How Food Forward Impacts 3 Vital Pillars of Sustainability
Why food recovery is essential for a healthy environment, viable economy, and equitable food system

Supporting a Healthy ENVIRONMENT

100+ million pounds of surplus fruits and vegetables have been diverted from landfills and donated to people experiencing food insecurity since 2009

Since 2009, Food Forward's programs resulted in:

38,674 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent prevented = 8,143 cars taken off the road for a year

Food Forward is the only nonprofit organization to win a Food Recovery Challenge Award from the U.S. EPA for the prevention and diversion of wasted food 4 years in a row

Contributing to a Strong ECONOMY

The organizational cost to recover and donate 1 pound of produce is 10 cents a pound

$164,124,681 is the total value of produce recovered since inception

200 varieties of vitamin-rich, nutritious produce are provided to 2 million people annually

Building more EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES

1,800 Hunger relief agencies get free fruits and vegetables, allowing them to allocate resources toward other critical services

8 Southern CA Counties benefit from produce sourced from 3 recovery programs

1,320 Produce donors received tax deductions for in-kind donations in 2019

4,100 volunteers contribute 22,000 hours of hands-on recovery work each year