



Impact Report

July 2019 - June 2020

letter from the Director Building Resiliency

By February of 2020, Table to Table (T2T) was poised to report another year of tremendous community effort. We were on track to rescue more than 2 million pounds of food. We spent the fall of 2019 adding to our team and working on process improvements. Like all of you, we could not have envisioned how our year would end or that our new team and improved systems would be so thoroughly put to the test.

Our first and most significant challenge was losing 80% of our volunteers in March. Students left campus and uncertainty about safety led us to ask volunteers at high-risk for COVID complications to take a break. The City of Iowa City, Aero Rental, Bur Oak Land Trust, and more than 60 new and returning volunteers stepped up to continue the mission.

Amid major disruptions in the food system, we received calls to rescue 120,000 pounds of food from food transport drivers, hotels, farms, and food processors, all of which was above and beyond the 45,000 pounds we regularly rescue each week.

Letting any nutritious food go to waste at a time when some of our hunger relief partners were serving double and triple the number of people in need is simply unacceptable. For our neighbors enduring this health and financial crisis, T2T deliveries are the difference between families nourishing themselves with good protein, fresh fruits, and veggies or filling their bellies with food that is plentiful, cheap, and far less nutritious.

During this time, T2T delivered enough food for at least one nutritious meal per day for every food insecure family in Johnson County. We have more work to do to meet the full need.

Over 24 years, Table to Table has become known for our strong community relationships and our reliability. This year, we add something else to that list... resiliency. For T2T, resiliency is a culmination of resources only possible because of you. We have seen the community come together, like never before, to join us in ensuring that despite the pandemic, people are getting the nutrition they need.

Because of your unprecedented contributions of money and time, we were able to rise to the challenges presented by the pandemic and accomplish more than we ever imagined.

Please continue to stand with us—to lend us your hands,

your time, and your resources—so our community members can continue to rely on us to ensure that everybody has access to fresh, healthy food for themselves and their families.

In gratitude,

Nicki Ross Executive Director The City of Iowa City and Aero Rental lent two staff everyday in the first weeks of the crisis. Bur Oak Land Trust filled 40+ volunteer shifts in April. Together, volunteers rescued half

a million pounds of food



"Aero Rental was significantly affected by the pandemic. All parties & events were cancelled ... We had delivery drivers that had no orders to fill. To keep our people employed we looked at ways we could give back to our community that had always supported us.

"Volunteering and community service is what makes our city so special. Those of us at Aero that participated would certainly say we all got more out of the experience than we expected."

John Clarahan, Aero Rental

Many thanks to our FY20 staff and board of directors for their outstanding leadership this year. Lois Burkett Bookkeeper Additional thanks to:

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Sourcing * food donations

T2T's quick response to major disruption in all areas of the food system this year helped our community recapture the potential of valuable food before it went to waste.

Preparation & consumption

Restaurants and cafeterias donated 95,000 lbs. of extra ingredients and prepared meals.



T2T collected 54,000 lbs. of fruits, vegetables, and eggs directly from local farmers and gardeners.



Volunteers collected 890,000 lbs. of food from warehouses and food transport trucks with unclaimed edible food.



T2T volunteers picked up 1.2 million lbs. in food donations directly from grocery stores and other points of purchase.



T2T received 60,000 lbs. of food from local creameries and meat processors.

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\$6.2 MILLION Value of the food rescued this year from 100 donors

\$369,418 Operating cost to rescue and redistribute

EXPENSES \$6,561,200 4% Food Rescue Expenses \$280.487 1% Administration In-kind value of \$66,034 donated food \$6,191,782 1% Fundraising \$22.897 Together, our two new vehicles have rescued 400,000 lbs.

of food ... so far!

United Way INCOME \$6,694,441 \$47,000 Contributions &

Private Grants \$93,000

Local/State Gov't Grants \$92.575

Resource

Sharing

\$13,487

*Unaudited financials

Events

\$220.896

Vehicle Funding

This year, two of our oldest food rescue vans broke down for good. Without them, we would miss 25% of our food deliveries. Thanks to these donors for their gifts of \$1,000 or more and to the many others for their smaller but equally impactful gifts, we were able to replace our vehicles. Each of our new vans will make 25,000 food pickups and deliveries during their lifetime!

