

# FOOD FOR PEOPLE

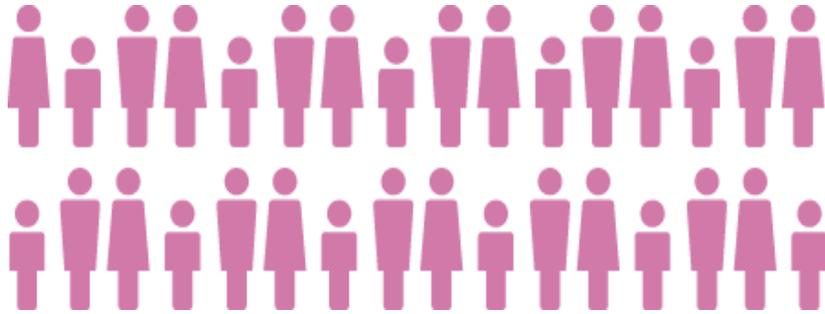




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**154K** Vermonters annually



**1 in 4**

36,900 children



26,000 seniors



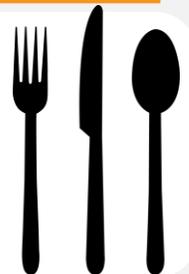
12,000 veterans



2015



over million  
15 meals

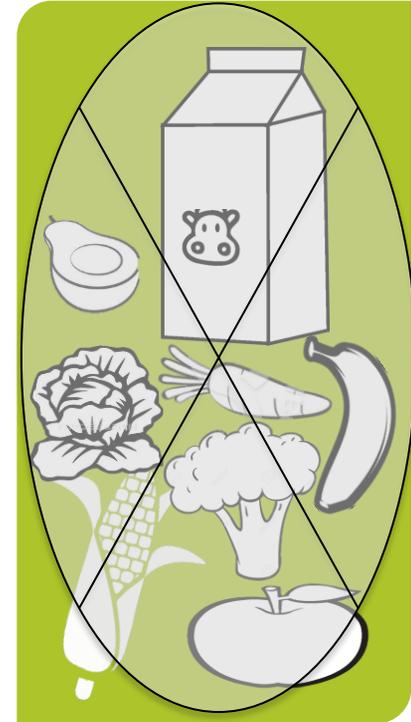
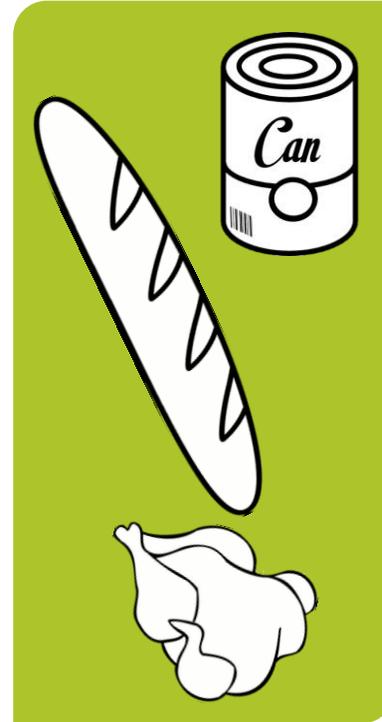


# Food Rescue was primarily non-perishables and items that could be frozen.

Perishables were logistically prohibitive:

-Short shelf life

-Need more frequent pickups





# ACT 148

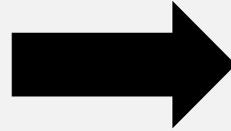
## Vermont's Universal Recycling and Composting Law



