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## Last Mile Food Rescue, United Dairy Farmers, and the University of Cincinnati Collaborate to Combat Food Waste and Increase Youth Community Involvement

*The new program allows students to help their community by redistributing surplus food to those in need*

**CINCINNATI, OHIO - March 3, 2025** - Last Mile Food Rescue is excited to announce a new partnership with United Dairy Farmers and the University of Cincinnati in order to continue its efforts to reduce food waste and redistribute surplus food to those in need. Last Mile is able to accomplish their goals with the help of volunteers, most of whom are seniors or people over the age of 45. This new relationship will promote younger people getting involved in volunteering for the program.



"We waste up to 40 percent of our food while one in five people struggles with food insecurity. According to the United Nations, if we recover all the food that is lost or wasted, we will have enough to feed all who are hungry four times over. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, over 97 percent of food waste generated ends up

in the landfill. This comprises the single largest component of municipal solid waste, generating a large portion of U.S. methane emissions — a greenhouse gas 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide." - Last Mile

Food waste impacts more than hunger, because it also contributes to environmental issues. By rescuing and redistributing surplus food, Last Mile partnering with United Dairy Farmers and the University of Cincinnati play a strong role in reducing waste and promoting sustainability. Supporting this initiative, whether by donating surplus food or volunteering, helps build a reasonable, more food-secure community to protect the environment, ensuring good food is made full use of people.



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 If your restaurant has surplus food, you are interested in an easy way to volunteer that does not take a lot of time, or you are worried about the environmental impact of wasted food on landfills, then you should reach out to Last Mile. This new program allows for students at the University of Cincinnati to easily make a difference in their community. Anyone who is potentially interested can apply through the UC volunteer portal: <https://www.uc.edu/campus-life/cce/volunteer.html>.

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