



# **2020 social report**

2020 wasn't what anyone expected it to become. The world turned upside down and so did Freegan Food Foundation. Where others were forced to stay at home, we were recognized for what we had accomplished in the previous year and a half and could use our network and strengths to the fullest. We were thankful to be there, for everyone who needed help.

### Quote from DJ

"If I have learned one thing from this period, it is that people especially have a great need for attention, love, being heard, being recognized..."

We now have over 1500 contacts in our WhatsApp file. All people who ask for help in one way or another. And just words like "I understand you" "I really feel sorry for you" "I wish I could do more for you" "Let's do our best to stay positive" turn out to be so healing.

The people who contact me are sometimes so desperate that the tone with which they start a conversation with me is not always very friendly. But as long as I remain patient, understanding and loving, these conversations ALWAYS end in a positive way and that makes my heart happy again... "Thanks for taking time to listen to me" And it can be that simple sometimes."

# 2020 in a nutshell



From 12 to 26 supermarkets/wholesalers



From 21 to 42 distribution points



From 1200 kg to 1800 kg of food waste per week



From 800 to 1500 families in our network



From 15 to 35 weekly volunteers

# Our organisation



The board

2 managing directors  
1 coördinator  
1 assistent  
2 drivers



26  
supermarkets/  
wholesalers



35 volunteers



1500 families/4200 people

# Running 2 programs

## The Food Waste Program

We distribute food that would normally have been thrown away by supermarkets/wholesalers.

In 2020 it became crystal clear that throwing away food is like stealing from the table of those who are poor and hungry.

The moment the lockdown was announced, our WhatsApp exploded, with requests from people who had lost their jobs right away. Although we couldn't respond immediately, within 2 weeks the foundation was found to be essential help and we could restart distributing food.

Many restaurants, wholesalers, supermarkets were donating their goods, since most of them were not allowed to open or only at specific times, so they had stock laying around. We gratefully accepted all that was donated and found help in 4 volunteers who were allowed to be on the road for the foundation.

Throughout 2020 the amount of donations has grown tremendously and we are happy that we're there to pick it up and distribute it to the needy.



## Emergency Food Collaboration

In May 2020 the Netherlands Red Cross contacted us to see if we were interested in a collaboration to help 3200 families in need with emergency food help for 3 months.

With funds from the Dutch ministry of BZK we collectively decided to hand out hot meals, food parcels and e-vouchers to people who registered for the program.

Together with SMDF, COME Center, K1-Brittania, Captain's Ribshack and the Netherlands Red Cross, we eventually ran this program throughout 2020 and building up to 4800 families (approx. 15.000 people).

Freegan food foundation prepared 750 foodboxes for 320 families each week. Each family of 4 got worth of \$252 per month, which included a minimum of 35% of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Each week 4 staff members and 8 volunteers worked tirelessly to pack the parcels, distribute it to 42 area volunteers where the beneficiaries could pick up the boxes. Always keeping COVID guidelines in mind.



NGOs Open Registration

To Provide Food Support



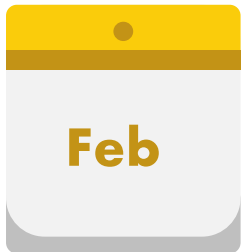
# Highlights of 2020



Rotary rewards the Foundation for their work



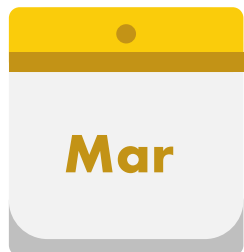
Opening of the Goods – clothing thrift store



Donations from Holland are still coming in



CC1 St. Maarten, Cost-U-Less, Caribbean Liquors:  
All start donating



Corona hits St. Maarten, our work continues

# Highlights of 2020

April



Adjusting to new rules and regulations

May



Odin Foodcoop & Fayad fruits and vegetables donate from Holland



Former student Lisa & friends raise 1402 Euro's for SXM

June



Telem Donates \$2500 / the Dutch military steps in to help / start of meetings for the collab with the Netherlands Red Cross and 5 organizations



# Highlights of 2020

July



Start of the food bank in the headquarters from Party 4 Progress



Helping other organizations help: Plater Development



La Vista Resort in Pelican donates pots and pans

Aug



Final Sale from the Goods raises \$1265,-



AUC helps by donating all goods cleared from emptying apartments

Sept



200 25kg bags of rice from Sunny foods  
15 volunteers 8 vehicles



Foodbank moves to new location for Emergency Food Program: More space -> more people can be helped: 320 families

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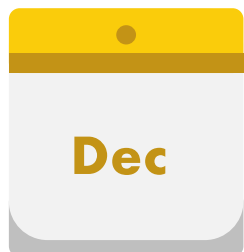
Vision Center donates 50 free eye exams



UTS donates 45 food parcels



Vegan to Go donates ½ of all profits from Thanksgiving lunch



1st Christmas drive with donated Christmas Decorations



Catholic School Board Donates \$3500 for food boxes



# Mission, vision and goals

## Our mission

We believe that there is enough for everyone in the world, it just needs to be divided differently.