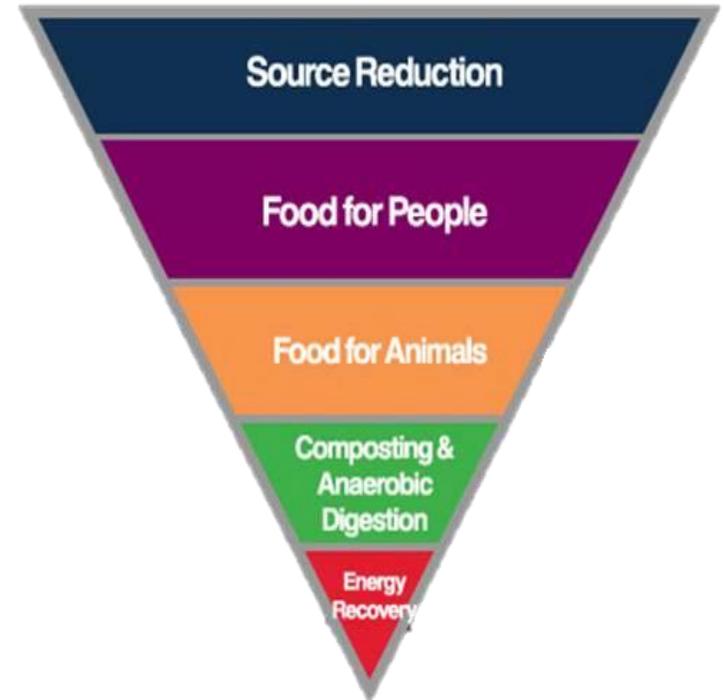
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# ACT 148 IMPLEMENTATION

## Retailer



## July 2014



- Unsafe to consume
- Approaching expiration dates
- Appearance
- Discontinued or excess





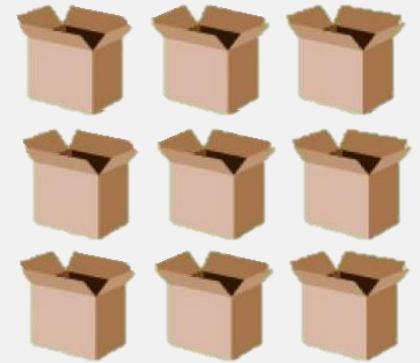
**Quality?**



**Volume?**



**Logistics?**





## RETAIL PARTNER AGENCY

### LOCAL

- More frequent pickups
- Faster distribution



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The ability to  
manage the  
volume.

## RPA Implementation:

**STARTED SMALL**

**PROVIDED  
TRAINING**

**PROVIDED  
TOOLS**

**PROVIDED  
HANDOUTS**

**WORKED  
COOPERATIVELY**

**Volunteers**

**Open a few  
days each  
week**

**Could  
maintain a set  
schedule**

**Provided  
training to  
both the RPA  
and the  
retailer about  
what kinds of  
food could be  
donated and  
what the  
quality should  
be**

