

The Middle Mile Report

Total Volunteer Distance: 714.7 miles	September Pounds Distributed: 5,159 lbs.	September Meals Donated: 4,282 meals
Total Volunteer Minutes: 1,466 minutes	Total Pounds Donated: 16,860 lbs.	Total Meals Donated: 13,994 meals

Middle Mile Partner Spotlight: Blue Sky Farm

Established in 1994, Blue Sky Farms continues its humble journey in partnership with the finest restaurants in the triangle. They provide quality produce, ethically produced, as close to home as possible, prepared, and delivered with pride by a long-time staff of caring people. Their diverse customer base includes universities, grocery stores, schools, daycares, assisted living communities, and most recently to the general public. They now offer produce boxes for pickup at their farm in Wendell! Please visit their website to see their offerings and pictures of the farm: Blueskyfarmsnc.com.



"Our relationship with the Food Bank has been ongoing for many years. We appreciate the opportunity to donate our excess produce to such a wonderful and worthwhile organization. We look forward to many more mutually beneficial years ahead!" Blue Sky Farms was one of our very first donors in Middle Mile and has been a wonderful partner for the Food Bank, Thank you Blue Sky Farm! — Middle Mile Team

Middle Mile is growing, and we need YOUR help to rescue food & redirect to as many households as possible! Perhaps you have a neighborhood garden, a favorite restaurant, or even a friend with a farm who may be interested in donating extra food through Middle Mile. Let us know! We would love to invite more partners to continue our work in food rescue!

Food Bank Happenings:

Path to Ending Hunger Podcast

Need something to listen to on your way to pick up a Middle Mile donation? Check out the Food Bank's podcast. You'll meet our leaders, our staff, our volunteers, who share the same vision: to help people when they need it, and to work to ensure that they don't. Episode 3 - the Farmer and the Food Bank - features Director of Food Partnerships Carter Crain and Bill Hering of Hering Farms. Visit foodbankcenc.org/podcast to find out how to listen!



Virtual Food Drives

Did you know that you can host a Virtual Food Drive in support of the Food Bank?

In these times of great uncertainty, you can skip the extra trip to the grocery store and simply click the following link to host a Virtual Food Drive, \$1 donated provides 5 meals for people in need: foodbankcenc.org/vfd

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many annual events and in-person food drives have been cancelled for the year. Engaging with friends, families and peers in a virtual way can certainly help to increase our capacity to source for needed foods, strengthen our distribution efforts across our 34-county service area and provide assistance in navigating a post-COVID-19 era.

Please consider starting a personal fundraiser or creating a team challenge to raise awareness and rally community support in a virtual & safe way!



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