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Outraged.

That's how I feel when I think about all the food that is wasted in our country. I hope you feel the same way, and that you will take action now to help stop it.

Each year, 96 billion pounds of perfectly edible food are simply thrown away – dumped by restaurants, grocery stores, processing plants, and distributors. Ninety-six billion pounds a year – enough for over 71 billion meals.

All while 12.4 million American children go to bed hungry.

What truly haunts me is that this isn't someone else's problem. It's happening right here in our community. Local families struggle to put food on the table, while food is simply tossed. Large amounts of food are being thrown away even as you read this.

The good news is that every \$1 we receive can help secure and distribute enough food for 8 meals.

The Food Bank and its 200 partner organizations are committed to feeding hungry children, families, and seniors all summer long. And just \$1 provides enough food for 8 meals!

Your gift will help us encourage growers, retailers, wholesalers, and restaurants to donate their excess food, not to dump it. And you'll help us distribute this rescued food to our 200 partner agencies that provide it to children, the working poor, and senior citizens in need.

Your generosity will go far to help us turn the problem of wasted food into a solution for our neighbors in need.

Help stop the needless waste of food in our community. \$10 can provide food for 80 meals, and save it from being dumped. \$25 will help us rescue and provide food for 200 meals, and \$100 means food for over 800 people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RB", is written below the word "Sincerely,".

Robert L. Bush
Executive Director