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June 2026 Community Update from Waste Not Want Not

[From the Executive Director]

**Sometimes, even when change is unexpected,
it creates space for new beginnings.**

For the past several years, Waste Not Want Not has been incredibly fortunate to operate our yard sale program from space generously provided by **Challenge Enterprises** at **Challenge** Enterprise Plaza. Their support has allowed us to maintain one of our most important fundraising initiatives while keeping overhead costs low and directing more resources toward what matters most... rescuing food and nourishing our community.

As June comes to a close, so too

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sad to leave a place that has served us so well, we are excited to share that our yard sale operation has found a new home just across the street at Island Realty, located at 667 Kingsley Avenue unit 673. We will begin moving July 1 and must be completely moved by July 15, 2026.



To make the move easier, we will hold our July yard sale **on Saturday July 11, 2026** at 8 am and it will be the last yard sale we have at the plaza outside on **Mound & Kingsley**. Beginning with the first Saturday in August, you'll find all of the treasures, bargains, and familiar faces you've come to love at our new location. Our sale will have more visibility and hopefully more foot traffic! Our new location is much smaller though, which means we have to streamline sharing rescued items with our partners to move products quickly. There is space out back to park our truck and van.

As we make this transition, I want to express our deepest gratitude to the entire **Challenge Enterprises** family, especially **CEO Katie Vineyard**, her predecessor **Nancy Keating**, and COO **Greg Voss**. Their generosity extends far beyond the gift of rent-free space. For years, they have been true partners in our mission, standing beside us as we work to ensure that good food reaches neighbors who need it most.

One of the most meaningful examples of that partnership is Club **Challenge**. Time and again, Club **Challenge** participants have come to The Castle to sort bread, strike through barcodes, and help prepare rescued food for distribution. These tasks may seem simple, but they have a tremendous impact, helping us move food into the community faster and more efficiently. Their dedication has strengthened our mission and reminded us that everyone has a role to play in fighting hunger.

I would also be remiss if I didn't recognize the remarkable women who have faithfully shepherded our yard sale ministry through every **challenge**, every move, and every season. **Susan Easley, June Matamoras, Mary Holtcamp, Donna McNamara, and Cathy**

organizing, and welcoming shoppers. Their commitment, resilience, and servant hearts have transformed a simple fundraiser into a thriving community tradition.

We are equally grateful to our friends at **VyStar Credit Union**, who faithfully volunteer on the first Saturday of every month to help sort, organize, and prepare merchandise. Their willingness to roll up their sleeves and serve has made a lasting difference and exemplifies the spirit of community partnership that makes our work possible.

As we prepare to open the doors of our new location, I am reminded that buildings may change, but our mission remains the same. The success of Waste Not Want Not has never been about a place, it has **ALWAYS** been about people. It is built on the generosity of partners, the dedication of volunteers, and the compassion of a community that believes no good food should go to waste and no neighbor should go hungry.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new yard sale home and continuing this important tradition that allows our community to purchase much needed items at a steep discount while sustaining our mission!

Thank you for walking this journey with us.

With excitement,



Kathleen N. Spears,
PhD, MHA
President & Executive
Director

Welcome Our New Director of Mission Delivery, Stacey Eisold!

We are thrilled to welcome **Stacey Eisold** to the Waste Not Want Not team as our new **Director, Mission Delivery!**

Stacey joins us from Feed the Need in Putnam County, where she served as Operations Director for nearly three years. She brings a wealth of experience in food distribution logistics, volunteer coordination, community engagement, and developing innovative programs that strengthen communities and expand impact.

launched our highly anticipated **Partner Quality Assurance Program** (with a little help from volunteer extraordinaire John Nelson on the data collection side), worked alongside every volunteer lead to learn our operations firsthand, completed a 5:00 a.m. food rescue, helped move more than **9,000 pounds of bread**, cleaned the Castle, and somehow managed to keep smiling through it all!

Her energy, enthusiasm, and servant-hearted leadership have already become a tremendous asset to our mission. We can't wait to see what month two brings!



Five Things About Stacey

🍪 **Favorite Food:** Anything salty and sweet

📺 **Favorite Movie/TV Show:** The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt

💙 **Favorite Color:** Blue

🗨️ **Favorite Word:** Empanada — because it's fun to say!

🎬 **Little-Known Fact:** Stacey appeared on an episode of the Nickelodeon show *What Would You Do?* in the early 1990s.

When she's not helping rescue food and fight hunger, Stacey enjoys life with her husband and their blended family of four sons, ages 21, 23, 25, and 29. They share their home near the Ocala National Forest with a cat named **Cube** (named after the rapper Ice Cube!) and ten chickens, all while enjoying the abundance of wildlife that surrounds them.

Please join us in giving Stacey a warm Waste Not Want Not welcome. We're excited for the passion, expertise, and leadership she brings to our mission of fighting hunger...every day!

To reach Stacey you can call or text her at 904-810-8012 or send her an email to Stacey@wastenotflorida.org

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[Community Nourishment]

Summer should mean sunshine, adventure, and making memories, not worrying about where your next meal will come from.

Thanks to some incredible community partners, we're helping make sure local children have access to nutritious food all summer long.

This year, we're proud to partner with **Tea's Teens** and **Feed the Need of Putnam County** to support students who rely on school meals during the school year. **Tea's Teens** is an 8-week summer camp program that provides nutritious foods, educational programming, and physical activity to youth over the summer months. **Feed the Need of Putnam County** continues to make a tremendous impact all year round by providing weekly meal bags to children even while school is out for summer. **Mission of the Dirt Road** has launched its summer feeding efforts for families as well. In addition, click the link below to find where summer lunch programs are offered in your community!

