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Read [this article](#) and [this piece](#) to learn more about food waste in the restaurant industry, as well as proposed solutions.

Now, do some research on restaurants in your community. Are there any food donation programs near you? If you can't find any in the immediate vicinity, find the closest program. Learn about how it operates, how many people it serves, and the process for collecting and distributing food.

There is one at Champlain, but there is also one with the Vermont Food Bank. I'll be focusing on the Vermont Food Bank. It helps over 150,000 people every year.

Craft a letter to a restaurant in your area that is *not* involved with a food donation program to encourage them to join. Include support from the articles you read. Bonus points if you get a response! Simply email the correspondence to info@turninggreen.org by October 28.

Post the letter (or an excerpt) on Instagram. Tag @TurningGreenOrg, @FoodprintOrg, @FoodTank, and the restaurant, as well as other local organizations involved in this work. Don't forget to include #PGC2021 too!

Dear Buffalo Wild Wings,

Hi, my name is Myah, I'm part of the Project Green Challenge and working towards a more sustainable and equal world!

I specifically wanted to reach out because I saw your company's program about donating to communities and sports teams and wanted to present another way that you can help nearby communities as well as waste less food.

Child hunger is obviously a big issue and in Vermont around 1 out of 10 Vermonters faced food insecurity. During the COVID-19 Pandemic this increased to 1 out of 4. Although the extreme issues that came with COVID are now gone, the effects still linger, and there are lots of people that are still not able to access enough food.

Restaurants like you are able to help! By donating food that was not able to be served to local food banks, restaurants can feed a lot of people from food that would be wasted!

Companies like KFC and Pizza Hut have donated millions of pounds of food that would have been thrown out. Pizza Hut specifically has donated over 100 million pounds of food, while Kentucky Fried Chicken has decreased its food waste rate to 1.7%!

If you're interested in doing this as well, you can look into local food banks and see if they are able to accept the food. You can also expand by looking at food pantries, schools, homeless shelters, etc.

Thank you so much for everything you've done with the Buffalo Wild Wings Foundation. I hope that this idea helps you expand to help more people in your community.

Sincerely,
Myah Brody

