

Impact Report: December 2022 - October 2024

Thank you so very much to the 64 Livery Companies and Guilds who have so generously supported the Livery Food Initiative. Our Van and Truck are making a huge impact.

The Van and Truck are on the front line of City Harvest’s work, driving across London and further afield seven days a week. Emblazoned with the Livery Food Initiative logo, the vehicles are a source of hope to the individuals, supported by their partner charities, many of whom are at risk of hunger, malnutrition or social isolation. The free food collected and delivered by the Van and Truck are at the heart of the services provided by City Harvest. City Harvest delivers to 375+ community organisations that collectively feed over 120,000 people a week. This saves each organisation around £65,000 per year, equating on average to approximately £21 million of funds a year being re-directed to other vital services such as counselling, support groups, and employment training. More details are available at <https://cityharvest.org.uk/livery-food-initiative/>.

LFI VAN



FOOD
351,344 tonnes
food rescued



PEOPLE
836,534 meals
transported



PLANET
843 tonnes GHG
emissions diverted

Alongside are details of what our Van has achieved in the **20 months** since its keys were handed over to City Harvest by Lord Mayor Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons on 5th March 2023. Our funding will enable the Van to continue to make a difference over the next **16 months**.

And here is the difference our Truck has made in the **8 months** since Lord Mayor Alderman Michael Mainelli handed over its keys to City Harvest on 6th March 2024. We have raised £206,000 of the £270,000 needed to enable the Truck to continue its work for another **28 months**.

LFI TRUCK



FOOD
321,058 tonnes
food rescued



PEOPLE
764,423 meals
transported



PLANET
771 tonnes GHG
emissions diverted

Below is just one example of the difference City Harvest has made:

Feast With Us – City Harvest Community Partner



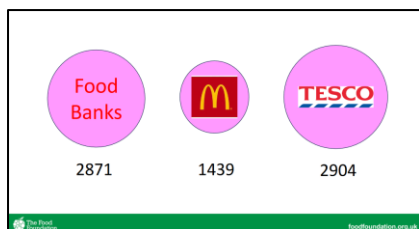
Caroline Monkhouse, CEO of FEAST, comments:

“The food we get from City Harvest is a lifeline. We use surplus food and volunteers, including chefs, to cook in community centres, mental health day centres, and homeless shelters. This allows us to provide nutritious, regular meals for those we serve. [FEAST](#) is a London-based organisation addressing food inequality by turning surplus food into nutritious meals and offering educational programs that empower people to make healthier choices, even on a tight budget.

City Harvest has supported FEAST since 2018, providing food for over 250,000 meals to those in need. Distributed to hostels, women’s refuges, and community centres, they ensure vulnerable people receive regular, healthy meals.”

Update on Livery Food Initiative Activities and Thank yous

Addressing Food Insecurity Seminar



On Monday 1st July, the Drapers' Company very kindly hosted the above event. Keynote speaker Professor Tim Lang set out the scale of the problem this country is facing, demonstrated by the Food Foundation slide which showed we have nearly as many food banks as Tesco stores. In 2025 we are going to explore if there is more the Livery Food Initiative can do to raise awareness of the huge issue of food poverty.

Thank You Reception at the Old Bailey

On Monday 9th September, some 80 people assembled at the Old Bailey at a Thank You Reception hosted by Alderwoman and Sheriff Dame Susan Langley. During the evening representatives of all the contributing companies received plaques from Dame Susan Langley and Sarah Calcutt, Chief Executive of City Harvest and heard how City Harvest continues to evolve its approach.



National Harvest Festival at Southwark Cathedral

On Sunday 6th October, City Harvest delivered the National Harvest Festival Service in Southwark Cathedral. The service was organized in partnership with Covent Garden Market Authority and British Food Fortnight, this year celebrating 50 years at 9 Elms and the Love British Food campaign, and the service marked the end of British Food fortnight. The reception was held at Glaziers' Hall (thank you!) and the Van put in an appearance.

Thank yous

We are so grateful to Lord Mayor Alderman Michael Mainelli and to the Sheriffs Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley and Alderman Broniek Masojada. From handing over the keys to the Truck in March, to opening the July Food Insecurity Seminar, to hosting our Thank you reception at the Old Bailey in September their constant support of the Livery Food initiative, encouraging contributions and increasing our impact, has been hugely important to us. We have done our best to live up to the Lord Mayor's maxim that 'Livery is delivery'!

Thank you so much to the 64 Livery Companies and Guilds and their Charities who have so far supported the Livery Food Initiative: the Actuaries, Air Pilots, Arbitrators, Arts Scholars, Bakers, Barbers, Basketmakers, Blacksmiths, Bowyers, Builders Merchants, Carmen, Chartered Accountants, Chartered Architects, Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Clockmakers, Clothworkers, Cooks, Coopers, Cordwainers, Drapers, Engineers, Environmental Cleaners, Fan Makers, Financial Services Group, Fishmongers, Framework Knitters, Fruiterers, Fuellers, Gardeners, Glaziers, Glovers, Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, Grocers, Hackney Carriage Drivers, Horners, Human Resource Professionals, Innholders, Insurers, Investment Managers, Joiners and Ceilers, Leathersellers, Makers of Playing Cards, Management Consultants, Marketors, Mercers, Merchant Tailors, Musicians, Needlemakers, Nurses, Parish Clerks, Pattenmakers, Pewterers, Plumbers, Saddlers, Security Professionals, Shipwrights, Solicitors, Stationers, Tax Advisers, Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders, Water Conservators, Woolmen, World Traders and the Zoomers Past Masters Group. These Companies not only contributed £190,000 for the Van and £206,000 towards the £270,000 needed for the Truck but also helped in many other ways including providing the use of their Halls for City Harvest events, sharing professional expertise, volunteering at City Harvest on City Giving Day and passing on valuable contacts.

**From everyone at LFI and City Harvest, thank you all for your generous support.
We will be in touch shortly about our plans for the third and final year of LFI.**

For further information please [visit the website](#) or contact Hilary Lindsay at liveryfoodinitiative@gmail.com