Waste Not OC Coalition
Food Insecurity Statistics
Orange County

• 12.7% of households are food insecure

• There are 379,690 people living with food insecurity

• 1 in 5 children face food insecurity

Source: (Feeding America. Map the Meal Gap 2013.)
What We Do

Food Recovery
Educate restaurants and grocery stores on the Good Samaritan Act to increase food donations.

Identify those in need
Start asking the questions if individuals are facing food insecurity.

Food Distribution
Connect those in need with pantries that provide wholesome food.
The Waste Not OC Coalition is a public/private partnership striving to meet the nutritional needs of our community by facilitating the donation and distribution of wholesome surplus food.

42.7 TONS (71,223 meals) of newly recovered food has been donated and given to those in need between July and December of 2014 in the cities of Anaheim and Orange alone!
Food Recovery

- Fact sheet on donation laws and regulations
- Adopted by LA, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties

Environmental Health
WHY DON’T WE ASK THE QUESTION?
CEO Hunger Day
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Edward Mitchell Communications
Questions to Help Determine Level of Food Insecurity

Question 1:
- “Within the past 12 months we worried whether our food would run out before we got money to buy more”

Question 2:
- “Within the past 12 months the food we bought just didn’t last and we didn’t have money to get more.”

Development and Validity of a 2-Item Screen to Identify Families at Risk: Pediatrics 2010;126;e26
Food Pantries in Orange County

- Baskets represent pantries directly served by Waste Not OC.
- Houses represent transitional housing agencies that give food to their residents, not to the general public.
- Red dots are places that distribute food. Some pantries double as non-profit agencies.

Want to search for a pantry near you? Enter your full address here to see the closest options.

Please call ahead of time before visiting a pantry and report any changes to wastenotoc@gmail.com.
Partnership with Agencies, Hospitals and Clinics

Family Resource Centers, Social Services Agency, Public Health Nursing
St Joseph Hospital, St. Jude
Kaiser Permanente
AltaMed Community Clinics and Lestonnac Clinic
Anaheim-Orange Food Recovery Task Force

- City-wide efforts to increase food recovered by identifying and educating potential donors
- Annual window seal to honor participants working to end hunger

From July to December 2014 we captured **42.7 tons** (71,000 meals) of newly donated food
Significant Milestones

- United Way provided a grant for $50,000 to help with our food recovery efforts
- 211 OC incorporated the google pantry map into their web site
- PBS did a national story on childhood poverty and hunger in Orange County
- Partnership with Yellow Cab and Seven-Eleven
- Partnership with Anaheim City School District
Significant Milestones

Theo Lacey is donating 300-500 meals per day to local pantries
AAP Poverty & Hunger Site

AAP News: California pediatrician leads effort to tackle food insecurity
“This culture of waste has made us insensitive even to the waste and disposal of food, which is even more despicable when all over the world, unfortunately, many individuals and families are suffering from hunger and malnutrition. Once our grandparents were very careful not to throw away any leftover food. Consumerism has led us to become used to an excess and daily waste of food, to which, at times, we are no longer able to give a just value which goes well beyond mere economic parameters. We should all remember, however, that the food we throw away is as if [it were] stolen from the table of the poor, the hungry! I encourage everyone to reflect on the problem of thrown away and wasted food to identify ways and means that, by seriously addressing this issue, are a vehicle of solidarity and sharing with the needy.”
Chapman Film Project
Waste Not OC Coalition links:

Wastenotoc.org
PBS special