



## Impact Report FISCAL YEAR 2019

# 20 million pounds and counting

### LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

In April 2019, Table to Table (T2T) rescued its 20 millionth pound of food. T2T now rescues twice as much food every year than we did in 2014, which is a feat we could only achieve with the very hard work of volunteers and staff. I joined the team in 2017, and it's been exhilarating to be even a small part of this journey. I'm thrilled to tell you how we've gotten here.

Five years ago, our waitlist for food donors and food recipients was growing. We had a clear opportunity to do more. Yet, the equivalent of three full-time staff were operating in 700 square-feet of space with limited parking for vans. Staff, volunteers, and vehicles were all maxed out. Despite these limitations, we continued to increase our food collection from current partners. But our answer to all remaining uncollected food had to be, "We just can't."

In 2016, realizing the only way forward is through and bolstered by the incredible community support built over 20 years, T2T leaders instead asked: "How can we?"

Getting through these many barriers to growth began with a move from our longtime home in Old Brick. Relocation catalyzed opportunities in ways we never could have imagined. More space and more parking led to new volunteer roles and an 80% increase in the number of volunteers. Volunteers freed up staff time to focus on operational efficiency, which resulted in a 40% increase in food donor and recipient partnerships.

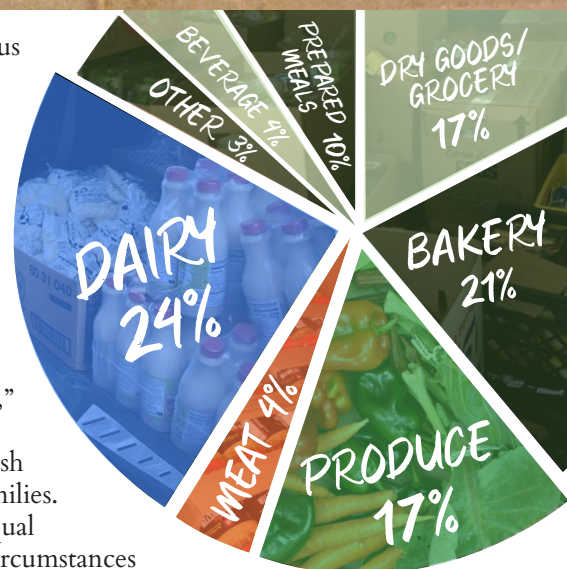
At the same time, T2T refocused efforts to meet nutritional needs. Those who don't have adequate access to food have even

less access to nutritious fresh foods. So in 2017, we prioritized the collection of foods with higher nutritional value. The result has been a 27% increase in produce, protein, and dairy.

And that is the "how," but it is not the why. We all want to nourish ourselves and our families. Some of us face unequal burdens due to life circumstances that have nothing to do with whether or not someone deserves to eat, and thus, deserves to live. All of us imagine a community in which no edible food is wasted and where our food and our people are cared for and respected. We know that we can not realize it without you.

In gratitude,

Nicki Ross  
Executive Director



Produce, meat, and dairy now account for 45% of all the food we collect.

### In the past **FIVE** years:

**40%**  
increase  
in food rescue  
partners

We now rescue from  
**80** food donors  
and deliver to **50**  
recipient sites.

**80%**  
increase  
in number of  
volunteers

This has allowed us to  
**double** the amount of  
food we're rescuing to  
**2.4 million** pounds a year.

### WE'RE MOVING

The Capitol Street property is being developed when our lease expires in 2021. Know of a space? Want to help with relocation costs? Call us at 319-337-3400 or email [nicki@table2table.org](mailto:nicki@table2table.org).






# Food Waste:

## IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

We put 10 percent of our national energy budget, 50 percent of our land use, and 80 percent of our freshwater resources into food production. Then we truck this food around the country. Only to end up throwing away nearly 40 percent of everything we produce, much of which is still edible and healthy.

Once this food has reached Johnson County, it's so close to realizing its potential. Without Table to Table, 2.4 million pounds of food each year would be lost, and with it the opportunity to feed people, fight climate change, and retain economic value.

