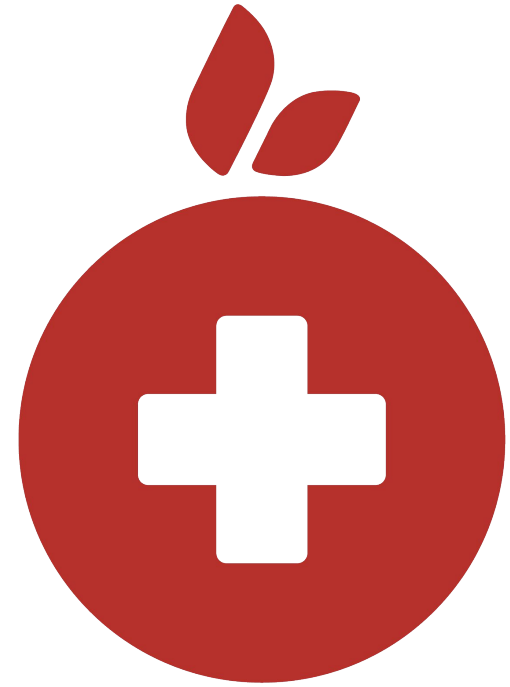


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Leftovers Exec. Director



**LEFTOVERS**

# Introduction



**Suraya Hudson, M.Sc., B.A.**  
**Food Enthusiast**  
**Executive Director at Leftovers Foundation**



**What do we do?**

*Reduce*

***Food waste***

*AND*

***Increase food access...***



# How We Do It



**Businesses**



**Volunteers**



**Service Agencies**





# ***About the Leftovers Foundation***

- Founded in Calgary in 2012
- Became a registered charity in 2018
- Expansion: Edmonton in 2017, Winnipeg in 2020
- Smaller operations in Red Deer, Lethbridge, Hinton, Airdrie and Selkirk
- Expanding into Saskatchewan in 2025
- 2024 Pilot Projects
  - CIC Organics Waste Diversion
  - Prepared Food Pilot



# Current Programs

## Rescue Food

- Core program
- Small-scale food rescue done at high volume

## Home Harvest

- Started in 2021
- Redirects excess from home gardens and fruit trees

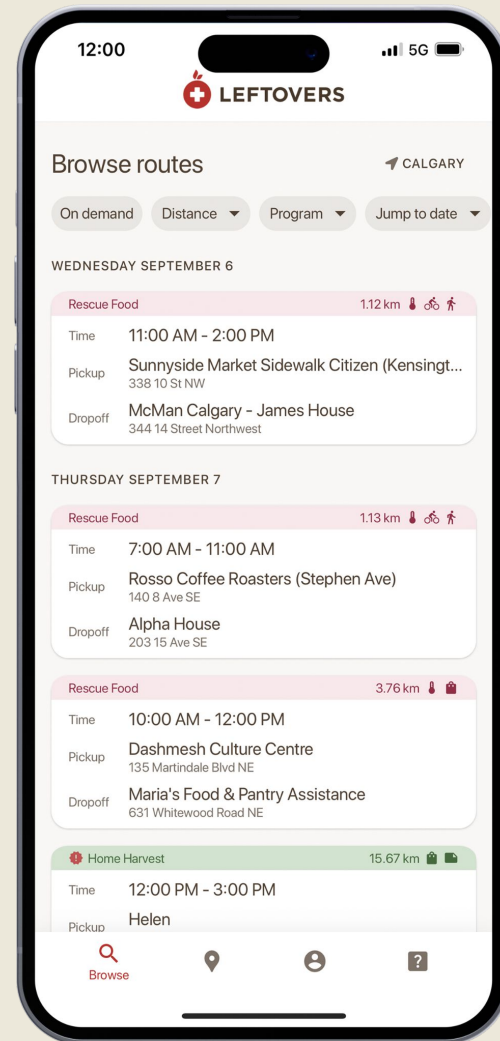
## Warehouse operations

- Large scale pallet size donations
- Only in Calgary and Winnipeg



# *The Leftovers Rescue Food App*

Our app allows for volunteers to easily view, sign up and complete routes at their convenience



**What motivates us?**

*Challenging*

***food insecurity***

*AND*

***climate change...***



# *Examples of Food Rescue - via our wonderful volunteers*





# Our 2023 Impact



374 volunteers spent 5,789 hours making food move across our eight operating regions - three of which only launched in August 2023.

