# HOLE FOOD RESCUE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS March Vewsletter

### **Food Distribution for Our Seasonal Work Force**

FWith the snow coming in very quickly in February, it may have been easy to forget how dismal winter has been since November. The lack of snow not only meant less powder skiing and less water going into our rivers, but it also affected our community's seasonal workers whose paychecks depend on snowfall. Employees at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) experienced a winter with challenges this year. Thankfully Ying Qian, Hole Food Rescue Volunteer and Food for the Community Coordinator, brought this to our attention so we could help.

Hole Food Rescue set up two Food for the Community // Comida de la Comunidad pop-ups this winter for JHMR employees. In November, we distributed free, rescued food at the Stilson Lot where many mountain employees park. 87 participants visited and shopped for food, helping rescue 844 pounds of food that day. In February, we hosted a pop-up at an employee appreciation event. As described by Chloe Howes (JHMR Employee Experience Coordinator), "As JHMR is the largest employer in Teton County, and we already had an event planned that was guaranteed to attract people, it was a no-brainer to coordinate with Hole Food Rescue and make food available for our employees." Around 200 employees attended this event, and 1,000 pounds of food was distributed.

The impact of these programs goes beyond providing meals. By collecting rescued food, participants actively contribute to reducing food waste in our community and the amount of food sent to landfills. According to Howes, "Partnering with Hole Food Rescue gets food into mouths and not landfills, and we look forward to growing this partnership."

Hole Food Rescue appreciates volunteers' knowledge and strives to support their ideas. As a part of the community, our volunteers are uniquely positioned to offer food access innovation.

Thank you, Ying, for demonstrating one of Hole Food Rescue's core values!



We value our relationships. We create an inclusive community. We believe in collaboration,

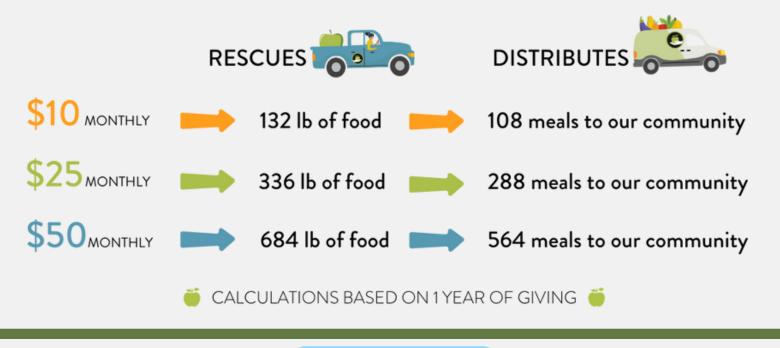
Food for the Community // Comida de la Comunidad POP-UP Dec 2023 @ STILSON LOT

HFR Food boxes in an employee locker room at JHMR

### **Our Monthly Sustainers Program: The CORE**

Our Monthly Sustainers Program, The CORE, is essential to Hole Food Rescue's smooth operations. Recurring gifts provide stability to Hole Food Rescue by offering consistent support for our operations and, in turn, enable us to make long-term impacts.

Become a member of the CORE and join us for a CORE TOUR of our new facility before it's open to the public. CORE members also receive quarterly updates on our essential programs.



Join The Core

#### **Upcoming Event: Jackson Hole Food and Wine Winter Fest**



Winter Fest 2024 in Teton Village celebrated food and wine, featuring renowned chefs and local talents alongside esteemed beverage experts. Guests enjoyed culinary delights and fine wines from local restaurants, producers, and guest wineries. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to making the weekend memorable. We would like to extend our gratitude to Jackson Hole Food and Wine for putting on such a fantastic event that not only delights the palate but also supports Hole Food Rescue's work.

For tickets for Summer Fest, click here.

#### **Cast Your Votes to Support Hole Food Rescue**

# Help support us with Target Circle.

Vote by March 31.



Voting for Hole Food Rescue through <u>Target Circle</u> closes on Sunday, March 31st! The more votes we get, the higher the financial donation from Target will be.

Thank you all who have voted so far; our midway update from Target was that we had a whopping 20,779 votes!

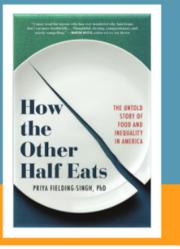
## WHAT WE ARE READING THIS MONTH:

#### Why is it important?

How the Other Half Eats confronts how large concepts of poverty, wealth, and hunger manifest on the dinner table through the stories of four families. It's academic storytelling at its best—informative yet captivating.

#### Where to find it:

At the Teton County Library! Once our Program Director, Iván, returns it :) Thanks to our friends at Slow Food in the Tetons for this recommendation.



BOOK

Recommended by: HFR Team Member, Iván

Read the article here, and let us know what you think.

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