### In capturing this valuable resource, Table to Table:

-  Provides costly **FRESH AND PERISHABLE FOODS** to our partners for free.
-  Saves greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to **17,400 POUNDS OF COAL BURNED**.
-  Ensures **6 MILLION DOLLARS OF FOOD** gets eaten.

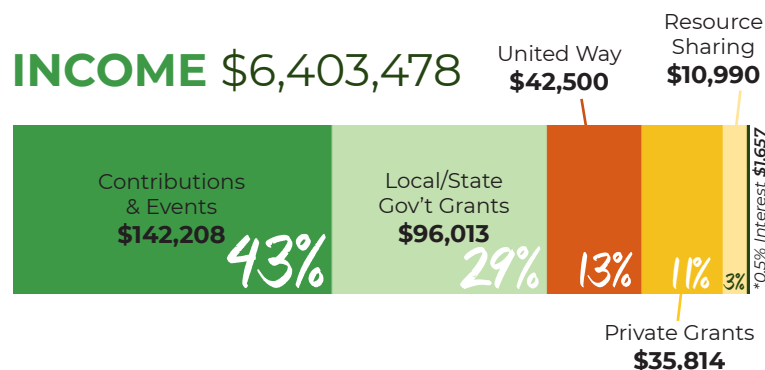
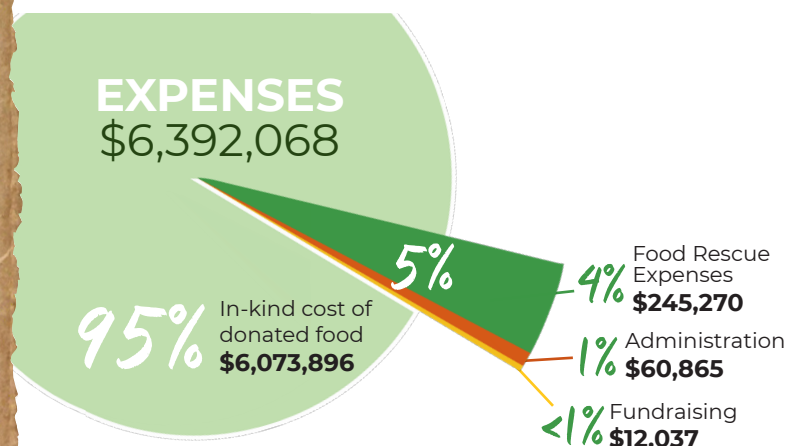
# Our Financials

**\$6 MILLION** Value of the food rescued this year from 80 donors




**\$318,172** Operating cost to rescue and redistribute 2.4 million pounds of food

**1845%** Incredible return on investment

**14 cents** Rescues one pound of food



## Donated Services

-  Volunteer Time – **\$415,000\***
-  Vehicle Maintenance (Linder Tire) – **\$3,000**
-  Marketing (KCJJ) – **\$15,900**

\*Based on the Independent Sector's estimated value of \$22.73 per hour of volunteer time in Iowa.

### HELP US OUT!

We're looking for a vehicle maintenance sponsor to join **LINDER TIRE** in keeping our fleet of eight food rescue vehicles in tip-top shape. Contact us at 319-337-3400 to find out more!

# RECIPIENT PARTNERS

Table to Table donates food to nonprofits that provide services for at-risk community members. We seek to reduce the food budgets of these nonprofits while simultaneously increasing healthy food options for their clients.

