

IMPACT REPORT



Solving the problem

With one in nine Georgians facing hunger - and one in seven children - we can't afford to waste one crumb of food. Bagel Rescue aims to reduce food waste and support hunger relief, one bagel at a time by partnering with **36 local bakeries** to “rescue” unsold bagels and donate them to neighbors in need.

Instead of filling landfills, we're filling bellies!

To date, Bagel Rescue has made more than **10,000 bagel deliveries** totaling over **1.4 million bagels** and counting. Each week our team of **125+ tenacious volunteers** deliver to more than **100 partner agencies** in nine counties of Metro Atlanta that work to combat food insecurity, including shelters, food pantries, youth programs, street outreach efforts, and more. We're feeding the environment too: our efforts have saved an equivalent amount of Co2 as **23k full grown trees in one year.**

A bagel is more than just a bagel – It's nourishment, love, and a bite of dignity for those in need, especially those in underserved communities.

Bagel Rescue strives to solve problems facing our community by connecting causes in ways that truly make a difference to everyone involved. Our mission encompasses hunger relief, social justice, and the environmental impact of food waste.

Going from just a few deliveries a week in 2021 to over 100 has been an exciting and fast-paced journey. Our grassroots approach is mighty and has resulted in an epic chain of goodness in Atlanta communities.

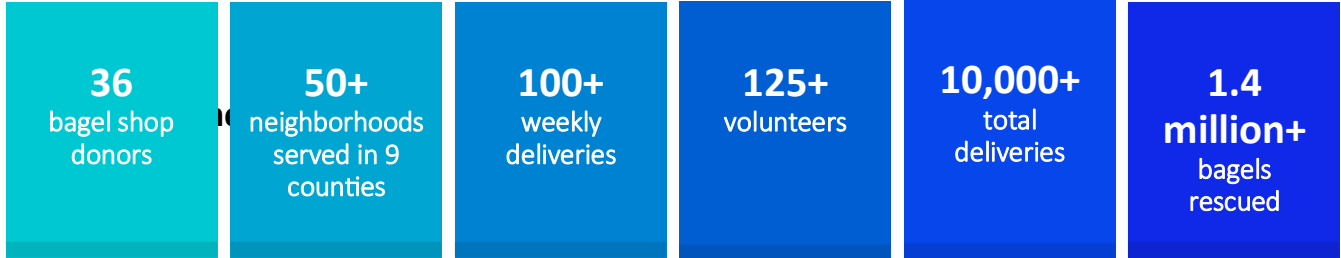
We are currently working on **sustainability and capacity building** to increase the success of our program. Our continued endeavors include:

- ④ Add Regional Storage Hubs to our existing four locations to manage bagel logistics.
- ④ Maintain & improve volunteer management systems to efficiently coordinate routes.
- ④ Expand marketing efforts to recruit additional volunteers, food donors, and recipient partners.
- ④ Dedicate research to collaboration with food rescue and distribution agencies in Atlanta and beyond.
- ④ Educate the community on the causes Bagel Rescue represents and how to be part of the solution to these critical issues.
- ④ Increase bagel packaging workshops that engage community groups that want to get involved in meaningful service activities.

