Hello FRNs! Wow, what a semester this has been. The University of Toledo’s Food Recovery Network succeeded in our mission to “Fight Waste, Feed People!” With many new members, new partnerships, donations from campus extra-curriculars, community outreach activities, and a feature on UT 10 News, this semester was filled with having fun and helping others. I want to personally thank each and every volunteer who contributed time, effort, and positive attitudes towards our activities this year – we could not have done it without you! FRN is built off of team efforts and community, and I think our chapter at UT has embraced this.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Each year, the week before Thanksgiving is dedicated to raising awareness to those who are hungry and homeless in our community. This year, we promoted our message of fighting waste by tabling in the dining hall with our #cleanplate challenge. This encouraged students to “clean their plates” by eating everything they were served instead of throwing food away.

We also had a very successful Barefoot Walk where, with encouragement from FRN volunteers, students took off their shoes on a cold, rainy day to walk a short course to put homelessness on a personal perspective. Over 50 students shared this experience!

FRN also partnered with UT’s campus Food Pantry and helped stock and organize shelves. (The Food Pantry is located in the Student Union and open to any UT student at no cost!) At the end of the week, FRN volunteered at Cherry Street Missions to serve food to residents, prepared food in the kitchen, and helped the staff clean to ensure the safety of the food. Hundreds of meals were served with a smile by our FRN members. Our last event was participating in UT’s Box Out Hunger event on campus. Here, thousands of meals were prepared.
FAST FACTS

40 Recoveries in a 15 week semester
15 New members
$7,000+ Worth of Panera Bread baked goods recovered
3,000+ Pounds of food recovered
19.8% Population of Lucas County living in poverty
40% Food wasted nationally each year
683,234 Pounds recovered nationally by FRN in 2017
569,361.67 Meals donated nationally in 2017

Elections

As the 2017 year is finishing, it is time to start preparing for elections for the new executive board starting after spring break! The positions available are: President, VP Partner Agencies and Dining Services, VP Student Organization Volunteers Coordinator, VP Public Relations and Community Outreach, Secretary, and Events Coordinator. If you have an interest in running for a position, please complete an application through the following link: https://goo.gl/forms/Oz9Bla7uJYGifP2

Further discussion on elections will be discussed at our first meeting in January. Due Feb 12

Spring Semester Meetings

- January 29 - 6:00pm
- February 12 - 6:00pm
- February 26 - 6:00pm
- March 12 - 6:00pm
- March 26 - 6:00pm
- April 9 - 6:00pm
- April 23 - 6:00pm

Jacob Beakas serves food at Cherry Street Missions during NHHAW.

Executive board members advertise the mission of FRN to recruit members at the annual Student Organization Fair.

Emily Schuetz crafts posters and promotions for NHHAW.