

New Paltz Dining Services Launches Innovative Community Food Donation Program

New Paltz Dining Services at SUNY New Paltz launched a partnership with FeedHV to combat food waste and food insecurity in the local community, the Hudson Valley.

FeedHV is a regionally based food rescue and harvesting network that serves to redistribute unused, yet viable, food to the local community. In collaboration with New Paltz Dining Services, FeedHV connects prepared but unserved food from Peregrine Dining Hall to non-profit organizations with food assistance programs with the help of community volunteers and a mobile app.

When a donation is made available from Peregrine, New Paltz Dining will get matched to a non-profit organization, based on the organization's specific food needs. At that point, volunteers are simultaneously notified (based on their proximity to the donor) to pick up and transport the donation from Peregrine to the nonprofit organization. Volunteers are provided with food safety guidelines to ensure a safe and successful delivery of the food to the agencies.

Through FeedHV, New Paltz Dining Services supports over 28 nonprofits committed to sustainability and equity with a variety of focuses. The nonprofit network of donation recipients includes Ulster Immigrant Defense Network (UIDN) and Food Not Bombs. UIDN provides safety and support to immigrants throughout Ulster County regardless of their status. Food Not Bombs focuses on combating poverty, homelessness, violence, and war by providing vegan and vegetarian meals free of charge to all people.

By partnering with FeedHV and various community organizations, New Paltz Dining Services at SUNY New Paltz is taking a significant step towards their commitment to long-term sustainability and equity. New Paltz Dining Services is proud to serve and support such socially conscious organizations.