



Food Connection addresses food insecurity while making a positive environmental impact by rescuing surplus food and delivering it to those in need. Founded in 2015, it serves Asheville and surrounding areas by collecting excess food from catering companies, conference centers, restaurants, and universities. This effort not only helps feed people experiencing hunger but also reduces food waste and prevents unnecessary contributions to landfills.

Food Waste Warrior (Driver)

Part-Time | Hourly | \$22.10 per hour (Living Wage)

Overview

Reports to the Operations Manager

The Food Waste Warrior (Driver) reports directly to the Operations Manager. This is a logistical position, requiring detailed tracking of rescued food and distribution to community agencies, as well as being physically demanding at times when loading and unloading surplus food.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities

- Drive the Food Connection (FC) van to rescue unserved food from our food donor partners, either scheduled recurring pick-ups or when they reach out to donate
- Coordinate with Operations Manager and make strategic plans for food donations and pick-ups
- Track rescued food and communicate clearly with Operations Manager in real-time to determine what food will be donated to agency partners in bulk and what food returns to our brick-and-mortar for meal packing
- Serve as the continuing point of contact with agency recipient partners and food donors, providing experiential knowledge regarding best fits for both
- Maintain tracking logs for all rescued food, which includes the source of food (donor), common name of food, the date of preparation, the quantity and when applicable, the recipient partner receiving the food
- Maintain accurate labeling practices of all food to ensure accurate tracking
- Ensure compliance with food safety regulations and governmental health codes

- Participate in routine maintenance and cleanliness of the FC van, refrigerated trailer, meal packing space, Mobile Meals food truck, and other FC property as directed

Qualifications and Skills

- Passion for reducing waste and easing hunger in our communities
- Strong verbal and written communication skills to interact effectively with volunteers, community partners, and team members
- Ability to prioritize tasks, manage multiple responsibilities simultaneously, and maintain accurate records
- Meticulous attention to detail when handling food products, tracking inventory, and following safety protocols
- Collaborative attitude with a willingness to work closely with others in a fast-paced environment
- Flexibility to adjust to changing priorities and operational needs as they arise
- Basic understanding of food safety principles and practices, including proper handling and storage of perishable items
- Spanish speaking capabilities are a plus
- Driver's license/clean driving record
- Connections in the greater Asheville Community are highly desired

Why Join Food Connection?

At Food Connection, you will play a crucial role in making a difference in your community by ensuring that surplus food is rescued and redistributed effectively. We offer a supportive work environment, opportunities for professional development, and the chance to be part of a dedicated team committed to fighting food waste.

Interested candidates, please email hello@food-connection.org, along with your resume and a brief paragraph about why you would be a good fit for this position. Thank you!

Candidates must have reliable transportation, agree with Food Connection's non-discrimination policies, maintain professional personal appearance and be a congenial and professional brand ambassador representing Food Connection.

Food Connection is a living wage certified organization. Salary includes paid vacation time; no health insurance benefits are available at this time.

Committed to attracting and retaining a diverse staff, Food Connection will honor your experiences, perspectives and unique identity. Together, our community strives to create and maintain working and learning environments that are inclusive, equitable and welcoming.