



Years of Getting Food to Where It's Needed Most

Our Journey So Far



2020

July 2020 – Following the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, and rapidly moving the idea from conceptual to operational, NZFN's first Auckland Distribution Centre officially opens.

2021



March 2021 – With the aim of servicing all of New Zealand, NZFN's Christchurch Distribution Centre opens.

2022

2023



February 2023 – NZFN plays a part in disaster relief response to the Auckland Anniversary Floods and Cyclone Gabrielle; leading to increasing capability in procurement and purchasing to support Civil Defence and the National Emergency Management Authority as part of its service agreement with the Ministry of Social Development.



August 2023 – NZFN moves into new Auckland Distribution Centre more than doubling its capacity for ambient goods collection and distribution and adding 50% more chilled storage capacity.



October 2024 – Pitch In, NZFN's first public fundraising and giving campaign, ends on a high note with the goal of virtually filling Eden Park with donated meals surpassed twice over!

2024

2025



May 2025 – NZFN moves into its new Christchurch Distribution Centre with support from Waireka Group, adding 70% more storage space and increasing our capacity to serve charities across the South Island.

July 2025 - NZFN celebrates its 5th birthday with a milestone 35M kg of product distributed.



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All data and information included relates to our most recently completed fiscal year, 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025, unless otherwise noted.

A Message From NZFN's Board Chair



As the newly-elected Chair of the Board, I am honoured to share a few reflections on behalf of the Board of Directors as we commemorate a significant milestone for the New Zealand Food Network – 5 years of getting food to where it is needed most.

From its rapid inception during the Covid-19 pandemic to its current role as a national backbone for food rescue and redistribution, NZFN has grown into a vital part of Aotearoa's social infrastructure.

As a member of the Board for the last five years, I am honoured to have watched with pride as the organisation continues to scale its impact. This past year saw us complete the first full year in our new, larger Auckland Distribution Centre, wrap-up the Pitch In campaign virtually filling Eden Park twice, and establish an online purchasing pantry for the charitable sector. These are just a few examples of how NZFN is innovating to meet growing need.

We are deeply aware of the challenges that lie ahead. Rising food insecurity, supply chain volatility, and the increasing pressure on frontline services all underscore the importance of NZFN's role. As a Board, we remain focused on ensuring the organisation is well-governed, sustainably funded, and strategically positioned to respond to these challenges with resilience and agility.

To our partners—government agencies, donors, Food Hubs, volunteers, and community organisations—thank you. Your support and hard mahi is the foundation of NZFN's success. And to our founder Deborah Manning, CEO Gavin Findlay, and the entire NZFN team, thank you for your leadership and unwavering dedication.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our inaugural board chair, David Kirk, who I was so fortunate to have worked alongside for NZFN's first five years. Thank you for your service and invaluable leadership through the startup phase of NZFN.

We look forward to continuing this journey together, ensuring good food reaches those who need it most.

Suneil Connor

"The soup mix is huge for our people, it stretches out a meal and is so versatile. Recipients are super grateful, I can't even describe their happiness when they receive kai, especially a hot meal."

Te Hiku Pātaka



A Message From NZFN's Founder



The establishment of the New Zealand Food Network in 2020 marked a critical step in addressing food insecurity and reducing food waste at a national level. It was formed in response to an immediate need, but the foundations were laid well before then through years of observing the growing disconnect between surplus and need, and recognising the scale and coordination required to make a meaningful impact.

What followed was a rapid and coordinated response. In just 12 weeks, and during a time of significant disruption, we brought together a national distribution system capable of collecting and redistributing large volumes of surplus food efficiently and safely. This included securing warehouse space, establishing operational systems, forming supply partnerships, and registering a national network of Food Hubs. It was a significant achievement delivered through cross-sector collaboration and strong governance.

Since then, the Network has enabled millions of meals to reach communities across Aotearoa, supporting frontline food charities, iwi, and community groups. It has also contributed to environmental outcomes by preventing food from entering landfill and reducing associated emissions. Beyond its operational impact, the Network has demonstrated how centralised infrastructure and logistics can support and strengthen the wider food rescue and food support ecosystem.

As we reflect on the past five years, the challenges ahead remain substantial. Food insecurity is increasing, driven by rising living costs, economic uncertainty and structural inequities. Our Food Hub partners are under increasing pressure and supply volatility continues to present risks. The need for national coordination, stable infrastructure and sustainable funding remains critical.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the individuals, partners and funders who have supported the organisation to date, as well as the staff, leadership and Board who continue to deliver on its purpose. The New Zealand Food Network was designed to enable scale, efficiency, and impact and as we look ahead, its role will be even more important in ensuring good food reaches those who need it most.

"I can't believe what a difference having a full tummy makes to my mental wellbeing!"