**Provided  
commercial-  
grade  
insulated  
blankets and  
grants for  
refrigeration or  
freezers**

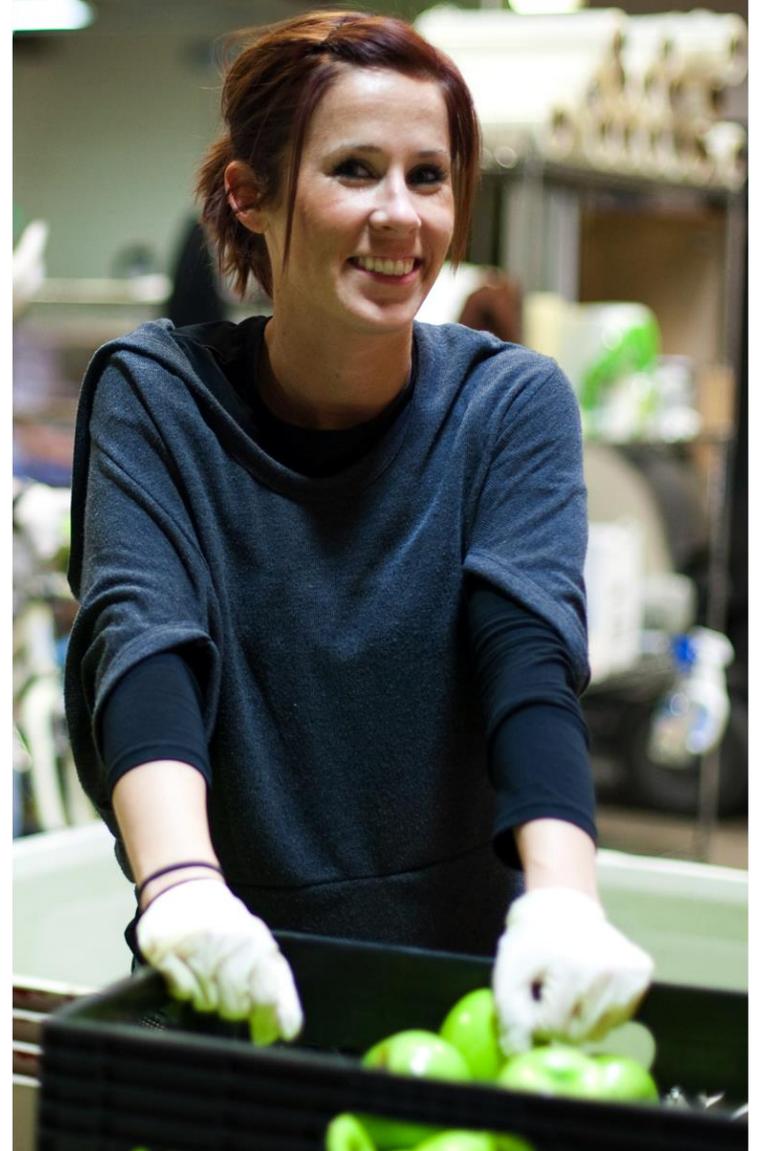
**Provided  
handouts to  
both groups  
with program  
details and  
contact info at  
a glance**



- OUTCOMES  
AND BENEFITS

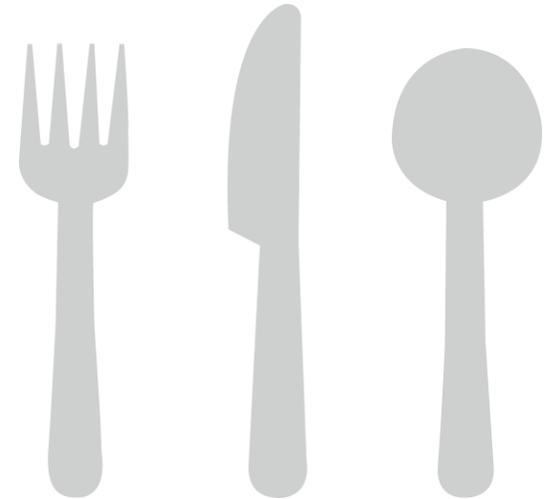
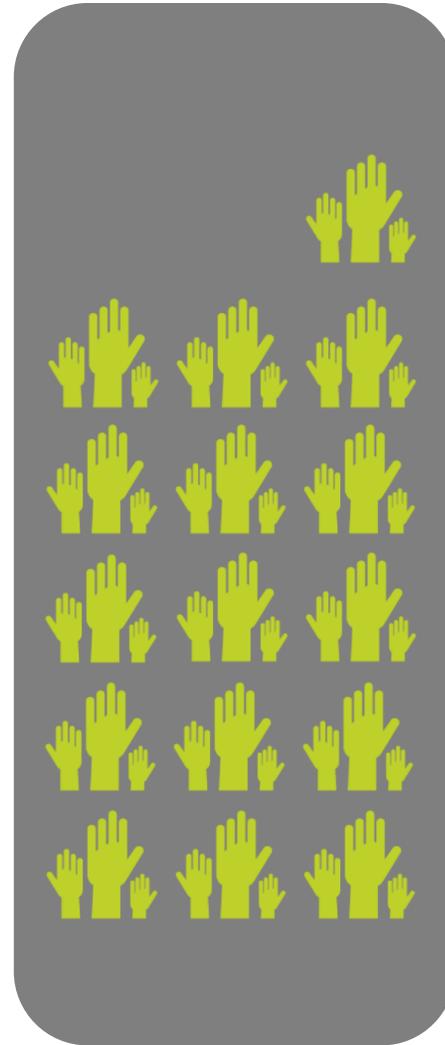


