



ExtraFood Hires Will Dittmar as Executive Director

Accomplished nonprofit leader succeeds Founder Marv Zauderer

Kentfield, CA -- November 5, 2021 -- The Board of Directors of ExtraFood, a county-wide food recovery nonprofit working to end hunger and food waste in Marin, is delighted to announce Will Dittmar as the organization's new Executive Director. Dittmar will succeed Founder Marv Zauderer, who is stepping away from ExtraFood to [change careers](#). Dittmar will assume the position on December 1. Zauderer's last day with the organization is December 17, and thereafter will serve as an advisor to Dittmar as needed.



"During Marv's eight years of leadership, ExtraFood rescued and delivered 5 million pounds of food, eliminating the equivalent greenhouse gas emissions from 11 million driving miles, and the organization is now reaching 8,000 vulnerable people every week with healthy, fresh food," said Matt Slepik,

ExtraFood Board Chair. "My fellow Directors and I are thrilled to welcome Will at a time when ExtraFood is at an all-time high in impact and resources. Will's deep personal commitment to our environment and the most vulnerable among us, his broad skill set, and his record of success and impact growth make us more excited than ever about ExtraFood's future."

Dittmar is State Director at Save the Children (STC), leading the organization's West Coast programs, fundraising, communications, and advocacy. With food security as a central focus, his team reaches upwards of 80,000 children. Before joining STC, Dittmar worked for Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), growing an initiative from \$100,000 in revenue to \$12M in 3 years, including establishing a food security program in 125 organizations in 5 states. Prior to that initiative, Dittmar advocated on behalf of BGCA in Washington D.C. for equitable policies and programs to better serve children and families in need.

"Will has an exceptional combination of leadership skills, business acumen, and empathy for people in need. The organization is in great hands -- I'm proud to pass the baton to him," said Zauderer.

"At a time when so many problems can feel overwhelming," said Dittmar, "ExtraFood is showing that mobilizing an entire community to work together is the key to solving systemic local problems like hunger and food waste, and the key to doing our part to slow climate change. I'm excited to lead an organization that makes such an enormous impact throughout my own community, in such a unique way, for Marin's most vulnerable people and our environment. It's an honor to join such an extraordinary team."



ExtraFood continues to receive far more requests for food than it has supply, and yet so much high-quality food continues to be thrown away. Under Dittmar's leadership, ExtraFood will continue to create triple impact: on hunger, on food waste's massive effect on the climate crisis, and on transforming Marin's food system: from wasting food to donating it for people in need. Dittmar will accelerate the realization of ExtraFood's vision:

- A vision of food justice: Everyone in our community should have the food they need.
- A vision of climate action: Food waste and its enormous harm to our planet must end.
- A vision of community: Food waste and hunger are solvable problems in Marin; with ExtraFood's living, growing coalition of people and partners, we can solve them -- together.

About ExtraFood

ExtraFood is the only organization that rescues excess fresh food from any Marin business or school and immediately delivers it to nonprofit distribution partners such as after-school programs, senior housing centers and homeless shelters, free of charge.

The Problems: Hunger, Food Waste, and the Environmental Impact of Food Waste

- Nearly 50,000 people in Marin are facing hunger
- 35% of all food produced in the U.S. is wasted and is the #1 material in landfills
- Food waste rotting in landfills releases methane, a gas 86x worse for the atmosphere than carbon dioxide
- The annual global GHG emissions from food waste are 2x the emissions from all cars in the U.S. and Europe

The Solution: ExtraFood is Transforming Marin's Food System

- Impact On Hunger in Marin: ExtraFood reaches 8,000 vulnerable people every week with healthy, fresh food. In our 8 years of operation, we have rescued and delivered 5,000,000 pounds of food and created 41 new food distribution programs.
- Impact On the Climate Crisis: ExtraFood has prevented 400,000 pounds of methane from warming the planet, equivalent to eliminating the emissions from 11 million driving miles.
- Impact On Systemic Change: ExtraFood is permanently transforming Marin's food system – from wasting food to donating it for people in need.

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