## **Prepared Food Donations**



A socially responsible and simple alternative to throwing away surplus food



# Many Industry Leaders Donate Surplus *Prepared* Food



















































## Food Waste Recovery Hierarchy\*

Source Reduction

Feed Hungry People

Feed Animals

Industrial Uses

Composting

Landfill/ Incineration 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 has 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.



## Scope of FDC Operations

#### FDC coordinates donations...



- From 15,000+ food service providers
- To 7,900+ non-profit organizations serving the needy
- In U.S. & Canada; developing in UK & Australia
- 230 million pounds since 1992
- 35 million pounds in 2011 alone

FDC created the non-profit Harvest Support Network (HSN) to support agency operations



## Prepared Food Donation Steps

- ✓ Food Safety is First Develop Processes & HACCPs
- ✓ Review Operations and Create a List of Food Categories
- ✓ Select Qualified Agencies 501(c)(3) & Health Dept Insp.
- ✓ Provide Ongoing Support and Management
- ✓ Track Donations for CSR, Waste Tracking, &Tax Savings
- ✓ Calculate Savings Tax, Waste Reduction, Landfill Fees



## **Prepared Food Donation Process**





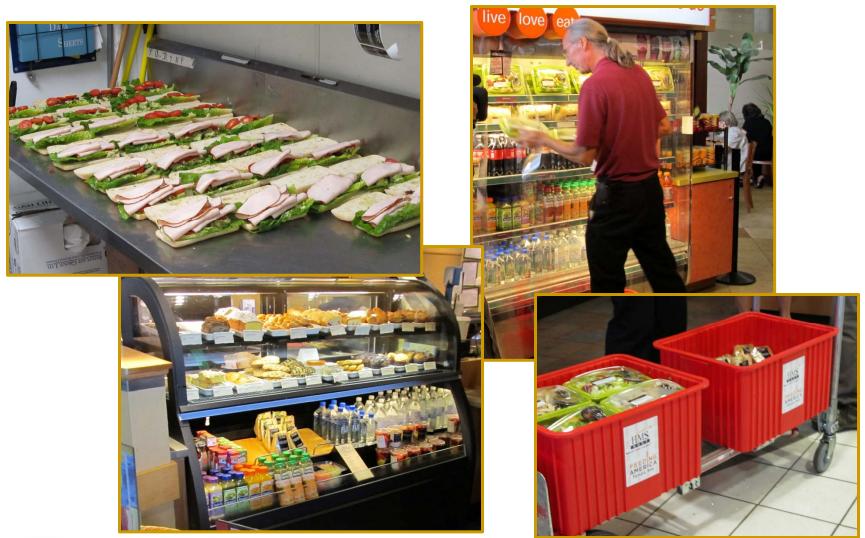
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...to the agencies and the needy.



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#### **Donor Concerns**

- Good Samaritan Liability Protection
- Food donation guidelines
- Donation logistics
- HSN safe food transport training



#### **Donor Incentives**

- Employee morale
- Waste reduction=Less environmental impact
- Local availability & immediate impact
- Tax Law can encourage food donations



# Enhanced Tax Deduction for Food Donations

#### **C** corporations

In 1976 Congress enacted Section 170(e)(3) to encourage donations by allowing **C corporations** to earn an **enhanced tax deduction** for donating selected surplus property, including food.

The enhanced deduction is equal to ½ of the donated food's appreciated value, with the limitation that the total deduction cannot exceed twice the donated food's basis cost. The IRS may challenge the value of donated surplus food.



#### **Enhanced Tax Deduction**

#### **Non-C corporations**

Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act (KETRA) of 2005 allowed *Non-C corps.* to apply the enhanced deduction for contributions through December 31, 2005

**2006 Pension Protection Act** extended **KETRA** thru 2007

2008 Econ. Stabilization Act extended KETRA thru 2009

2010 Tax Relief and Jobs Act extended KETRA thru 2011

Non-C corp. Tax Law needs to be extended again or made permanent via H.R. 3729 – introduced Dec 20, 2011 by U.S. Reps Geoff Davis (R-KY) and Sander Levin (D-MI)



# Tax Savings Example

Example Benefit Food Item	Product Sold	Surplus Not Donated	Surplus Donated
Sales revenue	\$10.00	\$.00	\$ .00
Base cost (food & direct labor)	3.25	3.25	3.25
Gross margin / (loss)	6.75	(3.25)	(3.25)
Enhanced tax deduction			(3.25)
Total income/(deduction) before tax	6.75	(3.25)	(6.50)
Tax (assumes combined federal and state tax rate of 37%)	(2.50)	1.20	2.40
Gross margin/(loss) after tax	\$4.25	\$(2.05)	\$(.85)

In this example, donating <u>reduces after tax cost</u> of surplus food by 59%.



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#### Part of the Solution to Hunger

- ✓ Proven 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
- Congress encourages with Tax Incentives



#### You Can Do It!

#### **PILOT TEST PROCESS**

- 1. Review Location Operations
- 2. Develop Food Safe Procedures
- 3. Identify Agencies
- 4. Determine Pickup Logistics
- 5. Track Food Donation Amounts
- 6. Calculate Savings
- 7. Expand Program



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