around a shared goal: reducing waste, cutting climate impact, and expanding equitable access to nutritious food. More than a conference, it created a roadmap for a stronger, more resilient food system—and showed what's possible when our community comes together.



2025 – Our mission in motion



9,206,978
MEALS
DELIVERED



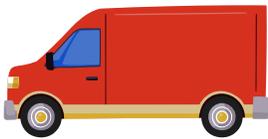
11,048,374
POUNDS OF FOOD
RESCUED



145.26
METRIC TONS
OF METHANE GAS
DIVERTED



14,000+
METRIC TONS OF
CO2 DIVERTED



33,294
FOOD RUNS TO
HUNGER RELIEF
TEAMS



310
PARTNERSHIPHS WITH
BUSINESSES



226
PARTNERSHIPHS
WITH HUNGER
RELIEF TEAMS



739.5
ESTIMATED MILLIONS
OF GALLONS OF
WATER SAVED

When food is wasted, all the resources used to grow, transport, and store it are wasted too—while decomposing food in landfills generates methane, a potent climate pollutant. By rescuing surplus food and redirecting it to communities, FoodCycle advances a solution that delivers immediate climate benefits while addressing hunger and building more resilient, equitable systems.

Financial Report *Years ended July 31

FoodCycle Statements of Activities

	2025*	2024*
Revenues and support without donor restrictions		
Grants	528,942	686,400
Contributions	192,634	309,871
Program Revenues	192,429	136,955
In-kind donations	227,067	82,543
Others	7,425	248
Total Revenues & support without donor restrictions	1,148,497	1,216,017
Expenses		
Program Services	800,051	620,877
General and administrative	202,054	146,539
Fundraising	19,780	21,703
Total Expenses	1,021,885	789,119
Change in net assets	126,612	426,898
Net Assets at beginning of year	660,584	233,686
Net assets at end of year	787,196	660,584



Systems Change In Action

Food assistance cuts increased pressure on working families.

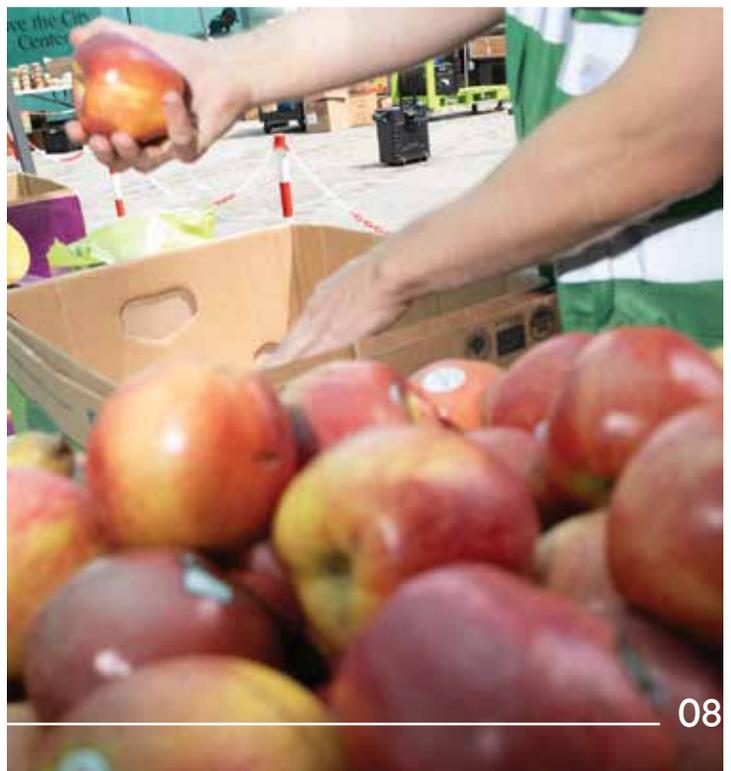
When Snap benefits were reduced, thousands of households in Los Angeles immediately felt the impact. Parents told us they were stretching every dollar, skipping protein, and relying more on pantry lines. At the very moment need was rising, access was shrinking. Our network responded in real time — moving more recovered food, faster, to where the gaps were sharpest. Surplus food became an emergency safety net.

We are building a regional food hub.

This year we advanced plans for a dedicated food hub: shared cold storage, aggregation, and distribution capacity designed for equity. The hub will allow us to stabilize supply, match culturally relevant food to the communities that ask for it, and move fresh food before it's wasted. This is not charity — this is infrastructure for a resilient local food system.

Public partnerships are becoming long-term solutions.

We deepened our collaboration with city agencies to create reliable, accountable pathways for surplus food to reach food insecure neighborhoods instead of landfills. These partnerships recognize that food recovery is climate work, health work, and community safety work.



Where We Are Going

We are designing a model Los Angeles can scale — and other regions can replicate.

Our goal is simple:

no good food wasted, every community nourished.

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Lelia Scheu

"Seeing people meet their needs even if only for this day, and hearing that they are grateful to receive the produce encourages us to do it again even if it's hard."

Angie Tabin - Volunteer



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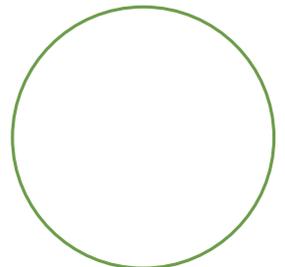
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This work is possible because of the people who show up every day



THANK YOU

Thank you for helping keep good food in our communities
and out of landfills.

Join us as a donor, partner, or volunteer:

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