

Creating a Food Recovery Program for Hungry Citizens

A Demonstration Project

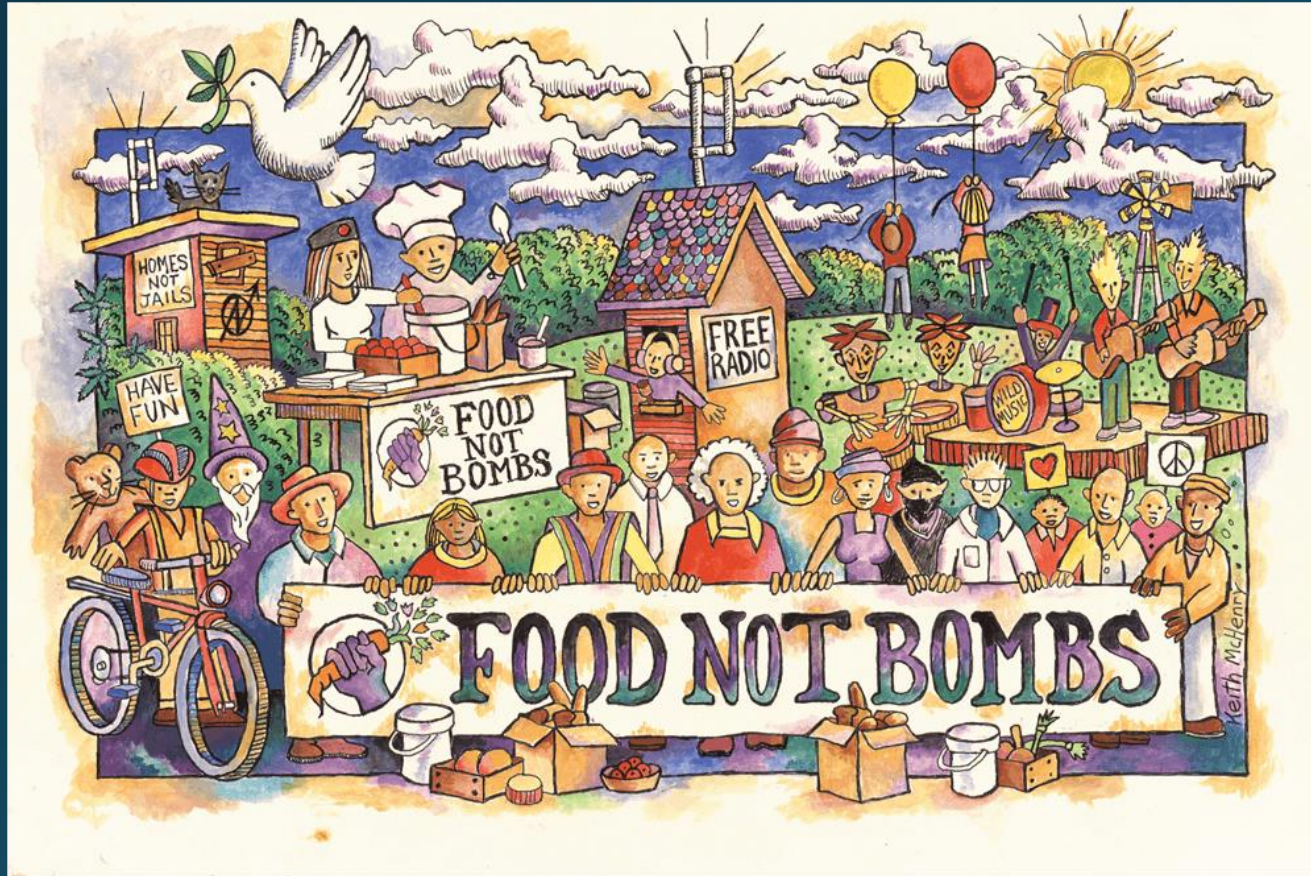
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Introduction to Food Recovery



Could this be Social Work?



Problem Statement

Hunger on College Campuses

- University of Oregon study found that 59% of students had recently experienced food insecurity (Washington Post)

