



# Rescuing Leftover Cuisine

**Preventing** wasted food. **Providing** for people. **Preserving** the environment.

# Our Story

At RLC, our purpose is deeply personal, rooted in the experiences of our Co-founder and CEO, Robert Lee. As a child of immigrants, he faced hunger firsthand and often rescued food at school – acutely aware of the struggles his parents faced due to language barriers and limited job opportunities.

Many of our food donation recipients share similar stories, where ensuring food security is a constant challenge and wasting food is never an option. Driven by his commitment to combat hunger and reduce wasted food, Robert founded RLC in 2013.

While many food rescue organizations impose limitations on food types, set minimum donation weights, and face scheduling constraints and reliability challenges, **RLC offers flexible and comprehensive solutions, accommodating a wide range of food types and quantities. Our cutting-edge technology streamlines the process with convenient scheduling, real-time donation tracking, instant impact reporting, and more – by addressing critical gaps in the food rescue landscape, we make food donation faster, simpler, and more efficient than ever.**

---

*Inspired and touched by the stories of those we serve, we're committed to fostering a more equitable food system!*



# Who We Are

Rescuing Leftover Cuisine (RLC) is a national 501(c)(3) food rescue nonprofit

# Our Mission

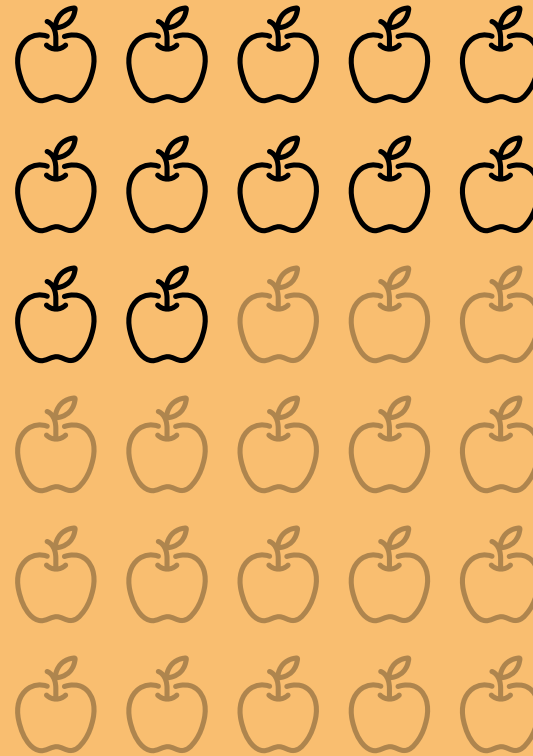
We are dedicated to combatting food insecurity and wasted food by rescuing surplus food and redistributing it to communities who need it most



# The Food Waste Crisis

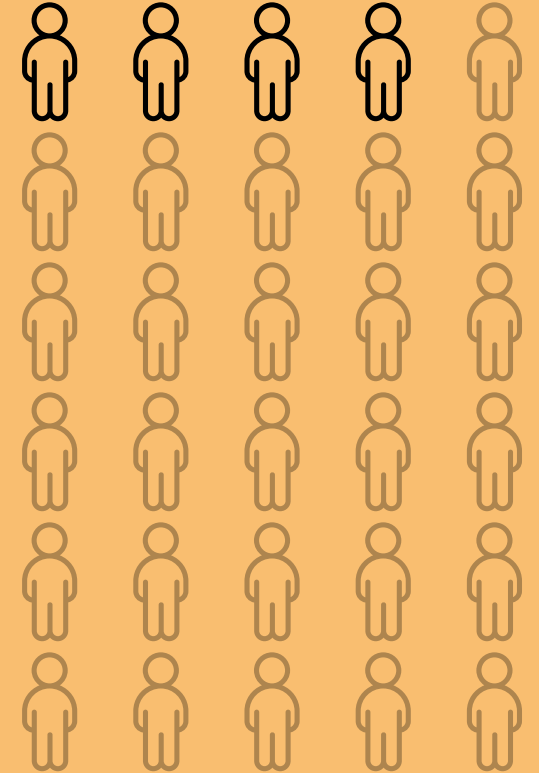
Diverting just 15% of all wasted food, would reduce the number of food insecure Americans by 50%