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# FY2014 16 RPA

- Picked up directly
- Sorted for quality
- Distributed quickly
- Served more clients



525,212



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FY2015  
40 RPA

FY14 vs FY15



**188%**  
increase  
In RPA food  
rescue



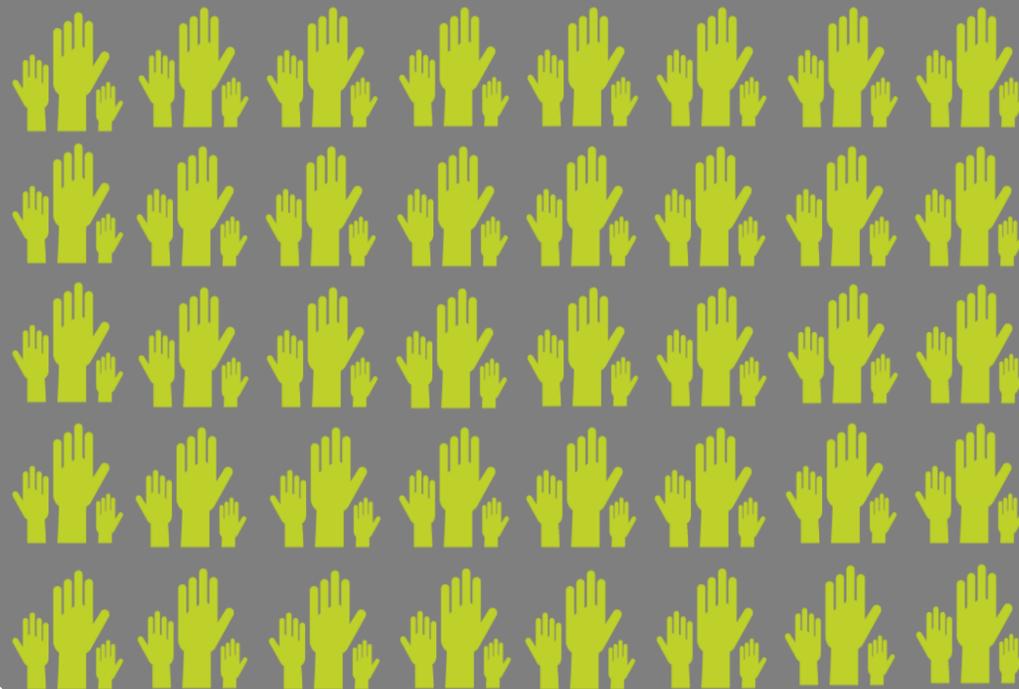
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1.5M



over  
1M lbs



“Our feeding program has changed dramatically because of the produce donations. Not only am I spending 85% less on food, but the meals we’re serving are much healthier and better tasting. It still amazes me that folks prefer the fresh fruits & vegetables over the sweets!”

Lieutenant S. Murray  
Burlington Salvation Army



## Benefits of starting a Food Rescue program



**Morale:** Workplace morale improves as employees recognize the difference they are making in their community.



**Community Engagement:** Building relationships with local food shelves provides networking and marketing opportunities while also increasing the business's presence in the community.



**Environmental impact:** Since RPA implementation, over 2.6M pounds of food has been diverted from the landfill = 1300 tons.

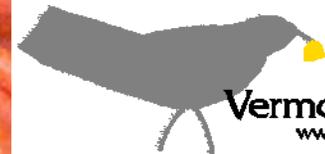




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