

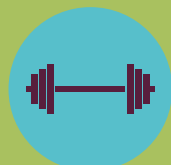
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SECOND QUARTER IMPACT REPORT



Food Value
\$323,509



Pounds Distributed
164,218 LBS



Number of Meals
136,848

RESILIENCE, GROWTH, AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Dear Friends,

As the summer winds down, we're taking a moment to celebrate the strength, growth, and momentum of our co-op communities.

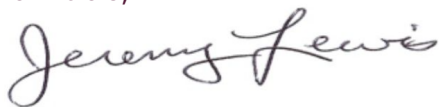
This season brought the long-awaited launch of our Clairmont Oaks Co-op — a full roster of engaged seniors connected in a new way around food and community. We also witnessed the incredible perseverance of our members and volunteers at Lake Forest, Haven, and our main warehouse locations, who continued to show up and build community despite the heat.

While many school buildings grew quiet over the summer, our school-based co-ops remained a steady presence. We didn't skip a beat—providing consistency and nourishment throughout the break—and are now getting ready to welcome new families through open houses and back-to-school outreach.

And there's more to look forward to: our friends at Shareable have a launch date in August and may already be underway as you read this. We can't wait to share more in the next edition.

Thank you for being part of this work. Your support helps create spaces where dignity and food security thrive—even in the hottest of seasons.

With gratitude,



Jeremy Lewis
Executive Director
Urban Recipe



Our Cooperative Pathway Program is this month launching its 6th Urban Recipe Certified co-op since starting in 2023. If you have a community that may be a good fit for a co-op, contact Jamillah to learn more about CPP! info@urbanrecipe.org

PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING

Urban Recipe Food Co-ops are distinct from a standard food pantry in a variety of ways, but one of the most important is participation. Every two weeks, all year long, co-op members show up to receive food for their families. But they do more than that. They form their co-op through their participation.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Every co-op meeting, the Urban Recipe truck rolls up with a variety of fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food items. The first thing members do, as they unload the truck, is to examine the food and determine if they won't use it. Sometimes families receive food that contains too many allergens for their co-op, or they already have stocked in their pantry, or is simply too unfamiliar for their picky children. Instead of bringing the food home to go to waste, co-op members will vote to send anything they don't want back to the warehouse to be given to other co-ops. Every year, we conduct a food preference survey to help ensure we are sending food to co-ops that is best suited for them.

VARIED TASKS

Co-op members come into co-op with a range of skills and abilities. Some are able to lift heavy objects and bend down to sort cans. Others may have limited mobility. Every co-op member, regardless of their differences, is unified by serving one another. And every co-op has different needs! At St. Anne's and ICS Co-ops, some co-op members step up by helping translate between various languages. At Lake Forest Co-op this summer, some of the co-op members have helped corral the extra kids that have been coming to co-op during the summer break.



HEIGHTENED RESPONSIBILITY

All co-op members also share in decision making. Every meeting, the co-op's elected leadership, the steering committee, runs a general assembly where families can share ideas, opinions, news and more with one another. At Lake Forest recently, one of these general assemblies held a vote, where members voted to adjust the required arrival time for the co-op meeting. Members discussed various factors, like respecting each other's time, traffic, and their children's upcoming bus schedules that impact their ability to arrive. The members participated in a thorough discussion and decided to adjust the time to best suit their needs.

As the summer closes and school year routines fill out, co-op members will continue to participate and serve one another, strengthening relationships as they ensure food access in their community.

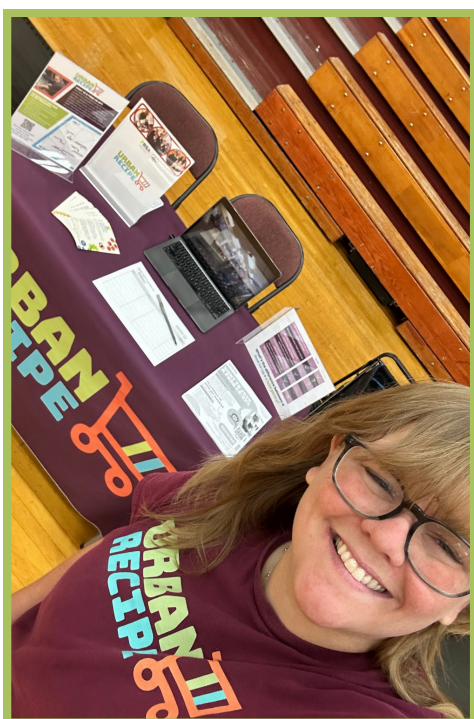


GRATITUDE WEEK

Every summer, we take some time to celebrate our co-op members. We would not exist without them!

Urban Recipe provides a unique model for food security – one that relies on it's recipients to invest in the model and their community. Urban Recipe could not exist without our co-op members.

In July, we spent two weeks visiting all of our co-ops, bringing treats and t-shirts and making sure our members know how much they mean to the mission, and to us. They are part of the recipe for food security!



OPEN HOUSES

School has started and that means new families for our school co-ops. Lake Forest Elementary, International Community School, and the Purpose Built Schools of Atlanta (hosted at Slater Elementary) all run Urban Recipe co-ops open for their staff, faculty and families of students.

Though co-ops continue during the summer, we are grateful to see an influx of attendance every August as new members learn about and join the co-op!



SUMMER HEAT

Summer is still here and it has been a scorcher! With record-breaking temps across the state, our co-op members continue to show up. Two of our co-ops, Haven and Lake Forest, meet outside regularly, and three others operate in spaces that are not temperature controlled.

These members come to the co-op, in the heat of the summer, packing food and ensuring their families are fed – a testament to their character, resilience and care they have for themselves and one another.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



"I support Urban Recipe because I believe in their people and their mission. The leadership and team of employees is outstanding and the innovative co-op model not only addresses food insecurity, but does so in a way that promotes dignity and strengthens community bonds. This results in Urban Recipe making a deep, meaningful impact in the community."

- Brian Grasso, Board Member

Shareable

Last year, Shareable completed Urban Recipe's CPP training, and this month opened their doors to their brand new co-op!

Families in Rome, GA, now have local access to the Urban Recipe Food Co-op model.

Congratulations, Shareable!



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUMMER BASH

Last month, some of our Mobile Pantry boxes were distributed in Cobb county through our partnership with the Atlanta Braves Foundation.

At their Back-to-School Bash, the Atlanta Braves Foundation distributed 350 Urban Recipe Frozen Mobile Pantry boxes - filled with frozen proteins, bread, veggies and entrees - alongside fresh produce, school supplies, and hot sandwiches from other local partners.

We are so grateful for this ongoing partnership to fight food insecurity and extend our reach to more families around Atlanta!



SEIZE THE END OF SUMMER!

There are lots of ways to get involved at Urban Recipe!



DONATE

We rely on donations to continue operations. Every gift helps!

[Give now at urbanrecipe.org/donate](https://urbanrecipe.org/donate)



VOLUNTEER

Volunteer sessions are available multiple times a week! Sign up today!

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VISIT US

Want to see a co-op in action? Jeremy would love to show you around!

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We want to know more about your connection with Urban Recipe.

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