Food Waste on College Campuses

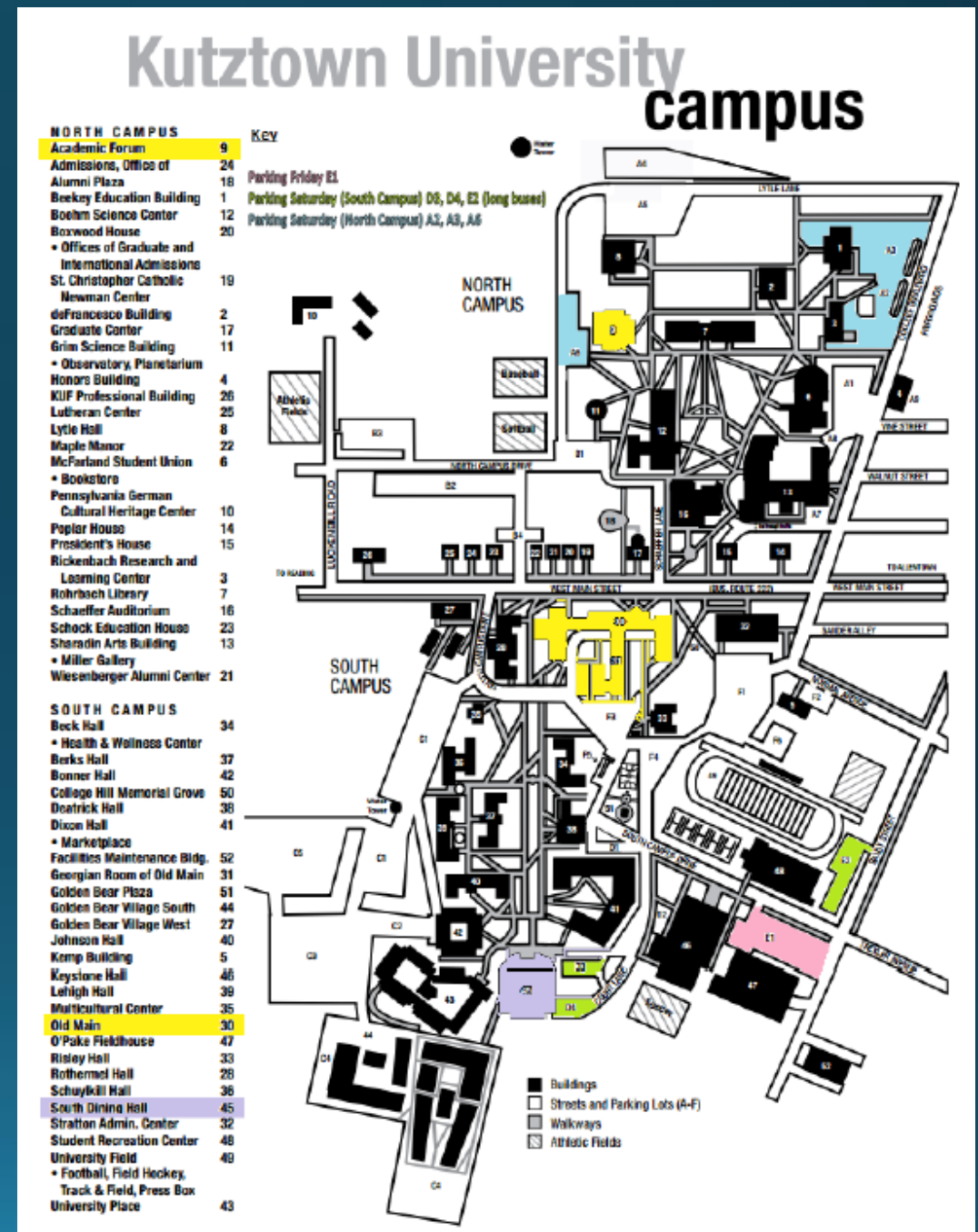
- College campuses throw away 22,000,000 pounds every year (foodrecoverynetwork.org)

Responses to Hunger on KU Campus

- Office of Student Involvement
 - Anecdotal Evidence
 - Food Pantry
 - Needs Assessment
- Involvement of Friend Inc.
 - Transportation to a monthly food bank
 - Lutheran Center satellite food pantry

Relation of Hunger and Housing

- Change in meal plan structure at South Dining Hall to 24/7 all-you-care-to-eat structure
- Bonner and Johnson Halls for underclassmen
- Newly-renovated Dixon Hall
- Golden Bear residences do not require a meal plan



Planned Change Process for Program Development

Engagement

Assessment

Planning

Implementation

Evaluation

Engagement

- Social Workers and Advocates of Kutztown
- Food Recovery Network
- Department of Social Work
- Lutheran Center
- KU Dining Services and Aramark

Assessment

Hunger

- OSI Needs Assessment
- OSI Food Pantry serves 5-6 students per week
- Lutheran Center serves around 30 students per week

Sustainability

- Aramark staff acknowledged that despite their best efforts, there is some food thrown away each night

Planning



Legal Considerations



Ensuring Accountability



Who will open the door?

Program Sustainability

- Leadership
- Collaboration without competition (enabling success)
- Identification with common needs
- Ethical identification with shared values
- From project to program: Institutionalizing a process
- Evaluation, renewal and sustainability

~~Implementation~~ More Planning

- The recursive nature of the Planned Change Process
- Re-engaging, reaffirming relationships, reassessing need
- Adapting to changes in service provision, institutional climates

Implementation



Evaluation

- Process Evaluation
- Outcome Evaluation

Institutions are made not
of bricks or policies,
but of people.

Q & A

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