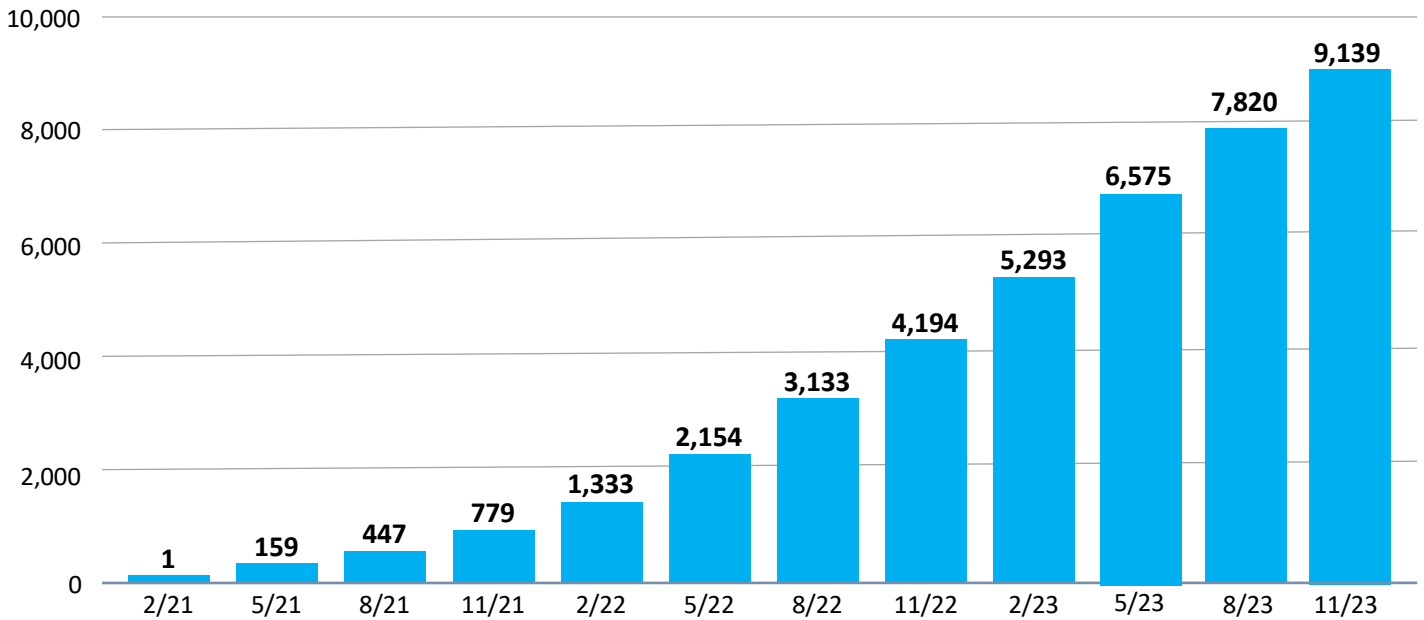
Please visit our website at BagelRescue.com to learn more about Bagel Rescue and to check out our recent media coverage, and join our network on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn (@BagelRescue).

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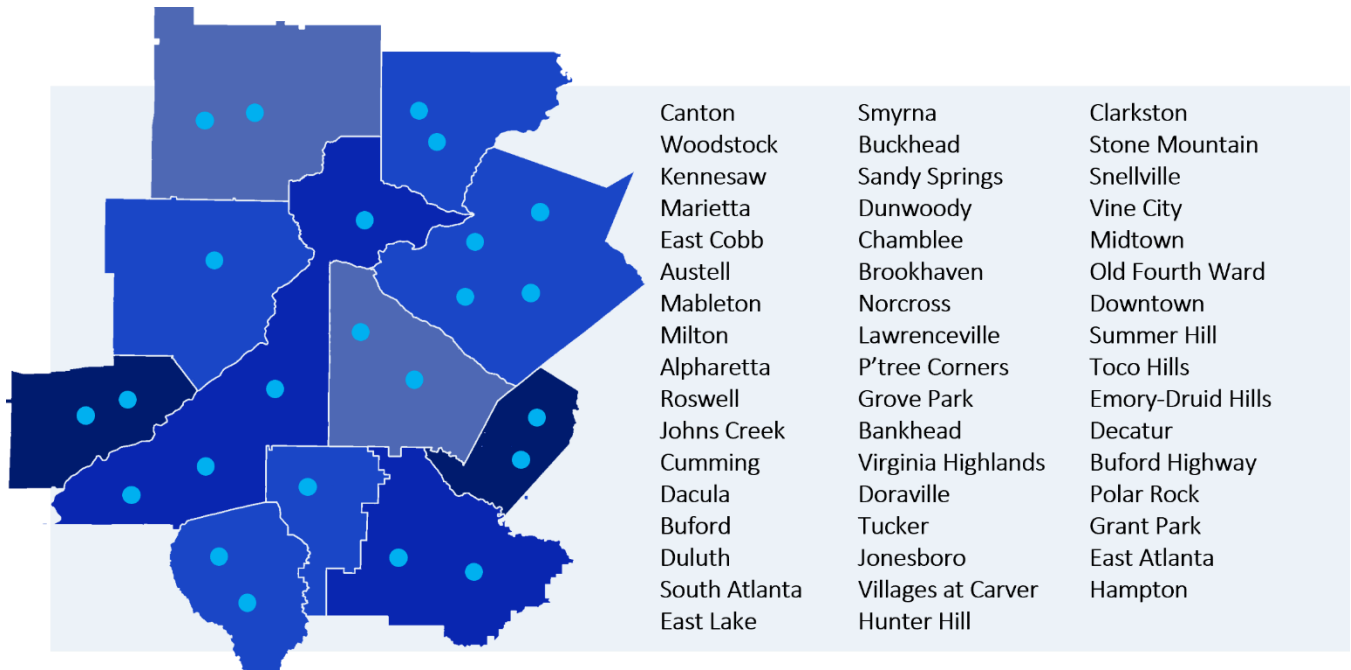
Bagel Rescue by the Numbers



