

Destin Harvest

The hungry are in need...

Every day thousands of Floridians go hungry. Some are sick, or unemployed, or homeless. Many are elderly. Many are in working families.

The food is available...

From time to time, companies may have some interesting food to donate:

- ❖ Today's soup is not on tomorrow's menu
- ❖ 100 cakes baked to get the best cake for a county fair
- ❖ Bad weather caused only 400 to attend a wedding, or bar mitzvah planned for 600
- ❖ Packages of cereal with "too many raisins,"
- ❖ 18-wheeler loads of "football-sized" spuds from Maine
- ❖ Decorative food centerpieces from special events
- ❖ Skids of frozen soup packaged in defective boiling bags
- ❖ Diversity of diners tastes force even the most well-run kitchens to have unexpected overages on occasion
- ❖ Gourmet flavored ice cream from an over crowded freezer
- ❖ Truckload of fresh vegetables from a food broker whose client could not accept the shipment due to finances
- ❖ Goodies from catered corporate and private events in public spaces and private homes
- ❖ Goods which are slow moving and are near their "sell by" date
- ❖ Items returned to wholesalers for credit due to oversupply

You don't want to see this food go to waste, but you don't know how it can be distributed to those in need? One phone call can get it to hungry men, women and children throughout the Panhandle.

DESTIN HARVEST is the link...

DESTIN HARVEST is a telephone and transportation network that collects food and delivers it free of charge, directly to agencies feeding our area's hungry. Our goal is to complement all the hunger programs.

Helping is easy

One toll-free call is all it takes. We pick up at your location and at your convenience. Your donation is delivered free to a soup kitchen or shelter, usually within an hour. The need is immediate: the food you choose to give today will be dinner for a hungry Floridian tonight.

All types of food

Fresh

Canned and Packages

Prepared

Frozen

Refrigerated

Baked

Through DESTIN HARVEST'S distribution systems, donations of food are combined to create a balanced meal for our community and the surrounding communities' most needy.

Any amount of food

50 to 5000 Pounds

From a shopping bag to a tractor trailer, all are needed to help end hunger in the community. All donations of food are fully tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

DESTIN HARVEST works

Our efficient, innovative program will provide enough food on average for over 600 meals a day, everyday, at a projected operating cost of 25 cents for meal.

Assurances & Insurances for our food donors

DESTIN HARVEST has done everything possible to assure:

❖ The donor is protected:

1. All our receiving agencies must first sign a legal waiver both (1) agreeing to receive the food "as is" and (2) releasing you, the donor, from any liability resulting from the condition of the food.
2. DESTIN HARVEST'S entire operation is run in accordance with Florida's Health Department Guidelines.

❖ The food remains wholesome:

1. DESTIN HARVEST was planned with the Health Department, setting up an efficient, sanitary system for responsible handling of the food.
2. All DESTIN HARVEST drivers must successfully complete Health Department training.
3. DESTIN HARVEST vehicles have a refrigerated/freezer capacity to maintain the food at a proper temperature (either hot or cold)

❖ **And the needy receive good food:**

1. All donated food is re-assessed at every step of the way by DESTIN HARVEST and the receiving agency's staff to ensure safety.
2. All receiving agencies must have an on-site visit by a qualified DESTIN HARVEST staff to verify their responsible handling of the food and that the meals are being served free of charge.

The DESTIN HARVEST Board of Director has taken these steps to assure you, the Food Donor, protection in your good faith donation of food.