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CARGO CARTS IN NEED OF CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS

Food Rescue, a service of UnitingCare West, is in search of corporate volunteer teams to help collect excess food such as sandwiches, wraps and rolls from Perth CBD cafés. The food collected goes towards feeding those experiencing homelessness or economic hardships.

Over 1,000 items per week are rescued by the Food Rescue Cargo Carts. These carts operate from Monday to Friday for approximately two hours within the Perth CBD. Located at 100 St George's Terrace, the carts are pushed by corporate volunteer teams.

Currently the carts are operated by 13 different companies, including Alinta Energy, Argonaut, Downer Engineering, GR Engineering, Rio Tinto, Westpac, Bankwest and Business News. Despite this generous contribution of time, Food Rescue is in need of more corporate volunteer teams to get involved and help collect the hundreds of food items per day that will otherwise go to waste.

Requiring only a team of two people, at least once a month, the Cargo Carts provide a simple, efficient and low risk community engagement project for companies and a break from a busy work schedule for employees.

The food collected by the carts helps to feed people through several charities, including Manna, The Salvation Army, the Shopfront in Maylands, RUAH and UnitingCare West's Tranby Day Centre and Family Foundations Service.

To get on board with the Food Rescue Cargo Carts or if you are aware of a charity or program that is in need of fresh food that could be supplied by Food Rescue, contact the team on 0437 228 470 or food.rescue@unitingcarewest.org.au

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About UnitingCare West Food Rescue:

Food Rescue saves 10,000kgs of fresh food, equating to 20,000 meals, every week and delivers it to those most in need in the community. Food Rescue collects excess perishable, fresh and nutritious food from cafes, caterers, supermarkets and wholesalers and delivers it to those hardships within the Perth community. Over 50 charitable agencies receive the donations and run programs to assist a variety of people in need including people experiencing homelessness, women and children in crisis, vulnerable young people, indigenous communities, elderly people, refugees and new arrivals and families on low incomes.

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