

FOOD FOR PEOPLE



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153K Vermonters annually



1 in 4

33,900 children



26,010 seniors



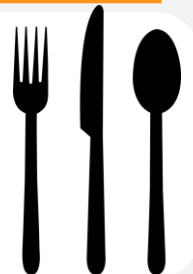
12,000 veterans



2016



over million
18 meals

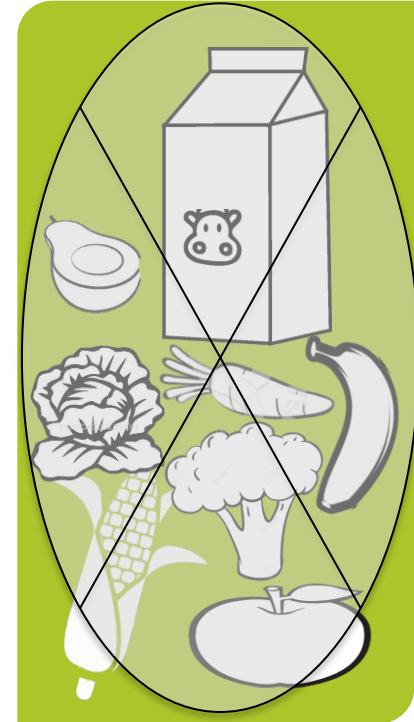
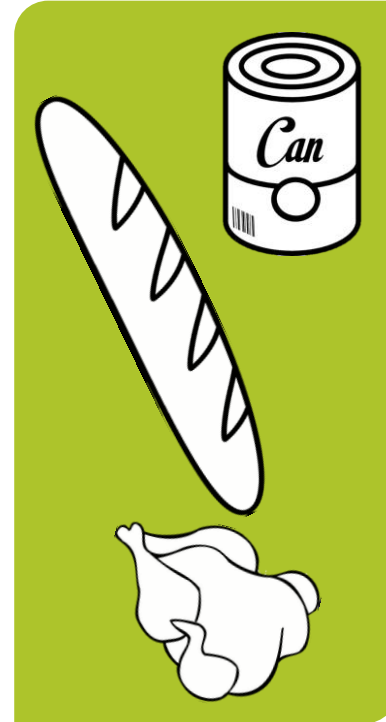


Food Rescue was primarily non-perishables and items that could be frozen.

Perishables were logistically prohibitive:

-Short shelf life

-Need more frequent pickups



What is Food Waste?

Retailer



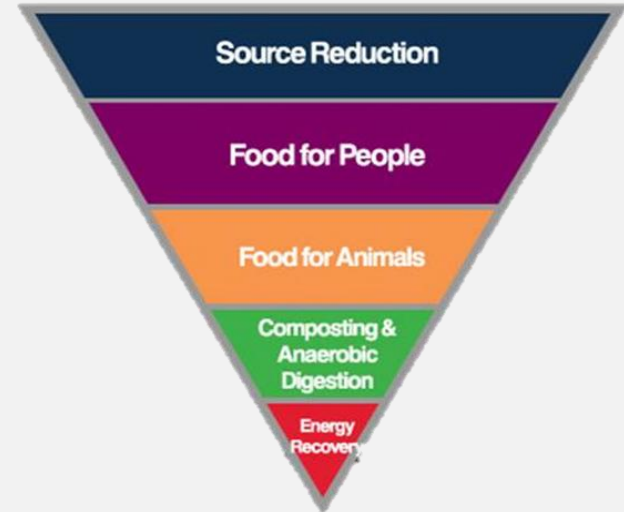
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RETAIL PARTNER AGENCY

LOCAL

- More frequent pickups
- Faster distribution



RPA Challenges:

Retail Partner Agency in contrast to Vermont Foodbank

Foodbank employees

Volunteers that could provide consistency to the retailers

Foodbank hours

Hours of operation that are frequent enough to distribute perishables quickly

Foodbank food safety

To ensure the cold chain is kept and the quality of the food is appropriate for donation.

Foodbank program

Organized enough to manage the operations of the program

RPA Implementation:

STARTED SMALL

PROVIDED TRAINING

PROVIDED TOOLS

PROVIDED HANDOUTS

WORKED COOPERATIVELY

Volunteers

Open a few days each week

Could maintain a set schedule

Provided training to both the RPA and the retailer about what kinds of food could be donated and what the quality should be