Oxford Community Trust, served by Satisfy Food Rescue



Deborah Manning

A Message From NZFN's CEO



As we reflect on our last financial year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for what the New Zealand Food Network (NZFN) has accomplished. This year marked a significant chapter in our journey—one defined by growth, innovation, and deepened impact.

We distributed nearly 17,000 pallets of food and essential items, equating to 6.9 million kilograms, over 13 million meal equivalents and with an estimated retail value exceeding \$51 million. These numbers represent more than just food—they reflect hope, dignity, and support for thousands of whānau across Aotearoa. Through our 65 Food Hub partners, our network now supports over 2,000 frontline charities, and we welcomed 62 new food donors, a testament to the growing awareness and commitment to food rescue.

We wrapped up our first public giving campaign, Pitch In, which surpassed its goal – filling Eden Park twice over with “donated meals”. We also stepped into the spotlight with the premiere of Food Rescue Kitchen, a television series that brought our mission into homes across the country.

We celebrated the official opening of our new Auckland Distribution Centre last June and just a few months after the close of this financial year, we moved

our South Island operations into a new Distribution Centre in Christchurch - significantly increasing our storage capacity and operational efficiency.

We found new ways of sourcing food - from rescuing kiwifruit at a re-zoned housing development site in West Auckland to collecting pallets of food at food-industry events; directly engaging growers to embedding surplus donations into the processes of third-party logistics providers. Every initiative this year has reinforced our belief that collaboration is key to creating a more equitable and sustainable food system. These achievements are not just operational wins—they are expressions of NZFN's core values in action – Care, Collaborate, Commit and Create.

As we mark five years of operations, we remain committed to our founding purpose and vision: ensuring good food reaches those who need it most, helping to build resilient communities across an Aotearoa New Zealand where no food is wasted and everyone has access to sufficient and nutritious food. I acknowledge the incredible support I have from our Founder and Board, and the great team at the Ministry of Social Development. Finally, I want to give thanks for the hard mahi and commitment from all the NZFN team - it truly is special to lead such committed human beings. Thank you all for being part of this journey.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gavin Findlay

“Times are tough financially and we are seeing more and more people struggling to make ends meet. Our ability to provide kai parcels from rescued and donated food helps to alleviate the immediate stress that many whānau experience. We find that once this urgent need has been addressed, people are ready for us to help them with more complex issues.”

Gizzy Kai Rescue

Our Vision, Purpose and Values



Our vision is for a New Zealand where no food is wasted, and everyone has access to sufficient, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food.

Purpose

Our purpose is getting food to where it's needed most.

Values

We aspire to excellence in everything that we say and do, guided by four core values:

-  **Care:** We care about the communities we work in and the people we work with.
-  **Collaborate:** Our network is built on trust and collaboration. We work together with open, clear and proactive communication.
-  **Commit:** We do what we say we will do. We are resilient and adaptable in finding solutions that create the best possible outcomes.
-  **Create:** We encourage growth and innovation. We work together to challenge the status quo.

"Your donations gave me things to eat and helped me afford basic necessities during the cost of living crisis."

Recipient of Hope Hub



"Last week I came to pick up some kai. I sorted it into boxes and went to drop it off to some whānau I support. When I got there, they were having a 'dark' day. On giving them the kai, they lit up like lanterns with happiness and gratitude. Food changes everything."

Arataki Ministries, supported by Whakaora Kai



NZFN By The Numbers




6,881,982 kg
[16,932 pallets]

Distributed across the country (includes donated and purchased goods)



13,018,249

Meal equivalents delivered to communities in need



13,051,485 kg

CO2 equivalents avoided (3 kg of CO2 equivalent per kg of surplus food)



65

Food Hubs + 213 additional charitable organisations supported on an ad-hoc basis



2,000 +

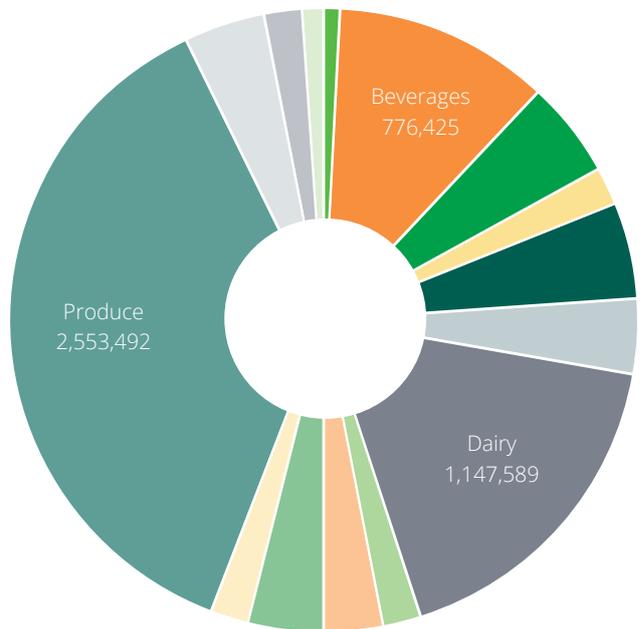
Frontline charities supported via our network



