

# URBAN HARVESTER



## Happy New Year, Friends of Urban Harvester!

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2023, and we hope you had wonderful holiday! As the New Year is upon us, we are filled with joy and gratitude to our community.

*A time to celebrate* - In May 2022, Urban Harvester hosted a joyous 10-year celebration. A decade has brought us experience and perspective, and we shared memories and photos from our first food donations ever, surrounded by the same family and friends we enlisted out of necessity in our early days. Our donations have come from businesses like Sodexo Foods, Trader Joes, Eataly, Porto's Bakery & Cafe, Food Fetish Catering, Bowles Family Farms, as well as schools and farmers markets.

We were able to give a shout out to Joe Hughes, formerly with Trader Joes, who I met in 2009 and was always so supportive of our cause. Additionally, it was a pleasure to shout-out to Damond Chapman, of Costco, who believed in Urban Harvesters' vision and championed our impact. Our special thanks to the delightful Dominick Correy, District Representative in Senator Anthony Portantino's office, for presenting Urban Harvester with a certificate of recognition, as well as for joining in on the celebration as we exchanged stories about public service, family and community.

Our biggest donation yet: *120,000 pounds short rib* - 2022 came to a close as we placed our biggest single food donation to date – 60 tons, or 120,000 pounds, of fresh frozen beef short ribs end cuts were made available from an LA County food producer. This was enough protein to feed over 100,000 people. This donation supported three SoCal counties' community programs, pantries and food banks.

There are many promising next steps ahead, and new collaborations that are already in the works as we jump into 2023. We are so grateful for the community support that Urban Harvester receives, and we invite you to continue standing proudly with us. Your support really makes a difference. If you'd like to learn more about our work, feel free to check out our [Founders update](#) from the summer. We'd love to hear what you're up to, so please send us a note and keep in touch.

Wishing you safety and good health for 2023 and beyond,

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