LEAVE NO CROP BEHIND!

BOSTON AREA GLEANERS
2019 IMPACT REPORT
DEAR BAG FAMILY,

Given all that has happened over the last couple of months, it can be challenging to remember anything that happened before COVID-19 - and yet it is so important that we do not forget our joys and accomplishments of the past year.

For us at Boston Area Gleaners, the last year was one filled with big changes and huge successes. We achieved our goal of distributing over one million pounds of local, fresh produce in a single season. We received national recognition for our innovative programs and enjoyed local press coverage of our important work.

Most importantly we enjoyed gleaning with our BAG family and invited new members (myself included) into this special community. As always, our amazing team worked tirelessly alongside our dedicated volunteers to bring in the harvest. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, farmers, donors and grantors for supporting us in our efforts.

The uncertainty of the coming weeks and months can be daunting, but I invite you to read our annual report and celebrate the past. We are proud of what we have accomplished and are optimistic about the future.

With warm regards,

USHA THAKRAR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WE RESCUED OVER ONE MILLION POUNDS

POUNDS OF PRODUCE GLEANED

1,134,348

TOTAL POUNDS

POUNDS DISTRIBUTED ON BEHALF OF PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

987,772

146,576

"They make it easy for us. One year they took over 35 tons off my farm. It makes me feel good knowing [the food is] being distributed by a well-oiled organization."

- Carl Hills, Owner, Kimball Fruit Farm
Through working with regional food banks we reach over 2,000 agencies across New England.
**REFED ACCELERATOR FINALIST**

We were honored to be selected as a finalist in the highly competitive Food Recovery Accelerator hosted by ReFED, a renowned leader and innovator in the field of food waste. We were able to refine our systems with support from experts in the field, take the center stage to pitch our model to hundreds of people during the International Food Waste Summit in San Francisco and launch several national collaborative projects through connections made.

**NEW LEADERSHIP**

“Usha Thakrar’s skill set, experience, and knowledge base is exactly the right leadership recipe for BAG at this time. I honestly could not be more thrilled to have her at the helm as we move into the next decade and pursue our vision for harnessing the power of surplus for the benefit of everyone in our food system.”

-Laurie “Duck” Caldwell
Inaugural Executive Director

**EDIBLE: BOSTON**

Boston Area Gleaners’ work was featured on the cover of Edible Boston. The article includes interviews with volunteers, farmers and our hunger relief partners.

**WBZ**

Meteorologist, Sarah Wroblewski of WBZ News joined our Operations Team in the field to learn about gleaning. WBZ spotlights why our work is so necessary from the perspective of our volunteers, recipient agencies, and staff.
The Ludke Foundation

In-kind value of donated food: $1,611,869
Cost per pound of food rescued: $0.60

Financials:
- Revenue: $758,205
- Expenses: $784,593

Revenue Sources:
- Special Events: $25,503
- Foundation: $374,853
- Earned: $159,549
- Individual Giving: $117,661
- Corporate: $80,639

Expense Categories:
- Compensation: $431,055
- Admin & Fundraising: $182,428
- Program: $171,110

Our funders who make this work possible: [List of logos]

[The Claneil Foundation, Cummings Foundation, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, The Sudbury Foundation, DCU, General Mills, JFF, Johnson Family Foundation]
“I feel as though I do more good as a gleaner than I did as a doctor. Providing nutritious food to people in need is a real public health measure.”

-Sally Thompson, Volunteer

640 UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS 4,571 VOLUNTEER HOURS 386 NEW VOLUNTEERS

“Because we participate in the local food system, part of our mission is to provide food to a wide variety of customers. The gleaners connect the dots on that opportunity to get produce to people who need it.”

-Chris Kurth, Owner, Sienna Farms

STAFF VOLUNTEER WORK

GAINING GROUND
COMMUNITY SERVINGS
DAILY TABLE
FAIR FOODS
“BAG has the right team to lead food recovery at the farm-level. They’re a very impressive team. They’re doing great work and have proven themselves to be a sustainable model.”

- ReFED Final Evaluation

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

We are a national leader in the field of gleaning and farm-level surplus management. As a non-profit organization with an educational component to our work, we are committed to training the next generation of food system change agents.

Our apprenticeship program provides a comprehensive overview of the regional food system in New England and focuses on how gleaning can take underutilized resources to create positive change and innovative food distribution models.