149

Food Donors in FY 24/25, 62 of these were new donors

Product distributed - kg:



■ Baby Food	18,785	■ Other	202,622
■ Bakery	56,165	■ Pet Food	244,982
■ Beverages	766,425	■ Prepared Foods	128,305
■ Breakfast Foods	330,253	■ Produce	2,553,492
■ Canned Foods	133,902	■ Protein	280,363
■ Carbohydrates	372,906	■ Snacks	152,047
■ Condiments	245,289	■ Personal Hygiene & Health	90,836
■ Dairy	1,147,589	■ Household	158,022
■ Total	6,881,982		

Financials



Statement of Financial Performance For the year ended 31 March 2025

Revenue	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions	5,432,057	7,602,176
Revenue from Exchange Transactions	2,241,795	665,644
Total Revenue	7,673,852	8,267,820
Expenses		
Wages, Salaries and Other Employee Costs	2,504,987	2,420,414
Branding and Public Relations	165,258	178,335
Property Expenses	688,216	580,342
Purchases	2,123,142	2,980,228
Depreciation & Amortisation	424,563	343,438
Consulting & Implementation	163,728	192,988
Transport & Logistics	1,315,462	1,168,775
Warehouse Expenses	105,813	104,602
Information Technology and Communications	216,698	214,735
Other Expenses	194,440	232,359
Total Expenses	7,902,307	8,416,216
Operating (Deficit) For The Year	(228,455)	(148,396)

For the full audited version of the financial statements, please go to Charities Services website.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2025

Assets	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	982,219	1,194,452
Investment - Bank Term Deposits	3,040,000	2,690,000
Inventory - Stock on Hand	216,163	101,047
Trade and Other Receivables	97,625	317,740
Prepayments	19,252	59,790
GST Receivable	60,580	112,188
Total Current Assets	4,415,839	4,475,217
Non-current Assets		
Plant and Equipment	1,934,289	2,230,769
Intangible Asset - Software Development	43,350	25,545
Total Non-current Assets	1,977,639	2,256,314
Total Assets	6,393,478	6,731,531
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	386,663	551,302
Employee Entitlements	164,109	171,959
Income Received in Advance	1,432,891	1,370,000
Total Current Liabilities	1,983,663	2,093,261
Total Liabilities	1,983,663	2,093,261
Net Assets	4,409,815	4,638,270
Equity		
Accumulated revenue and expense	4,409,815	4,638,270
Total Equity	4,409,815	4,638,270

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Noteworthy Moments

Apr 2024 - Food Rescue Kitchen Premiere

NZFN and four of our Food Hub partners hit the small screen for a 6-episode run of this part documentary, part cooking series shining a light on the issue of food waste and importance of food rescue. The series remains available to watch on-demand on Three Now.



May 2024 - UN Youth Visit

Volunteers are a vital part of our work and we were particularly grateful for the support these rangatahi from UN Youth Aotearoa New Zealand provided when they visited us in May. They enjoyed a workshop session with our CEO Gavin Findlay to learn about all things food rescue and then rolled up their sleeves to pack up more than 200 boxes of kai to send out across the motu.



June 2024 - Official AKL DC Opening

We commemorated our move to our new Auckland warehouse with a special event with the Honourable Louise Upston, Minister for Social Development, our various partners including Food Hubs and donors plus our dedicated staff. Guests had the chance to see our new and improved space with a built-in chiller and 130% more storage space plus an original mural artwork piece created by local artist Holly Mafafau to bring some life to our new home.



July 2024 - Kiwifruit Rescue

In partnership with Fletcher Living and Punchbowl PackCo, NZFN led an effort to rescue nutritious kiwifruit from a former orchard site in West Auckland being prepared for development. With a veritable volunteer army of folks from Fair Food, Grace Foundation and McCain, NZFN picked and packed 16 bins of kiwifruit that were then distributed to 8 of our Food Hubs across Auckland.



Aug 2024 - Making "Cool" New Friends

We made new friends at the annual NZ Cold Storage Conference in Queenstown and even scored a new pallet jack for our Christchurch warehouse! We look forward to connecting with more businesses across the food supply and distribution sector at trade shows this year.



Sept 2024 - Making Waste Work

Longtime donor Bidfood saw an opportunity to further reduce their waste and started collecting ice packs from their regular fresh salmon deliveries from the South Island for our use. We then distributed to our Food Hubs to use when distributing food parcels requiring temperature control over longer distances.



Oct 2024 - World Food Day

Our year-long giving campaign, Pitch In, wrapped up on World Food Day – an international day created by the UN to promote awareness of hunger and food insecurity. We were pleased to share that we had filled Eden Park twice – not just once – over – exceeding our goal and raising the equivalent of more than 200,000 meals.