[Click Here to Find Summer Meal Services Near You](#)

Together, we're working hard to ensure no child has to face a hungry summer, but instead gets to have a summer filled with sunshine, adventure, and making memories!



[Partner Highlight]

This month, we are proud to highlight one of our incredible partners — **The Synagogue Center**. Located in Northeast Jacksonville, The Synagogue Center provides nutritious food, prepared meals, clothing, and essential hygiene supplies to families and individuals facing food insecurity. We are so proud to support the work they do. Read what they had to say below!

What is your mission?

The Synagogue Center is committed to embodying charity through faith, love, and hope by serving the underserved communities of Northeast Jacksonville, particularly within the 32209 food desert areas. We provide nutritious food, prepared meals, clothing, and essential hygiene supplies to families and individuals facing food insecurity and economic hardship. Through compassionate outreach and consistent community support, we strive to



create lasting opportunities for hope and well-being. Our mission is to ensure that every person we serve feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.



How do you serve the hungry and impoverished in our community?

Every week, we empower local families and individuals by providing bags of fresh groceries alongside chef-prepared hot and cold meals. Complete with beverages and desserts, our service is about more than just nutrition; it is a commitment to fighting hunger with dignity. We strive to foster well-being in our community, ensuring that everyone facing hardship is met with compassion, care, and a reliable seat at the table.

How does Waste Not help you execute your mission?

Waste Not Want Not supplies us with high-quality, restaurant-grade food that helps **alleviate** hunger while restoring dignity to vulnerable communities. By offering exceptional quality and genuine choice, we do more than just provide nutritional relief—we bring joy to the act of receiving.

When individuals feel truly welcome and are impressed by the premium meals served, they feel deeply valued and uplifted. This positive experience breaks down barriers, empowering them to openly embrace the broader support and resources they need to thrive.



What do you love most about your organization?

Practicing service is at the heart of everything we do for our communities and loved ones. Today, so many face immense hardships—from lacking basic needs like housing, utilities, and financial security, to battling mental and physical health challenges. But as a community, we have the power to take care of each other. Through acts of service, we can embrace one another with genuine love and compassion.

Is there anything you need help with?

We are incredibly grateful for your partnership and generous food donations. Because of your support, we are able to extend the reach of surplus food into underserved communities where other companies don't have a presence. If you ever have additional surplus food, or basic necessities like clothing, please let us know—we would be more than happy to receive your continued generosity.



Birthdays & Volunteer-Versaries



🎂 Happy Birthday June Volunteers!

Wishing a very happy birthday to Ashley Boykins, Louise Braman, Isabel Christiansen, Louis Cristo, Linda Dondlinger, Ruth Fields, Tom Glaser, Kathy Grimsley, Sherrie Hamilton, Roger Higginbotham, AnnaMarie Jackson, Larry Lindeman, Bob Pagupo, Robert Reeves, Carol Sebesta, Antonia Shaw, Lenny Wallace, Margie Widgeon, and John Wrightington! 🎂

We also want to wish a very happy birthday to two of our wonderful board members — **Catharine Wells** (June 18) and **Tillery Durbin** (June 23)! We are so grateful for your leadership and dedication to our mission. 🎉

If we missed your birthday or you'd prefer not to be included, just email Avery at avery@wastenotflorida.org.

💖 Happy Volunteer-Versary to our June service anniversaries!

Every year you show up, you make this mission possible. We are so grateful for your time, your heart, and your dedication to making sure no one in our community goes hungry. Thank you for being such an incredible part of the Waste Not Want Not family!

19 Years — Isabel Christiansen

7 Years — Tom Canaan, Dan Kissane

13 Years — Chris Morris

5 Years — Christine Rose Schnitzer

10 Years — Clark Nesbitt

2 Years — Larry Lindeman

9 Years — Robert Jackson

1 Year — John Nelson, Joseph Pourciau, Tyra Grandberry

8 Years — Nancy Zavislak

*If you've been volunteering with us for many years and happen to know the year you first got involved, **we'd love to hear from you**. Please send anniversary date to Linda@wastenotflorida.org so we can keep our records accurate. Thank you for being part of our community!*

Welcome back & welcome aboard!

We are so happy to welcome back **Sheryl Lawrence** and **Antonia "Toni" Shaw** — we missed you and are so glad to have you back with us! And a very warm welcome to our newest volunteer, **Margie Widgeon** — we are thrilled to have you join the family!

[Volunteer Cheer]

Waste Not Want Not volunteer **Reggie Keeton**, now in his 10th year as a food rescuer and driving 77 miles round trip to deliver food to those in need, recently took some well-deserved time off to vacation with his sons and grandsons on a Royal Caribbean Cruise to Cozumel, Mexico. Reggie shared photos from the trip along with a message that captured the spirit of the adventure perfectly: "FUN, FUN, FUN!!"



*This section belongs to **YOU** — and we want to fill it with your stories! Submit your Volunteer Cheer to Avery at avery@wastenotflorida.org. Taken an exciting trip? Welcomed a new grandbaby? Created something beautiful? We want to celebrate with you and share it with our whole community!*

The first Saturday in July falls on the 4th, and with the holiday weekend (plus our upcoming move), we're shifting things around. Our July yard sale will be held **Saturday, July 11, 2026 at 8 AM** outside Challenge Enterprises on Mound & Kingsley. Mark your calendar, because this will be our **last yard sale at the plaza!** Starting the first Saturday in August, you'll find all the same treasures, bargains, and familiar faces at our **new location.**

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