40%



*Each year, 40% of food in the US, equivalent to 66 million tons, is discarded*

13%



*While over 47 million Americans, 1 in 8 people, are food insecure*

Source: USDA.gov







## Feed People, Not Landfills

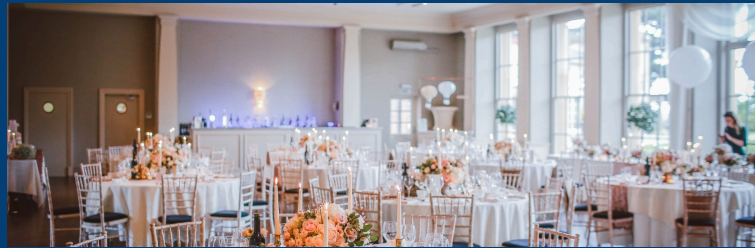
# How We Work

We offer three tailored service lines – designed to meet the needs of all types of food donors



### Branch Rescues

With personalized local expertise, our 9 branches cater to diverse food donors – from bakeries and coffee shops to restaurants, corporate offices, hotels, schools, media outlets, museums, health organizations, and more!



### Event Surplus

We also divert excess food from large events and gatherings to local communities within our local branches, collaborating with event organizers, venues, conferences, sports arenas, concerts, and food service providers.

**RLC Branches:** Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Columbus, Dallas, Los Angeles, New Jersey, New York City, and Rhode Island



### Large-Scale Donations

Our national reach enables us to rescue pallet donations from major donors across the entire food supply chain – from farms to manufacturers and processors, wholesalers and retailers, anywhere in the U.S.

Changing Lives, One Meal at a Time

# Why RLC?

Customizable Donation Services. Innovative Technology. Community-Driven.



**Diverse Food Types Accepted**



**No Minimum Requirements**



**Flexible Scheduling 7 Days/Week**



**Neighbors Feeding Neighbors**



**Intuitive Web Management**



**Detailed Impact Reporting**





# Food Donation Made Simple

Establishing food rescue as the standard, not the exception

## Initial Consultation

Confirm your donation needs

- Food types
- Quantity
- Preferred pickup frequency

## Simple Agreement

Sign a standard Food Donation Agreement which outlines

- Our partnership
- A small tax-deductible fee that supports our operations
- Liability protections for your donations

## Schedule Your Pickups

- Choose a schedule that suits your needs — daily, weekly, biweekly, or as needed. *We're flexible and available 7 days/week.*
- Once your schedule is set, simply package your excess food, and we handle the rest!

