

MEMORANDUM

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To: Preston Jacobsen, Sustainability Manager, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

From: Jay Price, Recycling Manager, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Subject: STARS Innovation Credit – UT Food Recovery Network

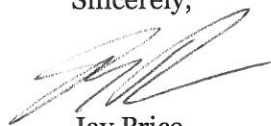
This memo serves as verification that the University of Tennessee, Knoxville has an active student group on campus that runs the Food Recovery Network activities. This student group officially began during the 2013-14 school year. I occasionally advise this group and helped with their first large recovery from a football game in 2013, and they have since taken off with the program.

Since their first large recovery in 2013, this inspiring student group has worked with both dining and concessions groups on our campus to recovery food from large events as well as from daily operations on our campus. They created a partnership with a local group, 2nd Harvest Food Bank, which has a refrigerated truck and collects the food the students have recovered from one central fridge/freezer on campus. When they started, the process was decentralized and difficult. Over time they have worked with campus dining services to get all material that can be donated back to one location. This has simplified and streamlined the collection so that the students still have a hand in the process but it is much easier. They go once each morning, package the material, and transport it to the centralized fridge/freezer and coordinate with 2nd Harvest Food Bank for collection. I don't have the latest total from their collection, but it must be well over 2,000 lbs of food that have been collected and donated with the help of 2nd Harvest Food Bank. This student group also received a small grant from the proceeds of a campus yard sale with which they purchased aluminum food trays and other materials to enhance their collection.

This student group and the work they do is really exciting. They are helping people on a local level but are also connected to a national network helping people put good food that would otherwise just be wasted into the hands of those that need it most in their communities.

Please feel free to contact me at (865) 974-3480 or recycle@utk.edu should you require further information.

Sincerely,



Jay Price
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