Nov 2024 - Up the Volunteers!

Eight rugby league stars from the Warriors put in extra mahi in the off-season when they volunteered alongside rangitahi from TYLA Youth Development Trust. Together, they packed parcels of pantry goods and over-labelled much-needed dairy products - processing more than 3,000 meal equivalents in one shift.



Dec 2024 - A Very Cheez-y Christmas

Just in time for the busy holiday season where our hubs distribute more food parcels, we were the lucky benefactors of a cheeky prank pulled by local celebrity Ben Boyce's daughters. After filling dad's car with the new to NZ snack sensation Cheez It Snap'd, daughter Siena and Ben dropped off the nearly pallet's worth of crunchy snack goodness to our Auckland warehouse.



Jan 2025 - Tonnes of Tomatoes

With summer season well underway, we were fortunate to receive an influx of tomatoes from founding donor T&G Fresh and their network of growers. At our Auckland DC, we sorted and distributed more than 56,000 kg (more than half a million servings!) worth that were loved and used by our hubs and their recipients in a variety of ways from prepared meals to jars of sauce to salads and burgers.



Feb 2025 - Sustainability Leader of the Year

Our founder Deborah Manning was named a finalist for Sustainability Leader of the Year – and spoiler alert, in March, she won! This was a huge win for Deborah and for the food rescue sector as a whole. Combatting food waste and providing food for those who need it are cornerstones to creating sustainable communities.



Mar 2025 - Foodstuffs Expo

Longtime partner Foodstuffs New Zealand invited us along to their biennial expo in Hamilton – the largest B2B tradeshow in the country with 350+ exhibitors and more than 5,000 attendees. Together with local food rescue, Go Eco, we collected 20 pallets of food weighing just over 8,000 kg including fresh produce, chilled, frozen and other assorted groceries that were distributed across the Waikato and beyond.





The Network in Action



Since its founding in 2020, NZFN has become a vital part of the overall food security ecosystem for Aotearoa.



Donors and Partners

Businesses identify donations – whether it be bulk surplus or intentional gifts of food and household essentials or financial support.

New Zealand Food Network

NZFN receives, sorts and stores donated product or purchases pantry essentials to support charities across the motu. We then redistribute the goods in manageable quantities to Food Hubs at no cost to them or the donor.

NZFN Food Hubs

Food charities strategically selected and registered based on geography, capacity and infrastructure receive pallets of food.

Recipients

Our Food Hubs collectively reach more than 2,000 community organisations – food and household essentials end up filling food parcels, stocking the shelves of food pantries and social supermarkets, or are cooked into delicious community meals – ultimately feeding those across their communities who need it most.

“Basic food staples, including baked beans are invaluable to the whānau and kaumatua we support. These contributions help create comforting nutritious meals, offering both sustenance and a sense of stability during challenging times.”

Hokonui Marae, supported by KiwiHarvest Invercargill



What We Collect



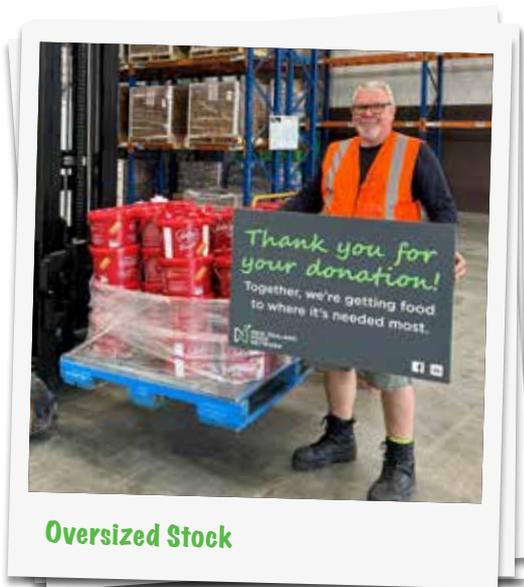
Surplus Produce

We collect or receive bins of produce across the year when there is surplus in the market. This is often dictated by seasonal harvests and retail standards. We sort the vege or fruit into more manageable 10-15kg boxes for distribution across our network. In the last year we've seen an amazing variety of all the goodness grown across the country – from apples and kiwifruit to carrots, onions, tomatoes, kumara, mushrooms and more.



Surplus Household Items

Even though Food is what's in our name, we're also happy to take other items that may be of use to our hubs or families across the motu. In the last year, this has included personal hygiene and period products, bottled water and even decommissioned postal bins.



Oversized Stock

Some of our partners sell product to foodservice and hospitality clients. While a 3kg tub of cream cheese, 5kg bag of flour or 30kg barrel of beetroot puree might not be practical for distribution to households, some of our hubs offer meal services or cooking classes where bulk ingredients like this can be put to good use!