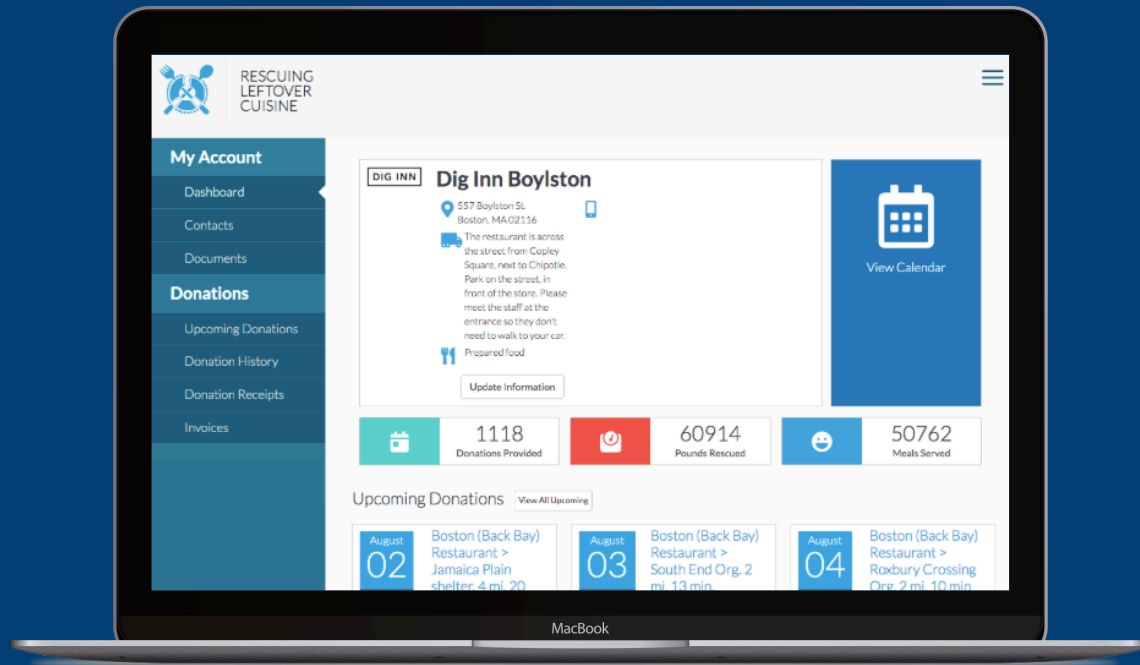
## Manage with Ease

Effortlessly manage your donations, pickup schedule, invoices, and access impact reports through our easy online portal



# Y(our) Technology

Maximize your impact with minimal administrative effort



## ✓ Streamlined Donation Management

Online Scheduling

User-Friendly Interface

Efficient Automations

Push Notifications

Multi-Location Management

Role-Based Contact Assignment

Document and Resource Hub

Integrated Payment System

## ✓ Donation Tracking

View assigned rescuers and nonprofit recipients for all food rescues

## ✓ Social & Environmental Impact Metrics

Real-time data on donations provided, pounds rescued, meals served, and pounds of emissions prevented

## ✓ Donation Receipts

Access documentation for charitable deductions

## ✓ Comprehensive Data Insights

Monthly and annual reporting provided

# Our Impact

Harnessing the Power of  
Collective Action

*Just 5 pounds of rescued food can  
feed 4 food-insecure individuals*

Pounds Food Rescued

**19M+**

Pounds Emissions Prevented

**43M+**

Meals Provided

**15M+**

Food Rescue Coverage Rate

**98%**

Food Donor Partners

**900+**

Volunteers

**10K+**

Nonprofit Recipients

**450+**

# Community Insights

What Our Partners Are Saying



*“When we entered the New York market, we knew we needed an **efficient** way to donate to those in need, and we were lucky to discover RLC, starting that partnership before we even opened our doors.”*

**Proper Food**  
Dana Bloom, CEO

*“While our goal is to **eliminate food waste** before it’s generated, there may still be times when we have excess safe-to-eat food. Our donation program provides this food to hunger relief agencies like RLC, which redistributes it to people facing food insecurity.”*

**Citi Field Stadium**  
Aramark

*“RLC takes frozen pallets from our warehouses and delivers them directly to food banks and organizations helping those facing food insecurity. They handle all the logistics, making it **easy to use**.”*

**Sea To Table**  
Tim Leinhart, Ops Manager

*“Working with RLC has been an absolute pleasure for the team here at Convene. Thanks to all the **amazing rescuers**, we are able to see our leftover food be put to good use. RLC, we can’t thank you enough!”*

**Convene**  
Allison Courtney, Ops Specialist

*“I started rescuing food with RLC because I believe that food injustice is the most pressing issue in our city. It was easy because they have a **great interactive website**, in-text communication and use of technology at every step.”*

**Volunteer Food Rescuer**  
Stephen Simons

*“Our guests are cancer patients who have to live here for 6-8 weeks during treatment. They come from all over the world! Our guests rave about the artisan bread they receive from you guys! It makes a hard situation a bit nicer when there are **beautiful donations** like this!”*

**American Cancer Society Hope Lodge**  
Atlanta Assistant Manager

# Join Our Growing Network of Community Partners





# Partner with Us to Turn Surplus into Service

Visit our [website](https://www.rescuingleftovercuisine.org) and contact us at [partnerships@rescuingleftovercuisine.org](mailto:partnerships@rescuingleftovercuisine.org) to learn more!