Delivery History



Feeding Neighbors *Where They Live*



Partner Agencies

Food Pantries	Shelters	Street Outreach Efforts	Youth Programs & Senior Centers	Housing Projects	Extended Stay Hotels
Addiction Recovery Facilities	Food Co-ops	Hospital & University Residences	Frontline Workers	Firefighters & Police Officers	

Thank you for helping us bring bagel rescue full circle to break the cycle of waste and pain & create a cycle of hope & kindness.



The Full Circle Benefits of Bagel Rescue

Bagel Rescue is a bridge that connects resources and people in powerful ways.

Hunger Relief – Weekly Stats

- 1 We deliver to 100+ partner agencies.
- 2 We feed 12,000-16,000 people; at least one-third of them are children.
- 3 We reach neighbors where they live – in shelters, at local food pantries, in community youth & senior programs, and on the streets.
- 4 Our outreach extends to 50+ neighborhoods in 9 counties of metro Atlanta.
- 5 We aim to be a food resource for all in need regardless of race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, or gender identity.



Health & Wellbeing

- 1 Food is a most basic need and no one can reach their potential without it.
- 2 Nutrition impacts physical, cognitive, and emotional health.
- 3 Those who experience hunger are more likely to suffer from chronic diseases.
- 4 Bagel Rescue can take the stress of providing a meal off the shoulders of the families and individuals we support.
- 5 Repurposing good food frees up funds to be spent on other resources to help those in need.

Environment

- 1 Instead of filling landfills, we're filling bellies.
- 2 Since our inception, Bagel Rescue has saved approximately 1.1 million lbs. of CO2 by keeping bagels out of landfills.
- 3 That's the equivalent to the CO2 removed by 23k full grown trees in one year.

Food Justice

- 1 Bagel Rescue pushes into communities with limited resources to deliver food where it is needed most.
- 2 Food is a human right. No one can feel valued in the world if their basic needs are not met.
- 3 Food insecurity disproportionately affects marginalized, underserved, and minority communities.
- 4 Without access to food resources, the cycle of unfavorable outcomes continues.

Education

- 1 Reducing waste and hunger, and working towards food equality takes awareness, resources, and passion. We teach students of all ages the value of this important work to make a difference in the world.

Community

- 1 Our model is built on hyper-local efficiency so bagel donors, volunteers, and recipients are in the same community.
- 2 Solving problems and connecting causes takes a community approach.
- 3 We connect those with hands to lend to those in need of helping hands.