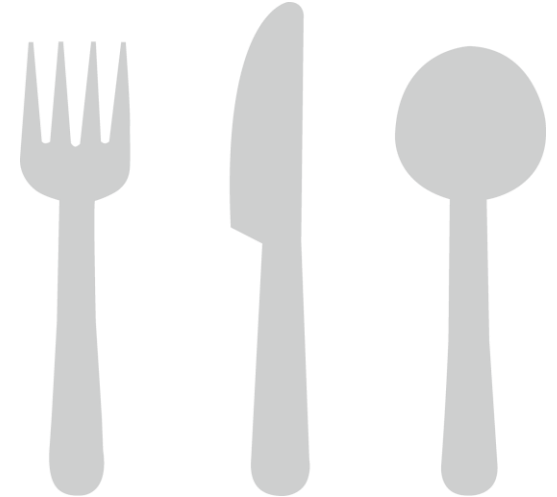
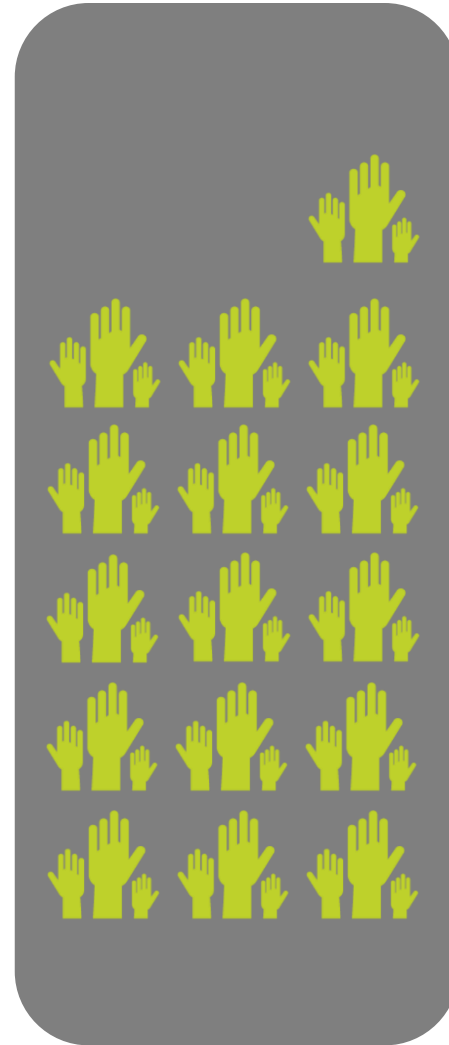
Provided commercial-grade insulated blankets and grants for refrigeration or freezers

Provided handouts to both groups with program details and contact info at a glance



FY2014 16 RPA

- Picked up directly
- Sorted for quality
- Distributed quickly
- Served more clients



525,212



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FY2015

37 RPA

FY14 vs FY15



188%

increase
In RPA food
rescue



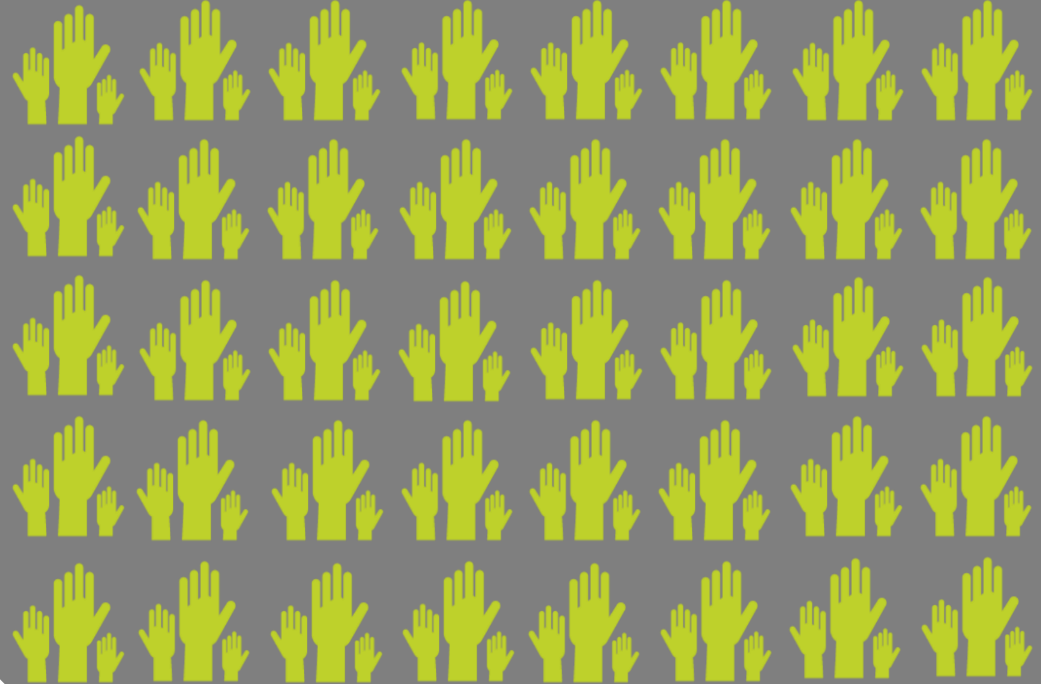
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1.5M



