

## Food Oasis ([foodoasis.la](http://foodoasis.la))

More than 1.4 million people in LA face food insecurity every day, and the situation has worsened with the pandemic. It's really hard for those in need to find free food programs because the information is scattered and outdated. Food Oasis collects all the available food pantries and meal locations and makes that information accessible to anyone in need, becoming the go-to directory of updated food resources for people facing food insecurity.



## History

In 2019, Food Oasis returned to Hack for LA, where it originally started in 2015. The new team redesigned and re-launched the site mid 2020 with the goal of multiplying its impact. Currently, Food Oasis is the only site that continually validates and updates it's listings making it the most reliable source of information for food seekers. With over 4,500 monthly visitors, Food Oasis is helping LA's food insecure locate free food.

## Recent Progress

- Relaunch of the site with more than 600 food resources.
- Re-designed the website to be mobile-friendly.
- Increased focus in data by building a volunteer training program to keep the food listings updated.
- Improved user friendliness like food type and location of food resources (list and map view).

## 6 Month Roadmap

- Improve the experience and general app performance for food seekers and volunteers.
- Facilitate the addition and partnerships with new food pantries / organizations.
- Generate revenue through different streams (donations, subscriptions, sponsorships) to cover costs and improve usability.
- Facilitating Food Pantry/Mealsite Partners to self update listings.

## Partners



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