We actively promote sustainability, amongst which by preventing food waste, but we also collect and distribute clothing, furniture, appliances, toys, books, anything that deserves a second life.

When all supermarkets, wholesalers, restaurants and hotels would donate their waste, no one on St. Maarten would have to go hungry.

We care about the planet, the animals, our health and you

- Distribute as equally as possible over the island
- No animal derived products are purchased, however if it is wasted then it will be distributed
- The distributions will always be free of charge
- Community for community. No politics involved

## Our goals

To keep (food) waste from going to the landfill. As long as there is waste, we will keep going.

Start a more sustainable food bank: Client Choice based. Where clients can shop similar to a regular supermarket: Freegan Food Market

Continue the Collab with NL Red Cross/SMDF/  
K1-Brittania/COME Center



# 2020 Conclusion

We are extremely grateful that we were able to help so many people with food and hygiene products. 2020 made it perfectly clear that we have to take care of the earth and all its inhabitants if we want to survive.



Because feeding people food that causes disease, harms animals and destroys the earth is not what we should be doing in 2021. We have to look forward: if we do this now, what will the effect be in 10,20,50 years?



Many times we have to defend ourselves as a foundation why we do what we do.  
Why we are a vegan organization?  
Why we call it food'waste'?



We call it 'waste', because that's what it is. We want people to realize that tons of good food is thrown out, food that could feed people. If we want to create awareness about this, we cannot call it anything else.



# Being grateful

In 2020 we received so much help in the form of food, money and/or time from:



Kangroos wholesalers, Divico Distributors and Cash & Carry, Fairway Mark It, Kam's Foodworld, MODE9 NV, Prime distributors, Catholic School Board, ASA Afternoon School, Dynaf SXM, Caribbean Liquors, Player Development, Tom Burnett, Ministry of BZK, The Netherlands Red Cross, COME Center, K1-Brittania, Captain's Ribshack, Laser 101, Elektra Voltage, Tim van Dijk, Oasis 96.3, UTS, Vegan To Go SXM, SXM Vision Center, Jandino Asporaat, Carpios, Merchants Market, CC1, Sunny foods, Amarys, Martijn Trading, Cost-U-Less, Duty Free World, Amsterdam Cheese, Caribbean CLT, 2.3 Supermarkets, Philipsburg and Maho pharmacy, Heavenly Water, Queen's gardens Resort & Spa, Holland House Beach Hotel, Indigo Sweet, Party for Progress st. Maarten, Nowhere Special, AUC and their Students, Cooperating Foundations for the Caribbean, La vista Resort, St. Maarten Development Fund, Nicole Diez, ILTT SXM, The Johnny Caker, the Indian ladies from Marigot, Aerial Lifts Rental SXM, Subway St. Maarten, TelCell NV, Motorworld St. Maarten, Lagoonies, Karakter Beach Bar, Macro Micros, All about a smile, Caribbean Cinemas St. Maarten, Andrea Castaño Vidal, BDO financial services St. Maarten, Oduber Agencies, Shakira & friends, Amstel Gospel Choir, US Laundry, EY Dutch Caribbean, Say Less Sis: Lisa and Shanica, Blue Point, Odin Foodcoop, Fayad Fruits and Vegetables, Carl & Sons Unique Bakery, Santos Bakery SXM, St. Maarten Nectar, Magic of the Caribbean Card, Government of St. Maarten, Domino's Pizza St. Maarten, Cake House St. Maarten, Tzu Chi Foundation, Real Foods N.V., Carrefour Market, Caribisch Netwerk, Goddard Catering Group, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Waste2Work SXM, Carnival Cruise Line, Artcraftcafe Sint Maarten, National Institute of the Arts (NIA), SXM Doet, Market Garden Supermarket, Wastefactory Sint Maarten, Loterie Farm, Miss Nice Banana, Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunset, Zhaveri Jewelers & Luxury, Delisle Walwyn & Co. ltd, Princess Cruises. And all donors who helped us help the people of St. maarten.



<b>DUTCH QUARTER</b>	<b>ST. PETER'S</b>	<b>DEFIANCE</b>	<b>OVER THE BANK</b>	<b>POND ISLAND</b>
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SHARING IS CARING	SHARING IS CARING	SHARING IS CARING	SHARING IS CARING	SHARING IS CARING
<b>HOPE ESTATE</b>	<b>CAV HILL</b>	<b>EBENEZER</b>	<b>CUL DE SAC</b>	<b>CAV BAY</b>
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<b>PHILIPSBURG</b>	<b>FORT WILLEM ROAD</b>			
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# Areas

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distribution  
areas with  
their own  
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