## Hunger Relief Services

### Food Banks

CommUnity Food Bank  
HACAP Food Reservoir

### Food Pantries

Clear Creek Amana (Tiffin) Pantry  
Coralville Community Food Pantry  
Ecumenical Towers  
Food Pantry at Iowa (East & West Campus)  
Goosetown Pantry  
Hills & Lone Tree Pantries  
IC Compassion  
North Liberty Community Pantry  
Path of Hope  
Resurrection Assembly of God  
Iowa City Senior Center  
Solon Community Food Pantry

### Meal Sites

Agape Cafe  
First Presbyterian Church  
Free Lunch Program  
North Liberty Baptist Church  
The River Community Church  
Salvation Army

### Shelter/Housing

Hope Lodge  
Ronald McDonald House  
Successful Living  
Domestic Violence Intervention Program  
Shelter House

## Youth Services

### Youth Programs

Alexander Elementary PTO  
Faith Academy  
Fifth Ward Saints North  
Four Oaks Youth Homes  
HACAP Head Start - Johnson County Sites  
Mayor's Youth Empowerment Program  
Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County  
North Liberty Summer Lunch & Fun  
TREC (Theodore Roosevelt Education Center)  
United Action For Youth

### Low-income Child Care

4Cs Home Ties Child Care Center  
Good Shepherd Center  
Little Creations Academy  
We Care 2 Daycare

## Other Services

Free Medical Clinic  
Inside OUT Reentry Community  
NAMI - RPlace Peer Recovery Center  
South District Neighborhood Association

# Supporting the hunger relief network in our community



🍎 **An average of 65% of all the food distributed by food pantries and meal sites in the county came from Table to Table.**

🍎 **243,000 POUNDS OF PREPARED FOOD was delivered to meal site and shelter partners serving 90,000 HOT MEALS.**

🍎 **ONE IN FIVE CHILDREN\* don't have access to healthy meals. An average of 61% of the food we deliver to youth serving agencies was FRESH PRODUCE, DAIRY OR PROTEIN.**

19,310 people\* in Johnson County do not know how they will put food on the table. They do not know how they will both feed themselves and pay rent, put gas in the car to get to work, pay their medical bills, or clothe their family.

Through our partners, T2T food reaches 1 in 7 residents in Johnson County, serving people in Solon, Hills, Tiffin, North Liberty, Coralville, and Iowa City. Table to Table extends the ability of hunger relief agencies to fill unmet food needs.

*\*Based on Map the Meal Gap estimates published by Feeding America.*

# Volunteers

What do volunteers do at Table to Table? The better question is what **DON'T** they do? We simply could not function without them.

This year, **460** volunteers gave more than **18,000** hours of their time — equivalent to the work of nearly **9 FULL-TIME** positions.



**VOLUNTEER!**  
You should join our incredible volunteer team! Sign up today at [table2table.org/volunteer](http://table2table.org/volunteer).



Volunteers share their talents in a variety of ways at Table to Table. They rescue food on routes, prep our food rescue vehicles, process our food collection data, and help with administrative and office tasks – the possibilities are endless!





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**2014 TO 2019**  
**2x food rescued**  
See how we **doubled** the amount  
of food rescued - inside!



**Thank you to all who fuel our mission:**

THE **INDIVIDUALS, GRANTORS,**  
AND **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS** WHO  
CONTINUE TO INVEST IN OUR WORK  
KNOWING THAT WE CANNOT DO IT  
WITHOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THE **COMPANIES**  
**WHO DONATE**  
**FOOD**

THE **ROUTE VOLUNTEERS WHO**  
**DELIVER FOOD,** AND **ALL OTHER**  
**VOLUNTEERS** WITH **SKILLS**  
**ESSENTIAL TO OUR SERVICE**



**DELIVERED 2.4 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD THIS YEAR  
AND REACHED 1 IN 7 JOHNSON COUNTY RESIDENTS**

THE **PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**  
**WHO GET THE FOOD** TO  
**THOSE WHO NEED IT**

OUR **BOARD** AND  
**COMMITTEE**  
**LEADERS WHO**  
**HAVE THE**  
**VISION** TO **PUSH**  
**US FORWARD**

THE **T2T STAFF TEAM WHO BRING**  
**THESE RESOURCES TOGETHER** FOR  
**OUTSTANDING SERVICE DELIVERY**  
**THAT FED AN INCREDIBLE**  
**19,000 PEOPLE THIS YEAR**

Our mission is to keep wholesome, edible food from going to waste by collecting it from donors and distributing to those in need through agencies that serve the hungry, homeless and at-risk populations.