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BOSTON AREA GLEANERS 2019 IMPACT REPORT

DEAR BAG FAMILY,

Given all that has happened over the last couple of months, it can be challenging to remember anything that happened before COVID-19 - and yet it is so important that we do not forget our joys and accomplishments of the past year.

For us at Boston Area Gleaners, the last year was one filled with big changes and huge successes. We achieved our goal of distributing over one million pounds of local, fresh produce in a single season. We received national recognition for our innovative programs and enjoyed local press coverage of our important work.

Most importantly we enjoyed gleaning with our BAG family and invited new members (myself included) into this special community. As always, our amazing team worked tirelessly alongside our dedicated volunteers to bring in the harvest. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, farmers, donors and grantors for supporting us in our efforts.

The uncertainty of the coming weeks and months can be daunting, but I invite you to read our annual report and celebrate the past. We are proud of what we have accomplished and are optimistic about the future.

With warm regards,

USHA THAKRAR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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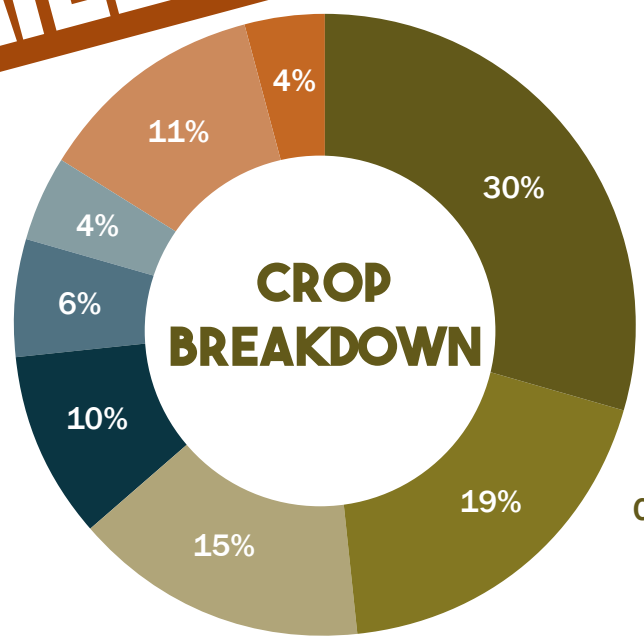
2019



WE RESCUED OVER ONE MILLION POUNDS

CONTRIBUTING FARMS

- Apples
- Winter Squash
- Roots
- Corn
- Cucumbers
- Greens
- Other Vegetables
- Other Fruits



987,772 146,576

POUNDS OF PRODUCE GLEANED

POUNDS DISTRIBUTED ON BEHALF OF PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

1,134,348

TOTAL POUNDS

FARMS	LBS	FARMS	LBS
Allandale Farm	5,870	Lindentree Farm	310
Alprilla Farm	4775	Littleton Community	739
Applefield Farm	17,902	Moose Hill Farm	3,725
Appleton Farm	39,995	New Entry Farming Project	368
Autumn Hills Orchard	56,920	Newton Community	723
Barrett's Mill Farm	3,975	Nourse Farm	7,250
Brigham Farm	3,615	Old Manse Garden	405
Brookdale Fruit Farm	36,137	Picadilly Farm	400
Brooksby Farm	11,383	Powissett Farm	9,800
Brookwood Community	2,285	Salvation Farms	17,140
Cathy Jarling Orchard	720	Scimone's Farm	416
Community Harvest Project	34,320	Sholan Farms	29,200
Connemara House Farm	6,720	Siena Farms	22,564
Cucurbit Farm	119,500	Silferleaf Farm	220
Dancing Plover Farms	9,445	Small Farm	1,220
Dick's Market Garden	78,992	Stow Rd	1,050
Dowse Orchards	10,900	The Blueberry Farm	81
Farmer Dave's	25,685	The Food Project, Lincoln	66,939
Farmer Tim's Vegetables	690	The Food Project, Lynn	1,400
First Light Farm	3,908	Neighborhood Farm	1,035
Food Link	1,085	Trustees Mobile Market	167.5
Foppema's Farm	2,925	Upswing Farm	2,845
Gaining Ground	15,014	Vanguarden Farm	84
Hollis Hills Farm	3,840	Verrill Farm	121,450
Hutchin's Farm	7,330	Ward's Berry Farm	16,606
Kimball Fruit Farm	12,632	Westward Orchard	152,593
Land's Sake Farm	7,845	Winter Moon Roots	375
Lexington Community	4,255		

"They make it easy for us. One year they took over 35 tons off my farm. It makes me feel good knowing [the food is] being distributed by a well-oiled organization."

