ExtraFood.org Delivers 2 Millionth Pound of Food for People in Need

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SAN RAFAEL, CA – This week, ExtraFood.org's county-wide food recovery program delivered its 2,000,000th pound of fresh food for vulnerable children, adults, and families in Marin County, California.

40% of all food is wasted in the United States. Moreover, food waste is an enormous environmental problem: if global food waste were a country, it would rank 3rd in greenhouse gas emissions behind the U.S. and China. Yet 49,000 people worry about where their next meal will come from in Marin County, California.

ExtraFood.org's county-wide food recovery program has filled a gap in Marin's food system. ExtraFood is the only organization that picks up excess food from any Marin business or school and immediately delivers it to safety net partners serving Marin's most vulnerable children, adults, and families.

In 4+ years, ExtraFood's small staff and 500 volunteers have organized, recovered, and delivered more than 2,000,000 pounds of food from 200+ business and schools to 107 nonprofit food program sites throughout the county. ExtraFood is reaching more than 6,750 people every month with healthy, fresh food.

ExtraFood is effecting permanent change in Marin by changing businesses' and schools' behavior around wasting food, and by starting new food programs – 24 thus far – with its partners.

Says Founder and Chairman Marv Zauderer, "Many of the people we serve are hidden from so many of us: homebound seniors choosing between food and medication, children hiding their hunger when they come to school, working families whose income doesn't last the month – or the week. We are working with hundreds of organizations and thousands of people across the county to keep some of the best food in the world out of our landfills and to get it to people who need it."

More info: http://ExtraFood.org.