Partner Agencies

Filling bellies instead of landfills... One Bagel at a time!

Supporting 40+ neighborhoods in 9 metro counties

- 🍞 7 Bridges to Recovery
- 🍞 Action Ministries
- 🍞 All Saints | Covenant Community
- 🍞 Amerigroup
- 🍞 Angie's Kitchen
- 🍞 Arrival Inn Cobb County
- 🍞 Atlanta Community Food Bank
- 🍞 Atlanta Free Fridge
- 🍞 Backpack Buddies
- 🍞 Branan Towers
- 🍞 Boys & Girls Club of Atlanta
- 🍞 Brookhaven UMC
- 🍞 Buford Family Community Center
- 🍞 Catholic Charities
- 🍞 Catholic Church of St. Ann
- 🍞 City of Refuge
- 🍞 Chris180
- 🍞 Church of the Common Ground
- 🍞 Clarkston Community Center
- 🍞 Clifton Sanctuary Ministries
- 🍞 Clyde's Kitchen
- 🍞 Creating Connected Communities
- 🍞 Creekside Church
- 🍞 Collins Memorial
- 🍞 Covenant House
- 🍞 DEAM
- 🍞 Duluth Co-op
- 🍞 East Atlanta Kids Club
- 🍞 Economy Inn Roswell
- 🍞 Elizabeth Foundation
- 🍞 Eye Believe Foundation
- 🍞 The Extension Men's Shelter
- 🍞 The Extension Women's Shelter
- 🍞 Family Life Resource Center
- 🍞 FAVOR
- 🍞 Feed Marietta
- 🍞 Feeding Georgia Families
- 🍞 First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta
- 🍞 First Presbyterian of Marietta
- 🍞 Food4Life
- 🍞 Food4Lives
- 🍞 Fountain of Hope
- 🍞 Friendship Baptist Church
- 🍞 Friendship Center at HC
- 🍞 Frontline Response
- 🍞 Georgia Food & Resource Center
- 🍞 Giving Grace
- 🍞 Good Samaritan Health Center
- 🍞 Greater Bethel AME Church
- 🍞 Hamilton Mill UMC
- 🍞 Healthy Youth USA
- 🍞 Heike's House of Helping Hands
- 🍞 Hightower Baptist Association
- 🍞 Hospitality House
- 🍞 Holy Cross Catholic Church
- 🍞 Hunter Hill Baptist Church
- 🍞 I Care Atlanta
- 🍞 Jerusalem House
- 🍞 Jewish Family & Career Services
- 🍞 The Jewish Tower
- 🍞 Joseph's Storehouse at Grace Life
- 🍞 Klemi's Kitchen at GA Tech
- 🍞 KSU Cares
- 🍞 Landmark Church
- 🍞 Latin American Association
- 🍞 Lawrenceville Co-Op Ministries
- 🍞 Lost and Found Youth Center
- 🍞 Malachi Storehouse at St. Patrick's
- 🍞 Manna House
- 🍞 Mary Our Queen Catholic Church
- 🍞 Meals by Grace
- 🍞 Mercy Care Chamblee
- 🍞 Mercy Care Gateway Center
- 🍞 Metro Atlanta Fire Stations
- 🍞 Metro Atlanta Police Stations
- 🍞 Mt. Pisgah UMC
- 🍞 Mt. Welcome Baptist Church
- 🍞 MUST Ministries: Hope House
- 🍞 My Neighbor's Pantry
- 🍞 My Sister's House
- 🍞 Neighborhood Co-Op Ministries
- 🍞 Networks Co-Op Mission
- 🍞 Never Alone Food Pantry
- 🍞 No Longer Bound
- 🍞 Noonday Storehouse Ministries
- 🍞 Norcross Schools Cluster
- 🍞 North Avenue Presbyterian Church
- 🍞 Northside Hospital
- 🍞 Our Lady of Assumption
- 🍞 PAWKids
- 🍞 The Place at Forsyth
- 🍞 Positive Growth
- 🍞 Purpose World Church
- 🍞 Raising Expectations
- 🍞 Rebecca's Tent
- 🍞 Red Roof Inn N. Druid Hills
- 🍞 Restoring One's Hope in Atlanta
- 🍞 Ronald McDonald House
- 🍞 Roswell Senior Center
- 🍞 Salvation Army International Corps
- 🍞 Salvation Army Kroc Atlanta
- 🍞 Salvation Army Marietta
- 🍞 Salvation Army Red Shield Shelter
- 🍞 Salvation Army Rehab Center
- 🍞 Salvation Army Temple Corps
- 🍞 Samaritan House
- 🍞 The Sandwich Project
- 🍞 Satisfied
- 🍞 Sheltering Arms
- 🍞 Solidarity Food Pantry
- 🍞 Soldier's Angels
- 🍞 Soul Factory Food Pantry
- 🍞 St. Brigid Catholic Church
- 🍞 St. Michael Archangel Church
- 🍞 St. James United Methodist Church
- 🍞 St. Joseph's Catholic Church
- 🍞 St. Patrick's Catholic Church
- 🍞 St. Peter's Chanel Catholic Church
- 🍞 Stella Love Non-Profit
- 🍞 Summerhill Community Ministries
- 🍞 Sustaining Ministries
- 🍞 Suther's Center
- 🍞 Toco Hills Community Alliance
- 🍞 Unity Church
- 🍞 Urban Recipe
- 🍞 Villa International
- 🍞 Well Refugee
- 🍞 World Harvest Church
- 🍞 YELLS
- 🍞 YMCAs of Metra Atlanta
- 🍞 Zaban Paradies Center
- 🍞 The Zone

