



# Second Chance Foods

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## **I. Description of Agency**

Second Chance Foods is a food rescue and hunger-relief nonprofit that recovers surplus fresh food from grocers, restaurant suppliers, local farms and others. We distribute this food to our hunger relief partners as fresh groceries or transform it into nutritious meals for local families. Second Chance Foods reduces food waste while increasing access to healthy food in the community.

## **II. Services Provided**

We rescue surplus food from local farms, orchards, grocery stores, wholesalers, and other donors, food that otherwise might go to waste.

We use our commercial kitchen to prepare nutritious, restaurant-quality meals from rescued ingredients.

We also package fresh groceries and pantry items for distribution to community partners.

We connect these meals and groceries to local hunger-relief partners and community sites.

## **III. Mission Statement**

Our mission is to end the cycle of food waste and hunger by recovering local nourishing food and connecting it to anyone experiencing food insecurity while ensuring dignity and reducing barriers to access.

## **IV. Population Served**

We serve anyone facing food insecurity.



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## V. Significant Events & Accomplishments in 2025

*o We experienced program growth in 2025 including new Bountiful Meals Freezer locations at::*

- o Casa Servir Food Pantry*
- Kent Library*
- Carmel Senior Center*

*o We installed the four freezers that were secured through Putnam County ARPA funding, allowing us to rescue and store more food*

*In Putnam County, we distributed 131,589 meals and 282,851 pounds of groceries through sixteen distribution points*

*o The value of this recovered food for Putnam County was almost \$770,000.*

*We also had \$517,153 of volunteer labor donated to us to run our programs*

## VI. Staffing

*We hired two new program staff in 2025. One person for our culinary program which allowed us to add two cooking days weekly and one in operations, allowing us to rescue more food.*

## VII. Sources of Revenue

- o Putnam County's \$20,000 of government funding represents 1.4% of our Putnam County Budget*
- o About 50% of our funding is from individuals and 50% from foundation grantors*

## VIII. Goals for 2026

- o Continue to increase access, nutrition and dignity in Putnam County's Hunger Relief system*