- Carl Hills, Owner, Kimball Fruit Farm

51 DIRECT DISTRIBUTION AGENCIES

FOOD BANKS

- Greater Boston Food Bank
- Merrimack Valley Food Bank
- New Hampshire Food Bank
- Rhode Island Community Food Bank

FOOD PANTRIES & MOBILE MARKETS

- Aging Well at Home JFCS
- A Place To Turn
- Arlington EATS
- Belmont Food Pantry
- Bread of Life
- Burlington Food Pantry
- Centre St. Food Pantry
- Community Cupboard of Medford
- Daniel's Table
- Family Table JFCS
- Haven From Hunger
- Healthy Waltham
- Helping Hand Food Pantry
- Lazarus House
- Lexington Food Pantry
- Mystic Community Market
- New Entry- Food Access Program
- Project Soup
- Sacred Heart Church Food Pantry
- Wakefield Food Pantry
- Watertown Food Pantry
- Beverly Bootstraps
- HRI: Homeowner's Rehab Inc.

DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS

- Food for Free
- Food Link
- Fair Foods

KITCHENS, MEALS PROGRAMS & PROCESSORS

- Commonwealth Kitchen
- Improv Soup
- Haley House
- Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen
- Colony Retirement Homes
- Community Servings
- Project Place
- Simon C. Fireman Community
- Father Bill's

FOOD VENTURE PARTNERS

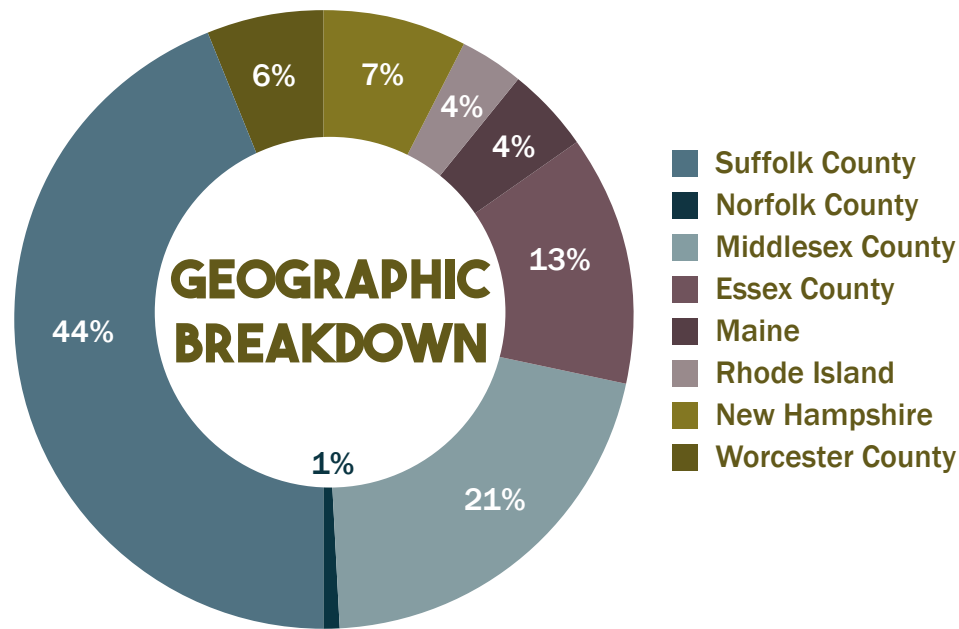
- Daily Table
- Dorchester Food Co-Op
- Mei Mei
- Neighborhood Produce

OTHER

- Chesterbrook Community Foundation
- Cider Mill
- Four Corners Main St.
- Movimiento Cosecha
- Ricker Hill Orchards
- Urban Farming Institute
- Community Harvest Project
- Waltham Fields Community Farm

"Our partnership with BAG has been key to our ability to increase the amount of food made available to our families and especially increase the quality of the fresh food. Over the last several years we have doubled the amount of food provided to families each year and the increase is almost entirely fresh food."

-Agency Staff



3,951,088
SERVINGS
OF FRESH PRODUCE

8
COUNTIES
DIRECTLY REACHED

THROUGH WORKING WITH REGIONAL FOOD BANKS WE REACH OVER **2,000 AGENCIES** ACROSS NEW ENGLAND

YEAR HIGHLIGHTS & PRESS

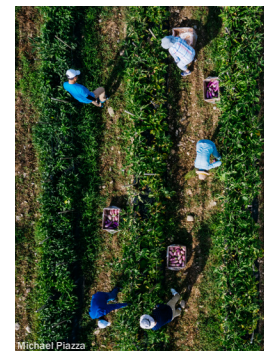
REFED ACCELERATOR FINALIST

We were honored to be selected as a finalist in the highly competitive Food Recovery Accelerator hosted by ReFED, a renowned leader and innovator in the field of food waste. We were able to refine our systems with support from experts in the field, take the center stage to pitch our model to hundreds of people during the International Food Waste Summit in San Francisco and launch several national collaborative projects through connections made.



EDIBLE: BOSTON

Boston Area Gleaners' work was featured on the cover of Edible Boston. The article includes interviews with volunteers, farmers and our hunger relief partners.



NEW LEADERSHIP



"Usha Thakrar's skill set, experience, and knowledge base is exactly the right leadership recipe for BAG at this time. I honestly could not be more thrilled to have her at the helm as we move into the next decade and pursue our vision for harnessing the power of surplus for the benefit of everyone in our food system."