"We really love collaborating with you! I love the way that you get the word out about both food insecurity and the way Bagel rescue simultaneously decreases food waste. Thank you so much for supporting our families!"

- Anna Longacre, Feed Marietta

"Bagel Rescue is a favorite among many of our clients here at the Lawrenceville Co-Op. But without a doubt, it is a huge benefit to our homeless clients. Many of them don't have a way to heat up food and to get a freshly made bagel is a real treat."

- Lisa Engberg, Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry

"Everyday customers pull up and ask do we have bagels today? They are very excited to get them."

- Debbie Ginocchio, Sweetwater Mission

"Donations from Bagel Rescue are essential in our client choice pantry because it is so important for our neighbors to have plenty of variety and choice, both for the sake of dignity and the diversity of the community we serve."

- Stephanie Suggs, NETWorks Cooperative Ministries

"During a school break week, one of our pantry guests who is the mother of several school aged children shared with gratitude and emotion 'Thank you so much! These bagels are helping at the perfect time, as it is so hard to feed the children when they are not getting meals at school'".

- Carolyn Dail, St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church Food Pantry

"A member came into the building one day and the first thing that hit them was the aroma of the bagels. The smell unlocked a memory for that and sparked joy because it reminded them of their childhood and visiting a local bakery in their hometown with their family. They were so happy to take home a bag of bagels that day."

- Tahp Sharp, The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Community Center

What our rescuers have to say about why they volunteer with Bagel Rescue

"The experience to connect with Bagel Rescue stakeholders in terms of sharing with each other humanism, gratitude, compassion, and the kindness of giving.

"All of the heartfelt thank yous I get each day on my regular delivery route. The same people profusely thank me each and every week. Does the heart good."

"I love the mission of this group from the moment I heard the story and wanted to be a part of it in any way I could. I love how something as little as a bagel helps connect our community, our cultures, our families!"

"I feel like I have helped feed many people. This small organization has grown from a single family doing something very worthwhile for their community, to a large, very useful group of volunteers helping feed many individuals in the large Atlanta community."

"It's always beautiful to give and know its appreciated and makes a difference for the families."

"The smiles on the faces of the bagel donors and the people who choose the bagels at the self-select food pantry"



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