

# GET FOOD SMART TN



INAUGURAL YEAR REPORT  
APRIL 2018 - APRIL 2019

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# INAUGURAL YEAR IN REVIEW

In the first year of Get Food Smart TN, we welcomed 144 participants into the Recognition Program, including all of Kroger's stores in Tennessee. Collectively Get Food Smart TN Participants took 1,676 actions in 2018 to reduce food waste and increase food recovery and diversion!

We also welcomed The Nashville Food Waste Initiative, The Tennessee Grocers and Convenience Store Association, Tennessee Recycling Coalition, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, Clean Memphis, and green|spaces as Get Food Smart TN Partner Organizations.

Our resources on the Get Food Smart TN website have been expanded to include materials for grocers, consumers, restaurants and hospitality operations, and schools and we launched our first round of technical assistance efforts across the state, including our first workshop at Cedars of Lebanon State Park, "Educate to Reduce Food Waste".

Looking forward to the program's second year we see continued collaboration, partnerships and events across the state! Join us as we promote using food wisely and enhancing the sustainability of

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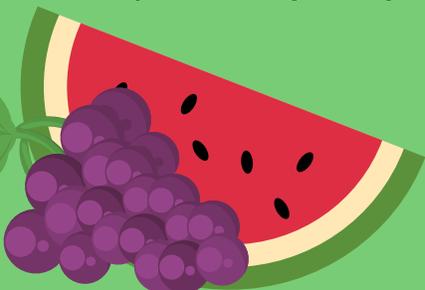
**ASHLEY CABRERA**

Get Food Smart TN Program Administrator



## 114 Tennesseans

Took the Get Food Smart TN pledge to reduce food waste through meal planning, buying ugly produce, donating food, and/or composting



# RECOGNITION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

## Restaurants

- Lupi's Pizza Pies
- Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
- Miel Restaurant
- Music City Center
- Old Country Store
- Niedlov's Bakery
- Bacon and Caviar, Inc.

## Govt. & Non-Profits

- Society of St. Andrew
- The Nashville Food Project
- Memphis Tilth
- Nourish Knoxville
- Metro Nashville Public Works EPB

## Schools

- Austin Peay State University
- Prescott South Middle School
- Cherokee High School

## Grocers, Ag, & Industry

- The Kroger Co. Stores - Delta, Nashville, and Mid-Atlanta Divisions
- Naifeh's Cash Saver
- Naifeh's Food Market
- The Compost Fairy
- Compost Nashville



## Participant Actions

Participants diverted a total of

**32,051,282 pounds**

of food from the landfill through composting and donations.



**144 participants  
donated excess  
food**



**All participants  
shared education on  
food waste with  
employees and/or  
customers**



**137 participants  
composting  
on-site or  
with a service**

# OUR PARTNERS

In our first year, we established partnerships with some wonderful organizations throughout Tennessee. A Get Food Smart TN Partner is any group, organization or initiative that does not generate food waste or directly deal with food waste in a hands on manner, but work to promote, support and implement food waste conscious practices and policies across the state of Tennessee. Our Partners collaborate to promote the Get Food Smart TN recognition program, develop resources to address food waste related issues, provide technical assistance, conduct trainings and workshops, affect local policy, and take other actions to help reduce food waste.

**Thank you to our Partners and all the work you do to combat food waste in Tennessee!**

## Want to become a Partner?

We are excited to partner with your group, organization or initiative to help raise awareness around food waste! To join us as a Get Food Smart TN Partner, please contact us at [getfood.smart@tn.gov](mailto:getfood.smart@tn.gov).



# OUTREACH & EDUCATION

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In line with our mission to "promote using food wisely and enhance the sustainability of Tennessee's food resources", we have been strategically planning outreach throughout the state to inform Tennesseans about food waste, and what they can do to address food waste at home, in their business, and in their community. As part of this strategy we began a road show across the state, to engage different stakeholder groups to provide education and awareness around food waste, including the significance of the issue.

We held our first workshop "Educate to Reduce Food Waste", in January 2019, which provided tips and resources to various organizations on educating their employees and customers on food waste. This workshop included a roundtable to identify additional resources that TDEC can develop and provide that will assist in continued reduction of food waste, as well as increase food diversion and recovery. In April, we co-hosted a panel discussion with Clean Memphis at Memphis Made Brewing Company to raise awareness about food waste and the organizations in Memphis working to address it. The next day we reconvened with a number of organizations to talk strategies for furthering solutions to food waste in Memphis.

During Get Food Smart TN's second year, we plan to increase the number of events, workshops and technical assistance offerings planned as we continue to grow the program and work with our partners to find new and innovative solutions to addressing food waste in Tennessee!

