

More Than a Place to Eat – A Place Where Stranger Become Neighbors

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, my name is Tomaiya Stafford, and I'm the Founder and Executive Director of *There's More Soup Kitchens (TMSK)* — a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Newnan, GA. I created TMSK with the desire to help alleviate the burden of food insecurity on my neighbors, but I won't be able to do it all on my own. **Will you join forces with me and be a part of the solution to fighting hunger in our community.**

As we are trying to secure enough funding for our pay-what-you-can food truck and restaurant in Atlanta, we prepare meals for both our Atlanta and Newnan neighbors on a bi-monthly basis. With your help, we would like to do this on a weekly basis for about 300 of our neighbors. Our nonprofit is new to the community, so we do not have tons of financial support from donors. With this in mind, we hope to be able to alleviate some of our costs by partnering with organizations like your own. We hope to be able to **rescue any surplus food** that you have and turn it into **healthy, nutritious meals for our neighbors.**

Did You Know?

Nearly 40% of food in the United States is never eaten. Your organization (restaurant, grocery store, school, etc.) can help TMSK reduce this waste and fight hunger by donating unused produce, meat, bread, canned goods, and other prepared foods. We are working hard to secure partnerships across the city so that your donations will be paired with donations from across town. Every bit helps us to be able to feed as many of our neighbors as possible and on a more frequent basis. You are protected from criminal and civil liability under the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act and are entitled to a charitable tax deduction “for donations of fit and wholesome food to non-profit charitable organizations that serve the needy.” Additionally, our volunteers who repurpose donated food into healthy meals are always supervised by one of our ServSafe certified volunteers to ensure food safety.

Examples of how you can make an impact:

- **Restaurants**- Do you ever have any extra meat, produce, or grains that you have prepared or plan to throw away at the end of the day? A shipment that wasn't meant for your restaurant? We can use it! We can take it and make meals for our neighbors and even freeze some until we have enough to make a large batch of soup or a few casserole dishes.
- **Schools**- Do you ever have pans of meals, meat, produce, or grains that don't appear back on your menu for the rest of the week? A shipment that wasn't meant for your school? We could use it! We get creative and don't have a limit to what we can use to serve our neighbors.
- **Grocery Stores**- Do you have any frozen meals or surplus food items? A shipment that wasn't meant for your store? We can use it! We can take it and make meals for our neighbors and even freeze some until we have enough to make a large batch of soup or a few casserole dishes.
- **Gas Stations**- Do you have any snacks or beverages that need to come off the shelves but are still in good shape? We can use it! These can be used as sides or put in grocery bags for our neighbors.
- **Catering/Banquets**- Do you have any leftover pans of meals or desserts? We can use it!
- **Miscellaneous items**- Donations of hygiene products, dog food, and clothing could be included in our grocery care bags as well.
- **Know of anyone else that would be able to help us out?** Please share this letter with them.

Any surplus items that we do not use to prepare our meals will be included in the grocery bags that we hand out to our neighbors. If you're interested in partnering with us or learning more, please contact us.

With gratitude,
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