Learn from 3 different Iowa non-profit organizations working to combat hunger by reducing food waste.

- 40 percent of the good, safe food produced in America is never making it to people's plates. That means 70 million tons, goes to waste. ([source](#))
- In Iowa, 1 in 8 adults faces food insecurity daily. ([source](#))
- 12.6% of Iowans are struggling with hunger. This translates to over 389,250 Iowans, and include 139,850 children. ([source](#))

Food rescue is the process of collecting donated food from restaurants, grocery stores, growers, event centers, caterers, and other food service providers, and distributing that food to people in need through local social service organizations. In the food business, predicting exact levels of demand can be a challenge. As a result, there is often safe, prepared food left unsold at the end of a shift, event, or work day. Such food can be put to good use through a food rescue program, which manages the pickup of donated food and distribution to agencies that serve people who are food insecure.

During this webinar, you'll learn:

- Three different models addressing food rescue in Iowa communities
- Federal laws in place to protect food donors
- Resources available to start a food rescue program in your community

Learn from 3 groups who are engaged with food rescue. Each will share how they got started, lessons learned, and resources available to other groups looking to replicate efforts in their community.

**Eat Greater Des Moines** – Eat Greater Des Moines, a nonprofit organization, works to provide access to healthy food for all Iowans. Their mission is to identify, develop, and connect resources with the broader community to support the entire food lifecycle in central Iowa. Eat Greater Des Moines works to make food rescue easier for donors and recipient organizations. They do this through developing relationships between both parties and making the process easy with a newly released smartphone application, ChowBank. The ChowBank app makes connecting with a local social service agency easy!

**Table to Table** - The mission of Table to Table is to keep wholesome, edible food from going to waste by collecting it from donors and distributing to those in need through agencies that serve the hungry, homeless and at-risk populations. Since starting in April of 1996, Table to Table volunteers have rescued and distributed over 14 million pounds of food to area agencies.

**Food Rescue Partnership** - The Food Rescue Partnership is a community-focused coalition committed to rescuing food throughout the Quad Cities that would otherwise be thrown away, by informing and engaging the public and by fostering partnerships among food establishments, the Foodbank, food pantries, meal sites, and shelters.

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**Time:** 1:00 – 2:30 pm (CST)  
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Aubrey Alvarez is the Executive Director of Eat Greater Des Moines in Des Moines. Eat Greater Des Moines started in April 2013 to help build connections throughout the food system. One area of focus includes food rescue. Aubrey is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa (bachelor of arts in health promotion) and Drake University (masters in public administration). She is also a member of the leadership team for the Food Access and Health Collaborative, the Iowa Food Waste Stakeholder Coalition, Partnership For a Hunger Free Polk County, Hunger Free Dallas County Initiative, Regional Food System Working Group Steering Committee, and Food Hub Manager Working Group. She is a 2015 graduate of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.

Bob Andrlik is the Executive Director of Table to Table Food Distribution Network in Iowa City. Table to Table was the first food rescue organization in Iowa and has rescued over 14 million pounds of food since their beginning in 1996. Bob believes it is imperative to keep wholesome food out of the waste stream and to channel it to those in need. He would like to see other communities benefit from the powerful impact a program of keeping food from going to waste can have. Bob began his studies at Coe College in Cedar Rapids and earned his degree in Liberal Studies from the University of Iowa in 2000. He joined Table to Table in 2001. He is also a member of the leadership team for the Food Access and Health Collaborative of the Iowa Food Systems Council, the Iowa Food Waste Reduction Task Force, the Johnson County Local Hunger Task Force, Grow Johnson County Board and the HACAP Food Reservoir Advisory Committee.

Christina McDonough is the Community Transformation Consultant at the Scott County Health Department. The Scott County Health Department collected data on 124 food system indicators and was leading organization to assist the workgroup in narrowing the focus to the % of food waste (industrial/commercial) food system indicator. Christina’s position grants her the ability to participate in the first ever, Food Rescue Partnership. Christina earned her Bachelors in Health Promotion from the University of Northern Iowa in Health Promotion and is a Certified Health Education Specialist.