Intentional Gifts

Founding donors Sanitarium and Fonterra have sent us their surplus stock from the beginning, but did you also know that they make quarterly deliveries of some of their core products too? Pre-planned, reliable donations like these make it easier for us to keep our hubs well-stocked and help them ensure nutritious options are available to their recipients.



Product Made for Donation

Nestlé has expanded its “All Taste No Waste” initiative across the ditch after a successful launch with Food Bank Australia. The one-pot meal flavour sachets are created specifically for New Zealand Food Network and its recipient hubs and partners as an easy way to make a meal out of other donated products like produce and dairy. In Auckland, Bread & Butter Bakery have been dedicating a portion of their bakery output directly to charity, including nearly 2,000 loaves of fresh, naturally fermented sourdough and fruit bun packs via NZFN weekly. We’d love to hear what product your company could create for us and our recipients!



Surplus Grocery Goods

We also collect pallets of ambient and chilled grocery items from pasta and rice to coffee and milk; chicken and sausages to sweet treats and lunchbox snacks.



Marketing and Sampling Stock

Sometimes our partners have inventory that’s held outside of their sellable stock – product used for sampling and marketing for instance – so they donate it to us when they no longer have a need for it and our hubs are happy to take companies’ new and well-loved products.



Mislabeled or Recalled Products

Food labelling standards vary from market to market and are also quite strict within New Zealand. When a mistake happens or a product is recalled – say an allergen warning has been missed – we see an opportunity to use our resources to over-label the product with the required information and get perfectly good food out to those who need it. Likewise, if an order destined for overseas is cancelled, we can over-label with whatever is required to distribute it locally. If your company has a product with an issue, we’d love to help you sort out a solution!

Who Gets The Food?



Your donations fuel our mahi and make such a difference right across Aotearoa New Zealand. On behalf of our 65 Food Hubs who supply more than 2,000 community organisations and charities, thank you. Here's what a few of them have to say about the impact your generosity has...

"We are a two-income family, but have had times where we had no food and received food from you, much to our relief. It helped us through the hardest of times. It was so humbling and we felt so grateful and encouraged. Thank you to your supporters and sponsors whom without their support, these acts of humanity would be a lot fewer."

Recipient of food at Feeding Rotorua Charitable Trust



"I work with young people with mental health issues living in supported flats. They have very limited finances and benefit greatly from these food boxes."

Recipient organisation supported by Kaibosh Petone



"It's great to be getting all this salad in the family food boxes. For the families it is so easy, ready to eat and accompany any meal. It's perfect to get that good nutrition out to the families who don't usually have the budget to purchase these products."

Society of St Vincent de Paul Auckland



Other quotes on sticky throughout this report.

Nationwide Distribution Network



NZ Food Network Team



Board of Directors

- › Suneil Connor, Board Chair
- › Erica Benton
- › Wade Gillooly (appointed 24 June 2025)
- › Deborah Manning, ONZM
- › Ian Proudfoot (appointed 24 June 2025)
- › Ray Te Whiu
- › David Kirk, Board Chair (retired 20 February 2025)

Management Team

- › Gavin Findlay, CEO
- › Deborah Manning, ONZM, Founder and Strategic Advisor
- › Nicki Crosbie, South Island Operations Manager
- › Natalie Lin, Procurement Manager
- › Ramakrishna Marni, North Island Operations Manager
- › Sophie Percy, National Partnerships Manager
- › Martha Swanson, Marketing and Communications Manager

Staff

- › Courtney Clark, Account Manager – Food Hubs
- › Jana Godoy, Logistics Administrator
- › Karina De Sousa, Office Manager
- › Hayden Hamilton, Marketing and Communications Specialist
- › Ken Hart, Lead Hand – Auckland
- › Joni Helle, Warehouse Operator – Christchurch
- › Jerry Jesuraj, Warehouse Operator - Auckland
- › Geoff Palensky, Class 2 Driver – Auckland
- › Abi Reed, Corporate Donor Relations Manager
- › Sarah Siddons, Customer Experience Coordinator
- › Jatinder Singh, Warehouse Operator – Auckland
- › Ranjodh Singh, Warehouse Operator – Auckland
- › Vimlesh Singh, Finance Assistant
- › Diana Suryadevara, Planning Manager
- › Fred Te Moananui, Warehouse Staff – Auckland
- › Mose Vaiouga, Warehouse Supervisor – Auckland
- › Kath Weir, Team Leader - Christchurch



Board and Staff lists as of 30 September 2025

Our Supporters



Funding Partner



MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

Founding Donors

Fonterra, Sanitarium and T&G were among the first to support us and remain committed to our mission 5 years on. They help ensure we have a steady supply of some of the items our Food Hubs need most – dairy, breakfast foods and fresh produce.



