



120 Marvin Ave  
Brewster, NY 10509

“For a long time, my only meals have been sandwiches I picked up at the store.

Now, when I go to the freezer I am freely and generously offered nutrient-dense, delicious home cooked vegetable-based frozen meals which I just need to take and home and heat up for healthy, warm dinner.

**I honestly can't believe the love and generosity that brings these meals to me every week.**

They have greatly improved my nutritional intake and given me a delicious dinner at the end of the day. **The variety is so much appreciated. It feels like pure love.”**

— “Mary” a CoveCare Bountiful Meals Recipient



## Our 2024 Community Impact



**328,409**

Pounds of fresh groceries collected and connected with others.



**117,968**

Nourishing meals made with recovered ingredients.



**12,659**

Hours volunteered by our incredible community members.



**84,226**

Children, parents, older adults, veterans, and other individuals nourished.

## Growing Every Year

**8%**

More \*total\* surplus food recovered than in 2023.

**22%**

More meals than in 2023! Plus we're already on track to meet our 2025 goal of cooking 150,000 meals

**34%**

More volunteer time from more than 400 people so we can do even more.

**10%**

More people nourished through our meals and groceries along with new partnerships and access points!



View our full 2024 Impact Report Online [www.SecondChanceFoods.org/Impact](http://www.SecondChanceFoods.org/Impact)

# Sustainable Growth for Greater Impact

**Dear Second Chance Foods Community,**  
Thanks to you, 2024 was a time of growth, resilience, and transformation at Second Chance Foods. We created thousands of nourishing meals, distributed record amounts of groceries, and saw our dedicated volunteers contribute an extraordinary number of hours to feeding our neighbors with dignity and love. While we have counted every hour and recognized its tremendous value, **the true impact of this time is beyond measure. Every meal cooked, every bag of food packed, every hour given has made a real difference.**

Behind every number you see in this report is a person helped and a story of hope. As one recipient recently shared, **"I wanted to express how very grateful I am from the bottom of my heart for your extremely delicious, nutritious, very healthy meals!! I am a 57 year old diabetic client of CoveCare and your cooking is wonderful!!"**

None of this would be possible without the compassion, generosity, and hard work of our incredible community. Thank you for believing in the power of second chances.

As we continue into 2025, I invite you to stay connected, volunteer, advocate, and give: only together can we build a future where everyone has access to nourishing food, provided with dignity.

With gratitude and hope, *Martha Elder*  
Martha Elder, Executive Director

**THANK YOU! To All Our Food Donors**  
Our increased meal production and grocery rescue in 2024 have been possible because of the continued and growing support of Ace Endico. In 2024, they increased their donations from three days a week to now five days a week for a total of sometimes seven rescue runs! Our farm partners are also essential to the nutritious food we connect with the community in meals and are some of our favorite items to leave fresh. Thank you to Hilltop Hannover, Glynwood, Fishkill, and Orchard Hill Farms for all the delicious, fresh, and local produce in 2024—and **all\*** our food donors throughout the year!



## MORE FOOD WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST

### 2024 Program Highlights\*



**Doing More in Danbury**  
In 2024, we added St. Joseph's Parenting Center in Danbury, CT and increased our support of Dorothy Day Hospitality House! Because we know hunger doesn't stop at state lines.

**Expansion of Bountiful Meals**  
Throughout 2024, Bountiful Meals expanded to six freezers with a seventh added in early 2025—but we're not done yet! More freezers are planned to increase access through our ready-to-eat meals in Putnam.

## CLIMATE JUSTICE IS FOOD JUSTICE

Reducing food waste is the third most impactful way to reverse climate change. Using the online ReFed Calculator, in 2024 our recovery efforts prevented the following waste and impact on the earth:

- **306.02 Tons of CO2** (almost 779K miles driven)
- **3 Metric tons of CH4** (Methane)
- **35.28 Million gallons of water** (equal to 53 Olympic swimming pools)

## YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

**\$1.76M Income**

- \$252,000 Individual Gifts
- \$82,000 Harvest Celebration
- \$60,000 Hudson Valley Gives
- \$471,512 Grants/Foundation
- \$892,474 Donated Food

**Community Supported Nutrition (CSN) boxes**  
Last year our CSN boxes of fresh groceries and nourishing meals expanded to include recipients through Adult Protective Services, the Department of Social Services. **CSN boxes increased by 8% in 2024 to nourish over 320 individuals every week!**

**\$1.6M Expenses**

**Program 89%**

**Fundraising 6%**

**Admin/Other 5%**

## HELP US DO MORE THIS YEAR!

### 2025 Impact Goals

- **150,000** Delicious meals cooked
- **Over 320,000** pounds fresh groceries
- Westchester **ready-to-eat meal expansion**
- New **Bountiful Meal freezers** in Putnam County
- **Three new staff**, facility renovations, and more to increase organizational capacity at every level!



**Because of your continued support this year, we have big goals for 2025!**

## SAVE THE DATES TO SUPPORT!

### Hudson Valley Gives!

**5.21.25**

Our biggest and most important fundraising day!  
Your gift amplified by matches & prizes.

Find our page at [www.HVGives.org](http://www.HVGives.org)

### Harvest Celebration

**10.16.25**

**Mt Kisco Golf Club**

**Silent Auction • Live Music • Community**  
**and a meal prepared by Second Chance Foods**