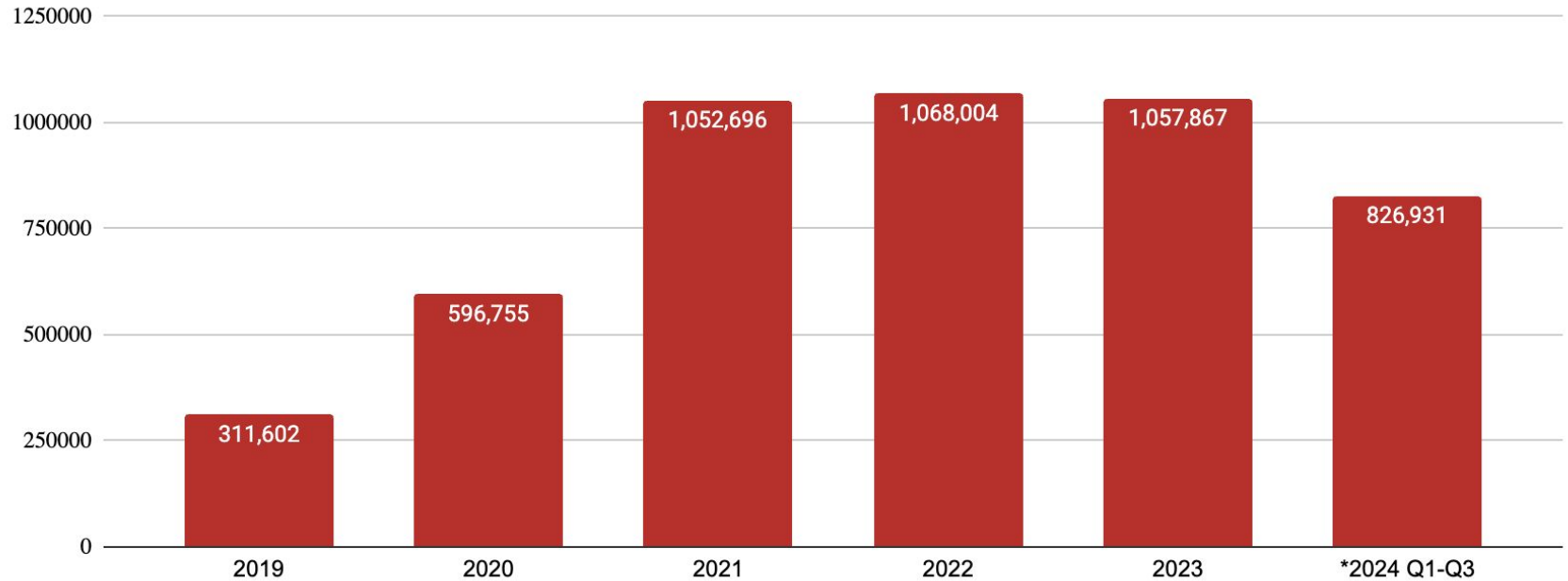


Food from 269 food donors was delivered to 304 unique service agencies - providing an estimated 954,613 meals!



We rescued 1,057,867 pounds of good food which translates to 1,470,426 pounds of GHG emissions prevented.

## Leftovers Yearly Weight Diversion (LBS)



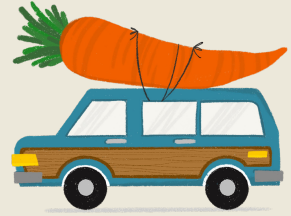
# ***What makes us unique?***

***We mobilize community to help offset the labor hours, cost, and logistics associated with acquiring food donations for our community service agencies.***





# ***Food rescue is an ecosystem***



***All food rescue organizations are working on different aspects of a complex problem. For example:***

- ***Many Food Banks have the infrastructure to pick up large donations from bigger retailers.***
- ***Second Harvest creates a network for other large retailers to post donations in an app for well-resourced service agencies to claim and pick up themselves***
- ***To Good to Go is a way for smaller retailers who operate within narrow margins to recoup costs***

## ***Where does Leftovers fit?***

***Leftovers engages volunteers to collect small and medium donations of good edible food from vendors who don't fit into other programs and redirect that food to service agencies without the resources to pick up donated food themselves.***



# Conclusion...

Remember common goals & continue to be mindful of the big picture.





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