Dairy for life

In the 2024-2025 financial year, Fonterra contributed more than 475,000 kg of product including surplus and intentional donations. They are our single largest source of dairy products including milks, butter, cheese and yoghurt. Most importantly, they provide us with a monthly gift of milk powder to both of our Distribution Centres, allowing us to nearly always have this important source of dairy nutrition on hand for our Food Hubs and their recipient organisations.



In the 2024-2025 financial year, Sanitarium provided nearly 95,000 kg of product including regular gifts of Weet-Bix cereal. Thanks to their generosity, that's more than 2 million servings of their beloved nutritious cereal ending up in the bowls of those in need across the country.



In the 2024-2025 financial year, T&G Fresh were our single largest donor with a whopping 788,174 kg of surplus fruit and vegetables making its way to our North Island Distribution Centre. With their extensive network of growers and product range, we are so fortunate to receive a wide variety of product from them including apples, cabbages, carrots, lettuces, mushrooms, oranges, pears, tomatoes and more.

Food Donors



The majority of stock we distribute is donated by businesses from across the motu and much of it is surplus stock that may have otherwise gone to landfill instead of helping to feed people.

The companies below all contributed food or other household essentials to our cause.

- ★ Indicates this organisation's contributions were all donations of intentionally gifted new stock.
- ♥ Indicates this organisation's contributions were donations of surplus stock and intentionally gifted new stock.
- 🏠 Indicates this organisation is one of our 65 Food Hubs or another charity who, thanks to being a part of our network, were able to redirect a donation that was too large for them to process on their own to NZFN. We were then able to process it and allocate it out to other hubs.

Donation Spotlight: The Pukekohe Growers Loop

It all started with mushrooms. When Mercer Mushrooms contacted us to say they often have surplus mushrooms during the season, we were thrilled. Their issue was managing the transport of their marvellous mushrooms to our Auckland Distribution Centre.



While we typically only have budget available to cover the cost of distributing goods, not collecting them, we knew there had to be a way to get these super valuable, nutritious and much-

requested items in our hands. We had a gap in our schedule on Fridays where we could do a pick-up... but could we really commit to a regular 55 km journey for an only partially-full truck load of produce?

So, we talked with Mercer Mushrooms about other grower donation opportunities in the area and it led to the creation of our Pukekohe Growers Loop on Fridays. It's grown to include Bhana Family Farms, A.S. Wilcox,

- › A.S. Wilcox & Sons Ltd
- › Air New Zealand
- › All Good
- › Americold
- ♥ ANZCO Foods
- › Arnott's Group
- 🏠 Auckland City Mission
- › Auckland Council
- › Auckland Emergency Management
- ♥ Balle Bros Group
- › Beiersdorf
- › Bhana Family Farms
- › Bidfood Auckland South
- › Bluebird Foods Limited
- ★ Bread & Butter Bakery
- › Burger Fuel Group
- › Calbee
- › Champion Flour
- › Cibus Foods Limited
- › City Produce Limited
- › Coca Cola Europacific Partners
- › Coolpak Coolstores Ltd
- › Dad's Pies
- › Dairyworks New Zealand
- › Davis Food Ingredients
- › Delmaine Fine Foods Ltd
- › Diplomat New Zealand
- › Diversey
- › Dry NZ
- › Emma-Jane's Foodservice
- › Envirowaste
- › Epic Dairy
- › Essity
- › EURODELL
- 🏠 Fair Food
- › Farm Frites
- › Farmers Box
- › Farmland Foods Ltd
- ♥ Fish Wharf
- › Fix & Fogg
- ♥ Fonterra Co-Operative Group Ltd
- › Food Chain Ltd
- › Foodstuffs North Island
- › Foodstuffs South Island Ltd
- › Forty Thieves Ltd
- › Free Flow Manufacturing
- › Fresh Direct Ltd
- › Golden Bay Fruit
- › Goodfood Group
- ♥ Goodman Fielder New Zealand Limited
- › GratPak
- › Great Southern Waters
- › GSF Fresh New Zealand Ltd
- › Hellers Ltd
- › HelloFresh
- › House of Fine Foods
- › Hume Pack-N-Cool
- › Infruit
- › J.H. Whittaker & Sons
- › Jacobs Douwe Egberts NZ
- › James Crisp Ltd
- › Jani King
- › Jungle Merchandise

Balle Brothers and Punchbowl PackCo and occasionally additional partners. It makes it easy for these partners to plan their gathering of goods to donate each week and we love knowing we'll almost always have fresh seasonal produce to distribute the following week.

Are you a grower or producer who's maybe a bit further out from Auckland or Christchurch and wants to contribute surplus product to NZFN? Know others like you in the same area? We'd love to chat about creating additional surplus circuits like we have in Pukekohe.