## OUR HISTORY

2013

### RLC Orgins

- Established inaugural **New York City** branch
- Built network of **volunteer "Food Rescuers"** to transport food donations from businesses to nonprofit recipients

2016

### Innovation & Optimization

- Opened **Boston** Branch
- Launched paid "Food Rescuer" roles to strengthen **service reliability** and **professionalism**
- **Automated services** to boost efficiency and simplify donation process

2020-2021

### Crisis Response & Recovery

- New partnership with Grubhub Community Relief Fund
- During the pandemic, priorities shifted to supporting local food businesses and feeding those in need
- Strengthened regional growth with new branches in **New Jersey** and **Rhode Island**

2024 - 2025 & Beyond

### Accelerating Impact

- **19M+ pounds of food rescued** since RLC's founding, with 5M+ pounds rescued in 2024 alone
- Introduced food rescue services for **event partners**, including new partnerships with Citi Field, Fenway Park, Union Square Events, and Barclays Center
- **5-Year Goal: Rescuing 10M pounds of food/year by 2029**

2014-2015

### Early Growth

- Enhanced food recovery solutions via collaboration with Blue Ridge Labs social innovation incubator
- Developed **proprietary tech platform** to modernize food rescue operations
- Forged large-scale donation partnerships with KIND Snacks and Frito-Lay to amplify impact

2017-2019

### National Expansion

- Achieved milestone of **1M+ pounds of food rescued** in 2018
- Broadened our impact with new branches in **Columbus, Atlanta, and Dallas**
- Waitlist of food donors established, signaling growing demand for services

2022-2023

### Scaling Services

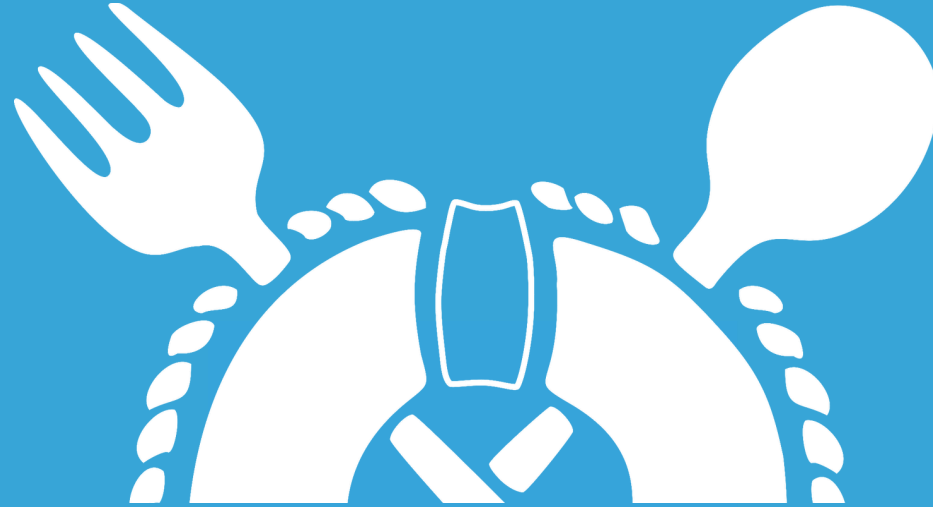
- 2.9M+ pounds of food rescued in 2022
- Launched **nationwide large-scale pallet donation services**
- Opened **Chicago** and **Los Angeles** branches



# More ways *you* can get involved

- Invite RLC for speaking engagements to inspire leadership and inclusive volunteerism; or to educate food service professionals about the possibilities, benefits, and logistics to *make food recovery a common practice, rather than the exception.*
- Give: funds are needed to target more food donor partners and invest in our technology to expand food rescue operations.
- Spread The Word to increase awareness of RLC in your community. Examples include using our [Introduction & Social Media Templates](#), Community recognition nominations, or suggesting RLC for your office's volunteer day or charitable giving program.





**FEED PEOPLE, NOT LANDFILLS.**

[www.rescuingleftovercuisine.org](http://www.rescuingleftovercuisine.org)