**over
1M lbs**



FY2016
41 RPA

Collected
**Nearly 2
Million**
pounds
of food



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August 2016

Lieutenant
Scott Murray

Burlington
Salvation
Army

“We are **spending less than \$500 a month on food** and we'll **serve around 40,000 meals this year**, with a food cost per meal of under \$0.07 versus about \$1.47 two years ago (which is a 2000% savings) **quality of what we're serving is so much better than before we started getting fresh fruits & vegetables** and [we're serving] new dinner offerings such as okra, kale, pork, chicken and hardly any pasta!! (which was a staple item before because it's cheap and filling. Not particularly nutritious)

It is difficult to imagine that this food was being thrown out at one point. **I've had more compliments and thanks for our food in the past year than I've ever had. This program has changed how we cook, what we serve and benefits so many people.**”



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Challenges:

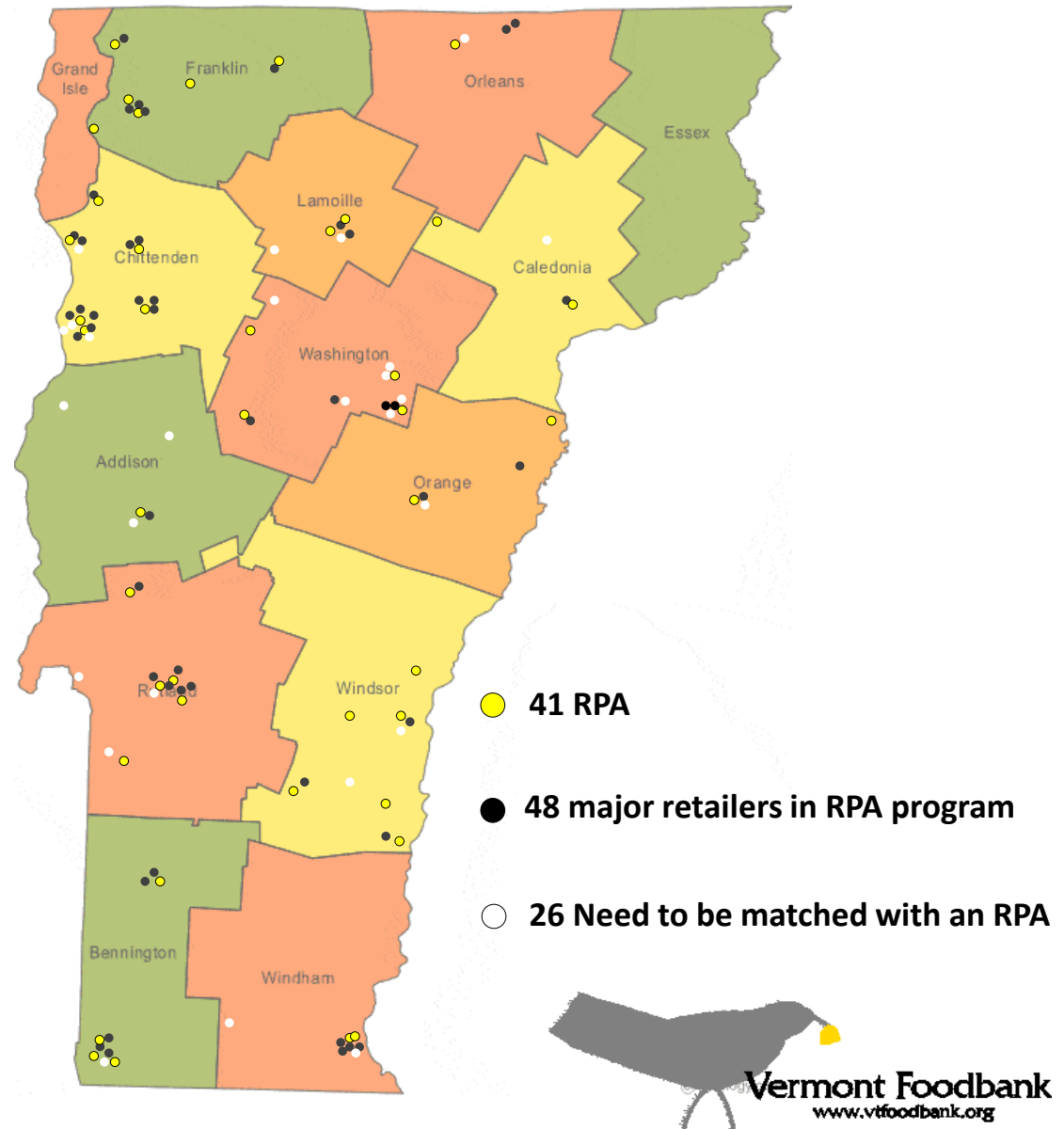
To grow, we need to manage the logistics of a rural state:

Very few of the RPA's are open 5 days/week. Some aren't open 5 days/mo.

High concentration of retailers in the small areas.

Some areas have one RPA and just a few retailers for the whole county.

Some of the most high need counties don't have any retailers.



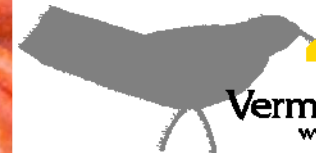




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