MEALCONNECT: A TRANSFORMATIVE SOLUTION TO HUNGER & FOOD WASTE

MealConnect is an innovative tool that is revolutionizing our nation’s response to two of its greatest challenges: hunger and food waste. MealConnect is the only nationally available food donation app, keeping billions of pounds of food from landfills and filling the plates of Americans struggling with hunger.

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MealConnect™

- Free to use
- Easy and intuitive design
- Convenient and mobile
- Prevents food waste
- Ensures high food safety standards
- Provides real-time paperless reporting

MEALCONNECT IMPACT TO DATE

MealConnect is America’s leading food rescue technology. In its first five years, it has achieved tremendous scale.

- 5.3M donation pickups
- 2.0B pounds of food rescued
- 8,900 hunger relief organizations have received food
- 31,500 donor locations have contributed
- 15,000 workdays saved

REVOLUTIONIZING FOOD DONATIONS

The intuitive MealConnect software makes it easy for food donors and food banks to work together to prevent waste and feed their communities. When donors such as restaurants, grocery stores or cafes post food to donate on mealconnect.org, an algorithm determines the best suited agency to distribute the donation. The affiliated Feeding America member food bank is instantly notified and supervises the donation process. Matched agencies can arrange the pickup, or the food bank can solicit, vet and train on-call volunteer drivers to make the delivery.

SEAMLESS SOLUTION

MealConnect is free and easy to use. At no cost, donors post food donations that are then picked up within a prearranged window of time by a local food bank, food pantry or volunteer driver that has been vetted for capacity and adherence to food safety standards.

EASY TO NAVIGATE

With simple onboarding and an intuitive design, MealConnect can be accessed from a smartphone, tablet or computer. This makes it possible for the manager at a small cafe to pick up her smartphone, go to the website and quickly offer a donation to her local food bank.

REAL TIME DATA COLLECTION

Customizable dashboards make it possible to track donations over time to maximize tax benefits and show a donor’s impact in the community.
MEALCONNECT AT WORK

Donor Businesses ➔ MealConnect ➔ Pickup Assigned
Local nonprofit or On-call volunteer driver ➔ Food Bank or Agency ➔ Families in Need

UNLOCKING MEALCONNECT’S GAME-CHANGING POTENTIAL FOR PEOPLE FACING HUNGER

We are driving to a future when MealConnect allows us to put people first by connecting them with the resources they need, when they need them.

IMPROVED USER EXPERIENCE
We will destigmatize accessing healthy charitable food through innovations such as an online click and collect model that is dignified, private and convenient.

ACCESS MADE EASY
Strategic partnerships will remove barriers to food access. People will access food at locations they already visit, such as daycare and healthcare providers.

CONNECTIONS TO RESOURCES
We will connect people to additional services that improve their financial stability, such as workforce training and housing assistance.

DIGITIZING OUR NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN

MealConnect’s next exciting phase includes a robust sourcing platform that combines our existing supply chain technologies, linking all food banks on one donation platform. The result will be more fresh produce and protein shared and distributed by our network. This future means:

SIMPLIFIED & CONSOLIDATED DONATION PROCESS
Enhanced mobile capabilities will make donating easier and upgraded intake data will improve decision making.

IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCIES
Transportation estimates at ordering, real-time delivery status and auto-balanced truckloads will support coordinated transportation.

ENHANCED FOOD ORDERING PROCESS
Overhauled user interface will make decision making faster and more intuitive and a dynamic ordering process will quickly respond to changes in donations.

Learn More at mealconnect.org