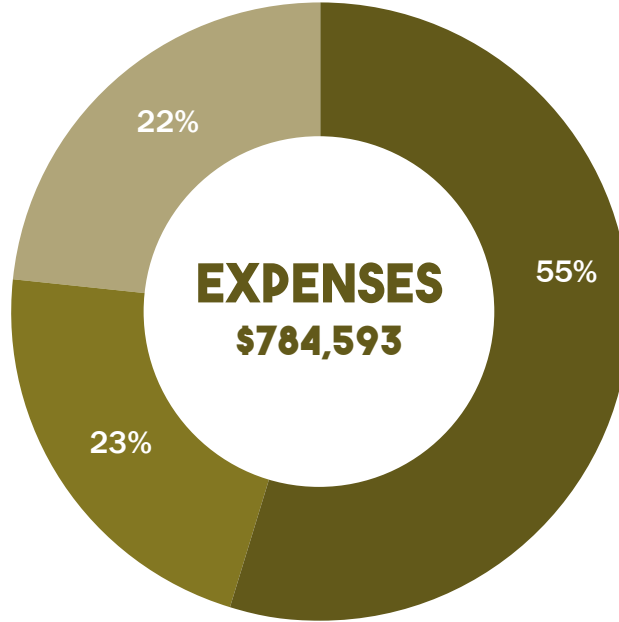
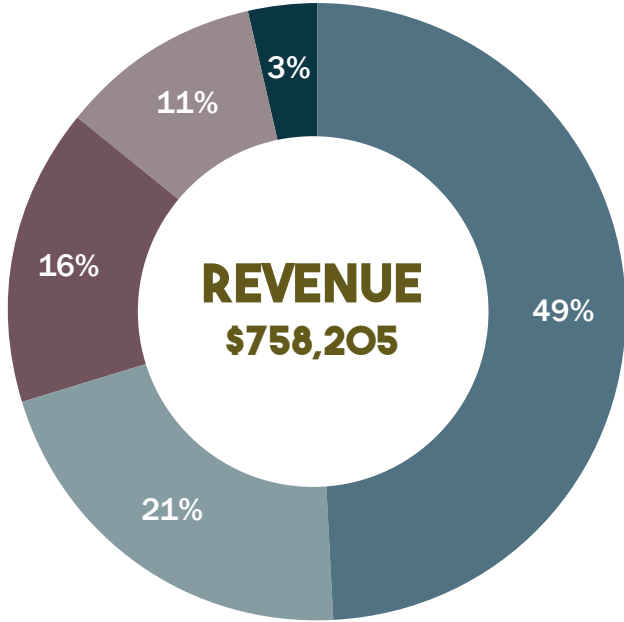
-Laurie "Duck" Caldwell
Inaugural Executive Director

WBZ



Meteorologist, Sarah Wroblewski of WBZ News joined our Operations Team in the field to learn about gleaning. WBZ spotlights why our work is so necessary from the perspective of our volunteers, recipient agencies, and staff.

FINANCIALS



\$1,611,869

**IN-KIND VALUE OF
DONATED FOOD**

\$0.60

**COST PER POUND
OF FOOD RESCUED**

- Special Events ■ \$25,503
- Foundation ■ \$374,853
- Earned ■ \$159,549
- Individual Giving ■ \$117,661
- Corporate ■ \$80,639

- Compensation ■ \$431,055
- Admin & Fundraising ■ \$182,428
- Program ■ \$171,110

OUR FUNDERS WHO MAKE THIS WORK POSSIBLE



“I feel as though I do more good as a gleaner than I did as a doctor. Providing nutritious food to people in need is a real public health measure.”

-Sally Thompson, *Volunteer*

WE ARE BUILDING A COMMUNITY CENTERED AROUND A MORE EQUITABLE FOOD SYSTEM

640

UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS

4,571

VOLUNTEER HOURS

386

NEW VOLUNTEERS

“Because we participate in the local food system, part of our mission is to provide food to a wide variety of customers. The gleaners connect the dots on that opportunity to get produce to people who need it.”

-Chris Kurth, *Owner, Sienna Farms*

STAFF VOLUNTEER WORK



GAINING GROUND



COMMUNITY SERVINGS



DAILY TABLE



FAIR FOODS

OUR TEAM



USHA THAKRAR
Executive Director



DYLAN FRAZIER
Director of Operations



CHARLOTTE BORDER
Operations Manager



COURTNEY MUSSELL
Asst. Operations Manager



LAURA MIXTER
Office Manager



DUCK CALDWELL
Strategic Consultant



LEAH COSTLOW
Outreach Coordinator



ANDY ALVARADO
Operations Assistant



TIM COOKE
Driver



TESS TOMLINSON
Operations Assistant

“BAG has the right team to lead food recovery at the farm-level. They’re a very impressive team. They’re doing great work and have proven themselves to be a sustainable model.”

- ReFED Final Evaluation

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM



KATE MORSE
Apprentice



SAM BALKKA
Apprentice

We are a national leader in the field of gleaning and farm-level surplus management. As a non-profit organization with an educational component to our work, we are committed to training the next generation of food system change agents.

Our apprenticeship program provides a comprehensive overview of the regional food system in New England and focuses on how gleaning can take underutilized resources to create positive change and innovative food distribution models.