

Spread the Dough

Profile



The Inspiration

Community service has always played an integral role in Melina's life. While visiting a small bakery in her home town of Stratham, NH, Melina noticed the tragic waste of bread they threw out everyday.



The Idea

Melina knew the homeless shelters in her community were always looking for donations and wanted to find an alternative for local bakeries throwing out food every night.

The Venture

In an effort to feed the homeless and relieve the baker's guilt of throwing away perfectly good bread, Melina launched Spread the Dough in August of 2008. Melina and her team collect day-old bread donated by local bakeries and deliver it to homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and churches.

The Impact

Along with feeding the hungry and reducing food waste, Spread the Dough also teaches young people about commitment and the pressing issue of poverty. The Team has saved over 25,000 loafs of bread. Spread the Dough has begun to expand across the U.S. and hopes to one day be present in all 50 states. Spread the Dough was launched as a result of the Youth Venture - Burton Go Overboard Challenge.