"We run a social supermarket and to be able to provide nutritious and fresh kai to our community who would otherwise go without is a real blessing! One comment was from a mum who said she would usually walk right past these mushrooms in a real supermarket because she would never be able to afford them... she was looking forward to putting them into a stirfry and to boost her kids nutrition!!"

The Salvation Army Lower Hutt, supported by Kiwi Community Assistance Charitable Trust (KCA)

- 🏠 Kairos
- ♥ Kellanova
- › Kenvue
- › Kimberly-Clark New Zealand
- 🏠 Kindness Collective
- 🏠 Kiwi Community Assistance (KCA)
- 🏠 KiwiHarvest
- ♥ KraftHeinz NZ
- › Life Health Foods
- › Linfox Logistics
- › Loft Food Group
- › LSG Sky Chefs
- › M A Orchards Ltd
- ♥ Mainfreight
- › Mars New Zealand Ltd
- › Mars United Commerce
- › Martin Brower
- › McCain
- › McCallum Industries
- › Meadow Mushrooms Ltd
- › Mercer Mushrooms Ltd
- 🏠 Meremere Community Development Committee Inc Charity
- › Mondelez
- › Murdoch Manufacturing Ltd
- › Natural Pet Food Group
- ♥ Nestlé New Zealand Ltd
- › New Zealand Creameries
- › New Zealand Medical & Scientific (NZMS)
- › Nexus Logistics
- 🏠 Nourished for Nil
- › NZ Drinks Ltd
- › NZ Food Innovation Network (The Food Bowl)
- › Oakley's Premium Fresh Vegetables Ltd
- › Odi Nutrition
- › Organo Gold New Zealand Ltd
- › Otoki New Zealand Ltd
- › Paramount Merchandise Company Ltd
- › Pavé Ltd
- › Penati
- › Plant and Food Research
- ♥ Primary Connect NZ

Donation Spotlight: Partnering with 3PL Providers

From the start, New Zealand Food Network, and the food rescue sector generally, have tapped into the production, manufacturing, supply and retail links of the supply chain to source donations and help reduce waste going to landfill.

From getting donations direct from farms and packhouses or from production facilities and distribution centres for major brands, we were catching a lot of the opportunities across the different stages in the lifecycle of a product.

In the last year, however, we've found a new link in the chain that can play a big part in helping companies avoid waste – their third-party

logistics service providers (3PL). A 3PL may provide transport, cold item storage or general warehousing services for a variety of companies in a variety of locations. Sometimes there are unanticipated issues that result in a 3PL provider holding stock that can't be sold. In many cases, the 3PL may return the stock to the client or the client may ask them to dispose of the stock – both of which come at an added cost to the client and with potential for unnecessary waste.

Enter NZFN. When we have a relationship with a 3PL, they can then offer to facilitate a donation of this stock to NZFN on behalf of their client. Even better, sometimes that 3PL can manage the transport of the stock to either of our Distribution Centres.

Case in point? Canterbury cold storage company, Coolpak Coolstores was holding multiple totes of frozen peas for their customer when one was deemed unfit for export due to its packaging.



- › Primepac NZ
- › Punchbowl PackCo
- › Quality Foods Southland Ltd
- › RD2 International Ltd
- › Roti Bros
- › Round Pizza Ltd
- › Royal Canin
- › San Remo NZ Ltd
- ♥ Sanitarium Health Food Company
- › SC Johnson
- › Scalzo Foods
- › Sea Treasure
- › Sealord Group Limited
- › Seeka Limited
- › Service Foods
- › Simplot New Zealand
- › Southern Paprika Limited
- › Store Rite
- › Suntory Oceania
- › Surge SMC
- › T&G Global
- › Talley's Group
- › Taste Greece
- › Tasti Products Ltd
- › Team Global Express
- ♥ Tegel Foods
- › The a2 Milk Company Limited
- › The Griffin's Food Company
- › The Humble Oat Co. Ltd
- ♥ The Period Place
- 🏠 The Salvation Army
- › The Trusts Arena
- › Tip Top
- › Tokyo Food
- ★ Trevelyan
- › Unilever Food Solutions
- › Waione Onions
- › Westland Milk Products
- 🏠 Whakaora Kai
- 🏠 Whangarei Lions Club
- › Wilson Consumer Products
- › Woolworths New Zealand Limited

However, the peas within were perfectly fine for consumption. Coolpak didn't want to see all this good food go to waste and, with their customer's permission, donated the big bins filled with peas to NZFN. Wondering what we did with all those peas? Well, what we do with a lot of produce, we repacked it into more manageable-sized cartons for use by our Food Hubs across the South Island. Since initiating this partnership with Coolpak, together we've now rescued more than 11,000 kg of peas – that's more than 130,000 servings!

