



## City Harvest: Fast Facts

### Our Roots

Now serving New York City for more than 25 years, City Harvest is the world's first and the city's only food rescue organization. When it was founded in 1982, City Harvest was run entirely by volunteers who connected a handful of neighborhood restaurants to food programs serving meals to those in need.

### Meeting the Need

City Harvest is and always has been the New York City community's response to hunger. We link the food industry and countless organizations, foundations, corporations, and private citizens together to help feed their hungry neighbors.

More than 1.5 million New Yorkers currently live in poverty. Of those, more than one million rely on emergency food at some point during the year, including nearly 350,000 children and more than 140,000 elderly. City Harvest regularly delivers food to nearly 600 emergency food programs in New York City, helping provide food to over 260,000 men, women, and children each week.

### Our Mission

City Harvest works to end hunger across the five boroughs. We do this by rescuing and distributing excess food, educating lower-income people to encourage self-sufficiency, and forging innovative partnerships within communities to bring thousands of hungry New Yorkers their next meal.

### The Simple Facts

This year, City Harvest will rescue over 26 million pounds of excess food from food establishments throughout the city and across the country.

- More than 90 staff members and 1,800 volunteers
- A fleet of 17 trucks and 3 bikes
- Food delivered nearly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Once rescued, food is delivered to soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, AIDS care providers, senior

centers, and children's day care centers that serve hungry New Yorkers in all five boroughs.

**Leadership**

Jilly Stephens, Executive Director

**Our Generous  
Food Donors**

In addition to collecting food from some of the top restaurants in New York City, our food rescue efforts have broadened to include donations from wholesalers and distributors, Greenmarkets, bakeries and caterers, farmers, hotels, hospitals, corporate cafeterias, and year-round canned food drives run by private citizens.

**Celebrity Chefs  
Lead City Harvest  
Food Council**

The City Harvest Food Council is made up of leading New York City chefs and restaurateurs who provide invaluable assistance with food raising and special events. Founding Food Council members include Eric Ripert, Dana Cowin, Michael Lomonaco, Danny Meyer, Drew Nieporent, and Gus Theodoro.

**Funding**

Financial support comes almost entirely from individuals, private foundations, and corporations. In fiscal year 2009, over 40,000 individuals made financial contributions to our smart, simple solution to ending hunger in New York City.

*For more information about City Harvest, please call John McCook at 212-843-8365.*