



Program Overview: Bounty to Blessing

"Transforming Surplus into Hope"

Bounty to Blessing is a food recovery program of Milford Advocacy for the Homeless (MAH) dedicated to reducing food waste and feeding our neighbors in need. By partnering with local restaurants, grocery stores, caterers, and food providers, the program rescues surplus food that would otherwise go to waste and redistributes it to individuals and families facing food insecurity. Every rescued meal is shared with dignity, compassion, and respect, ensuring our community's bounty becomes a blessing to others.

This program reflects MAH's guiding principles:

- **Passion** – Fueled with the desire to make a difference
 - **Service** – Sharing resources and support
 - **Humanity** – Treating everyone with dignity and respect
 - **Impact** – Join us to make a difference today
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Program Goals:

- Reduce local food waste by recovering surplus prepared and perishable food from partner organizations
 - Provide nutritious, ready-to-eat meals to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity
 - Build relationships with food providers to create a sustainable, ongoing source of meals for the community
 - Promote dignity and compassion by ensuring all food is served with care and without stigma
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Core Activities:

- Partnering with restaurants, grocery stores, bakeries, caterers, and event venues to recover surplus food
- Safely transporting, storing, and distributing rescued food according to health and safety guidelines

- Providing meals directly to individuals experiencing homelessness or food insecurity through outreach efforts and community events
 - Coordinating with MAH programs to connect recipients to additional resources such as housing support, clothing, and case navigation
 - Recruiting and training volunteers in safe food handling, distribution, and compassionate engagement
 - Tracking pounds of food recovered, meals distributed, and community impact
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Target Population:

- Individuals and families experiencing homelessness or food insecurity
 - Neighbors with limited income or resources struggling to meet basic nutritional needs
 - Community members who may not qualify for traditional food pantry assistance but are in need
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Program Outcomes:

- Thousands of pounds of food rescued from local waste streams each year
- Increased access to healthy, ready-to-eat meals for vulnerable neighbors
- Strengthened partnerships between local businesses and the community
- Reduced food waste and environmental impact through responsible redistribution
- Enhanced sense of dignity and connection for those served