Iowa City Masonic Foundation Johnson County HACAP Food Reservoir Community Foundation of Johnson County City of Iowa City Hills Bank St. Joseph Church **Burton & Christine Wilcox**

Bingo & Friends **City of Coralville City of North Liberty Deery Brothers of Iowa City Charlotte Fairlie City of Hills** Jerry Swails & Christine Taylor Joshua Christain

Recipient Partners

Table to Table collected donated food from 100 businesses and community partners this year. At the start of the crisis in March, we prioritized emergency food needs of hunger relief services and at the same time many youth and senior programs paused food delivery service. In response to these shifts, we adapted to the most pressing needs of our neighbors and prioritized programs who were serving more people in crisis.

Hunger Relief Services Food Banks

CommUnity Food Bank **HACAP Food Reservoir**

Food Pantries

Coralville Community Food Pantry **Ecumenical Towers** Field to Family Farm Stands Food Pantry at Iowa (East & West Campus)

Goosetown Pantry Hills & Lone Tree Pantries **IC Compassion Pantry** North Liberty Community Pantry **Resurrection Assembly Church** Solon Community Food Pantry

Meal Sites

Free Lunch Program North Liberty Baptist Church Pantry Salvation Army

Shelter/Housing

Domestic Violence Intervention Program Shelter House Successful Living

Other Programs Served this Year Youth Services & Low-Income Childcare

4Cs Home Ties Child Care Center

Faith Academy

Fifth Ward Saints North

Good Shepherd Center

HACAP Head Start - Johnson County Sites

Little Creations Academy

Mayor's Youth Empowerment Program **Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County**

North Liberty Library

North Liberty Summer Lunch & Fun

Theodore Roosevelt Education Center

United Action for Youth

We Care 2 Daycare

Other Agencies

Agape Cafe

Animal Shelter

Clear Creek Amana (Tiffin) Pantry

Elder Services

First Presbyterian Church

Free Medical Clinic

Hope Lodge

Inside OUT Reentry Community

Iowa City Senior Center

NAMI - RPlace Peer Recovery Center

Path of Hope

Ronald McDonald House

South District Neighborhood Association



our most vulnerable neighbors improve their lives.

Shelter

Safety.

Coralville Community Food Pantry provides vital groceries to more than 300 Coralville and Tiffin families every week. "We are the primary food source for nearly 75% of those who turn to us for help, so offering a wide variety of options is important," says Executive Director John Boller. "Table to Table makes that possible. Every day our coolers and shelves are filled to the brim with farm fresh fruits and veggies, high quality dairy products, frozen meats and seafood, an abundance of bread and pastries, and a wide variety of ready-to-go meals."

T2T food deliveries are helping the Domestic Violence Intervention Program "build the foundational trust required for people to start dealing with their trauma," Elias Ortiz, Director of Shelter and Youth Services, explains. "What T2T does for us is help us provide options in regard to food security." Clients in crisis receive food immediately; knowing they can meet their basic needs helps them gain stability.



HACAP Head Start mother-daughter duo Jennifer and Shelby Kindon explain that T2T fresh food deliveries help them promote healthy living, learning, and community. Kids, aged 3-5, are exposed to new foods and help make the two meals and a snack served each day. Students bring their favorite nutritious foods home to encourage healthy eating outside the classroom, too.



through volunteers

T2T volunteers are truly **food rescue superheroes**. Whether they've been volunteering for many years or started volunteering just before the crisis began, they delivered more than 2 million meals worth of food this year.

Erin Peterson:

A Whirlwind First Year

Erin has been volunteering with T2T for just about a year now, and what a year it's been.

From seeing how individuals were willing to make drastic changes to their daily lives while continuing to support T2T in various ways, to how organizations had to quickly adapt their policies and procedures during COVID, to how many people after the derecho volunteered to help rescue food when they didn't

> have power in their own homes-we have an amazing community

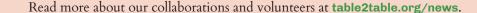
dedicated to helping one another and I feel very lucky to be a part of it!

Harry & Mancy Olthoff: An Eye-opening Experience

Harry and Nancy have enjoyed the camaraderie of T2T volunteers and staff during their seven years of volunteering, and appreciate the active role they have in our community through rescuing food.

Our eyes have been opened to the depth of hunger and need in Johnson County and policy issues that prevent communities from reducing food waste and food insecurity. T2T has shown us just how generous community partners can be,

donating thousands of pounds of food each week and showing care for the recipients.





building connections between abundance and hunger in Johnson County

THIS IS OUR IMPACT REPORT FOR 2020.



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