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SENEFC North Florida Food Rescue
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Sustainable Events Network, Florida & Caribbean (www.SENFC.org) recently coordinated a successful food rescue with the help of great partners. **SENEFC Board Member, Vickie Corder, CMP**, recounted, "It takes a village to help a community! One in six people in Northeast Florida is food insecure and does not know where his/her next meal will come from. SENEFC is working to help bridge the gap, rescuing food that would otherwise go to waste, and delivering it to charitable organizations in our communities."

The **Florida Surveying and Mapping Society** hosted their 66th Annual FSMS Conference at the **Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa**. **FSMS President, Hal Peters**: "FSMS is pleased to partner with SENEFC to provide this local community donation." **FSMS Executive Director, Tom Steckler**: "SENEFC was terrific in making this food rescue process extremely easy!"

Senior Events Manager, Bryan Day and Chef Joe Natoli, assisted behind the scenes at the **Sawgrass Marriott Resort in Ponte Vedra, FL** to help rescue food that was shared with the **City Rescue Mission**, where **Mark VanRavenswaay, Food Source and Distribution Supervisor and Chef Garfield Peterson** were excited to receive the donation. **City Rescue Mission** provides emergency services and currently serves over 230,000 meals each year to those in need in the greater Jacksonville community.

SENEFC especially thanks **Lakita and Aaron Spann**, entrepreneurial owners of **Mr. Potato Spread**, for providing their food truck for pick-up and delivery of the rescued food to City Rescue Mission. An award-winning business, **Mr. Potato Spread** has been successfully delivering mouth-watering

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potato options since 2014 and offers full-service catering, a restaurant and a food truck.

Very special thanks also to **Mary Fleming, President of Challenges, Inc.**, a leading provider of creative and engaging team programming nationwide for over 20 years, with a focus on Activity Based Learning and Organizational Development. Mary is an active volunteer with SENFC and has been a valuable resource in facilitating food rescues in North Florida.

“Millions of pounds of food and groceries go to waste each year. To encourage companies and organizations to donate healthy food that would otherwise go to waste, they are protected from criminal and civil liability under the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act.” **Feeding America**

Learn more about The Sustainable Events Network, Florida & Caribbean at www.senfc.org. Stay updated by following SENFC on Instagram @senfcorg, Twitter @SENFCorg and Facebook.

The Sustainable Events Network, Florida & Caribbean (SENFC) is the sustainability resource for individuals, associations, corporations, event planners and event venues in Florida and the Caribbean. Founded in 2017, SENFC strives to lead the meetings and events industry in the advancement of sustainable practices in Florida and the Caribbean.

Link to Photos: [SENFC North Florida Food Rescue 7-31-2021 - Google Photos](#)

- 1) Hal Peterson, President, Florida Surveying & Mapping Society.
- 2) Antonio Llaneta, Assistant Sous Chef and Bryan Day, Senior Events Manager, Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa; Lakita and Aaron Spann, Mr. Potato Spread; Allan Burgos, Cook, Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa.
- 3) Mr. Potato Spread Food Truck.
- 4) Brian Davison, City Rescue Mission; Aaron & Laquita Spann, Mr. Potato Spread; Chef Garfield Peterson, City Rescue Mission.



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