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FIRST QUARTER IMPACT REPORT



Food Value
\$316,021



Pounds Distributed
160,417 LBS



Number of Meals
133,681

SPRING: ROOTING IN DEEP

Dear Friends,

Spring has a way of quietly reminding us where true strength begins. It is not in what's seen, but in what's unseen. Long before flowers bloom or branches bud, it's the roots beneath the surface doing the essential work: drawing in nutrients, anchoring growth, and equipping the plant to withstand shifting winds and changing weather.

At Urban Recipe, this season mirrors where we find ourselves as an organization. Our growth and resilience are made possible by the deep roots we've established over time—roots nourished by the generosity of our donors, the steady commitment of our partners, and the trust of our co-op members. These relationships form the living network beneath everything we do.

Because our roots are deep and alive, we are able to nourish others. We can respond to new needs, weather challenges, and stay grounded in our mission to build food security with dignity and community.

This spring, we continue to tend to our people and make sure they get the food they need. Whether they have been part of our community for a while or newly find themselves needing support, we work hard to provide a place of growth and life. As the world around us bursts into color and life, we're taking a moment to celebrate the strength beneath it all. Thank you for being part of what keeps us rooted and growing.

With gratitude,

Jeremy Lewis
Executive Director
Urban Recipe



As some of you may know, there have been some recent federal and state policy changes that impact food programming. While to date, we have not been directly affected, we are continuing to respond to the impact these changes have on our partners and our community members. We continue to be committed to promoting food security and dignity in Atlanta. Thank you for being part of this mission.

CO-OPS HAVE MULTIGENERATIONAL IMPACT

One thing that defines a strong community is deeply rooted relationships. At Urban Recipe, we aim to build robust relationships rooted in respect and the dignity of every person involved. Most of our co-op members were referred to the program by word of mouth, but some of those referrals came from somewhere even closer – within the family.



In Co-op 1, Joann joined co-op alongside her cousin, Jackie, back in the early 2000s. She received the invitation to join just as she lost her job and was questioning how she would provide groceries for her family. Since then, Joann's daughter Vicky has also joined. "My doing good has rubbed off on her," Joann said, "Trying to make people happy is something Vicky is good at." Jackie left co-op a few years ago, but Joann still ensures her cousin has food, sometimes sharing her co-op groceries or driving her to the store or nearby pantries for food when she has an irregular need. The care for community and family extends beyond the co-op meeting.

Jessica, the Vice President of our Slater Elementary Co-op, took initiative to invite her mother, Freda, to co-op. Over time, her mom saw the impact Jessica was having on her community and her own family and chose to join as well. Shortly after, Jessica's aunt, Marcia, also became a member. Jessica shared that being in co-op with her family allowed her to receive support, but also to support her mom and her community. "I am proud [of my mom] because she has always shown me determination and hard work," Jessica shared of her cancer-surviving mother. Jessica exemplifies those qualities she has learned at home as she participates in co-op.



At the International Community School Co-op, Dilbar, co-op Vice President and member of 3.5 years, usually brings her mom, Shayma, with her to co-op. The two women share a household, and Shayma came to co-op for a time in Dilbar's place when her daughter was out on maternity leave. Now she continues to come and be part of the community. Dilbar shared that she loves how "the community serves together and helps each other out." The mother and daughter duo often help translate for the various languages being spoken around the co-op.

These families are just a few out of many family ties that lie within co-ops. We are so grateful for each member and their hearts to serve one another, within and outside of co-op.

A CELEBRATION OF GROWTH AND GRATITUDE

Donors, co-op members, partners, sponsors, staff, and friends gathered together for Urban Recipe's annual garden party celebration of growth and gratitude. Tummy and Soul is our annual fundraiser to support our programs! We were so glad to celebrate the impact of Urban Recipe on our communities here in Atlanta together!



Many thanks to our Tummy and Soul Sponsors:



The Morris Family Foundation, Goldsmith Family Foundation, Asenith Dixon Bell and Andrew Bell, Karen Golden-Biddle and Mark Biddle, Will Jordan, Judie and Tom Wilhite

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NEW GROWTH IN DECATUR

Last month we joined our partner, Decatur First United Methodist Church, in hosting an orientation for our newest co-op. This co-op will be location-based, and open to residents of Clairmont Oaks retirement community.

It was the biggest orientation we have ever had, with over 60 people in attendance. Every co-op is capped at 25 members for it's first year, so the wait list to join is already long.



We are thrilled with the quick growth and adoption of the co-op model by our partners that have completed CPP Training. Decatur First UMC, the recipient of this year's Growth and Gratitude Award, is launching this new co-op with care and attention to all of the new prospective members. We are excited to see how this co-op will grow in Clairmont Oaks.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



JOIN A CO-OP

Anyone who is in need of food and support is welcome to join a co-op. Contact us today to get information about orientation.

urbanrecipe.org/food-co-ops

DONATE

We rely on donations to continue operations. You can support us monthly, one-time or through your company!

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HOST A DRIVE

While our partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank is where we get most of our food and non-food items, we always are seeking home goods!

Email Manda for details: mandashankel@urbanrecipe.org

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer sessions are available multiple times a week! Sign up or email us to pick another time to sign up your group.

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