

AGENDA



September 16, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



YWCA Quad Cities
513 17th St. Rock Island, IL



Register for FREE
foodrescueqc.org

Doors open at 8:30 AM for attendee check-in and vendor networking.
Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

9:00 AM **Welcome & Food Rescue Partnership**
Christina McDonough, Food Rescue Partnership Board Chair

9:15 AM **Food Waste & Insecurity Overview**
Jarrod Connor, River Bend Food Bank

Learn about food waste and food insecurity in the Quad Cities, highlighting key challenges and opportunities to address these issues. Jarrod will also discuss the potential impact of upcoming SNAP benefit cuts and what they may mean for local families, food assistance programs, and the broader community moving forward.

9:45 AM **Food Rescue in Action Panel**
Amy Schaefer, YWCA Quad Cities & Corie Gamble, Pleasant Valley School District & Taelor Denton, Churches United of the Quad City Area

In the Quad Cities, 38.5% of people don't know where their next meal will come from. You can help by donating your extra food to local non-profit hunger-relief agencies. Corie will explain how the Pleasant Valley Community School District donates extra food. Amy and Taelor will showcase how their organizations safely transport food rescue and ensure it helps Quad Citizens in need.

10:45 AM **Break & Vendor Networking**

11:00 AM **Community Panel**
Ann McGlynn, Tapestry Farms & Laura Mahn, NEST Cafe

Access to nourishing food should not be only for those who have money. Ann and Laura will present how their non-profits ensure that all in the Quad-Cities can eat in a way that is good for their bodies and the community.

11:40 AM **Recognizing Food Rescue Warriors & Partners**
Christina McDonough, Food Rescue Partnership Board Chair

YWCA Quad Cities will provide an optional 15-minute tour to interested attendees following workshop adjournment.



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