We're now working with other logistics companies, including Hall's Group and Lineage Logistics, to embed the option for donations to NZFN into their company-wide "Disposal of Food Policy." If you work with 3PL companies or if your company has its own Food Waste policy, let's work together to make sure NZFN is a part of the policy so that we can avoid good food going to landfill every step of the way!



"Your service is a lifeline for some whānau, keep up the great mahi."

Honeybee Preschool, served by Satisfy Food Rescue

"Recently you gave us 20kg of onions. We were able to bag some up to give to our guests over a couple of weeks, and we also made French onion soup with cheese toasties which our guests really enjoyed. Thankyou."

The Salvation Army Johnsonville - supported by Kiwi Community Assistance Charitable Trust (KCA)

Financial Donors



We also accept financial donations from businesses and individuals. All financial donations are used to purchase food which we then distribute through our network.

Corporates

- › Farm Source
- › Foodstuffs North Island
- › Humes NZ
- › Kai with Love
- › Nokia NZ Ltd
- › Pak'n Save Glen Innes
- › Starbucks New Zealand
- › Ulti Group Ltd
- › Woolworths New Zealand Limited
- › Zespri International Limited

Individuals

- › Kim Alexander
- › Frank Bates
- › Gadi Bental
- › Denise Burke
- › Helen Conor
- › Malcolm Cox
- › Aaron Dalziel
- › Meg Dismer
- › Kahurangi Hillier
- › Melanie Ingram
- › Robyn Langsford
- › Mo Larking
- › Thomas Lumley
- › Wayne MacGillivray
- › Elizabeth Maloney
- › Deborah Manning
- › Solomon Marshall
- › David Newheiser
- › Kevin Obern
- › Mohammed Pathan
- › Himanshu Shah
- › Katherine Slaney
- › Pam Sue
- › Michael Tarr
- › S J Terekia
- › Ho Ying Yuen



"A stable supply of milk powder and fresh veggies means our community is eating better, healthier meals, and the little treats make the stress of standing in line getting food bearable."

**Te Ora Hou Whanganui,
supported by City Mission
Whanganui**

Packing and Sorting for a Cause – NZFN Volunteers



Volunteering at NZFN is a great way to give back to your community, bond with your colleagues and get amongst what we do at our Auckland and Christchurch Distribution Centres. Our volunteers happily don hi-vis gear and gloves and get stuck in on a variety of tasks – packing food parcels, sorting through fruit and veg or helping out with some relabelling. We couldn't do what we do without their help! For the year ended 31 March 2025, here's what they did.



1,087

Meal equivalents created by each volunteer, on average



489 kg

Average weight moved per volunteer



144

Volunteer shifts



2,733+ hrs

of volunteering



911

Volunteers in total



Thank you for your time and mahi!

Organisations and Businesses

- › 2Degrees
- › Air New Zealand
- › Airways New Zealand
- › Americold
- › Animates
- › ANZ
- › Auckland Council
- › AUT
- › Barfoot & Thompson
- › Beam Suntory
- › Beca
- › Blue Frog Breakfast
- › BNZ
- › Buddle Findlay
- › Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- › Connexis
- › Deloitte
- › Dentsu
- › DHL
- › DUAL New Zealand
- › Emma Lewisham
- › EnviroNZ
- › Expedia
- › Feeding Rotorua Charitable Trust
- › Finance Now
- › Fletcher Living
- › Fonterra
- › GPC Asia Pacific
- › Hilti
- › Humes
- › Indevin
- › IQVIA
- › Jani King
- › JW Marriott
- › Kainga Ora
- › Kellanova
- › Kiwibank
- › Latitude Financial Services
- › LexisNexis
- › LocilaQ
- › Mars
- › Microsoft
- › Nestlé
- › NZMA
- › NZ Warriors
- › Oyster Group
- › Pinnacle Life
- › QBE
- › Ranstad
- › Salesforce
- › Sanitarium
- › Southern Cross
- › Starbucks
- › Suntory Global Spirits
- › Suntory Oceania
- › Sustainable Business Network
- › T&G
- › Talogy

- › Telus Health
- › TYLA Youth Development Trust
- › Ulti Group
- › UN Youth
- › Vitaco
- › Volunteering Auckland
- › Westpac
- › WSP
- › Xero

Community Members

- › Keziah Aurelio
- › Mandy Caldwell
- › Raisa Velasco Castedo
- › Kylemore Evans-Parker
- › Jake Findlay
- › Brian Fong
- › Hoi Nam Fung
- › Kerry Heard
- › Diana Honey
- › Jenny Lee
- › Justin Maher
- › Luis Mentel
- › Barbara Schlumpf
- › Cora Xiong
- › Yaoye Yin
- › Ma Rhodora Yumul

"The personal care items were popular and people were really grateful to receive them - it will allow them to buy a little more food the following week."

Rotorua Whakaora



Our Vision:

A New Zealand where no food is wasted and everyone has access to sufficient, nutritious and culturally-appropriate food.



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