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Correction: A previous version of this release omitted the name of County Commissioner Bill Carey. Please use this corrected version.

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UM DINING SERVICES DONATING FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED

MISSOULA--

University Dining Services at The University of Montana-Missoula has joined forces with Garden City Harvest and Missoula Textiles to provide food that might otherwise be wasted to those in need. Together they will launch the Food Recovery Program on Tuesday, Dec. 22, in Missoula Textiles' parking lot.

When Dining Services closes down its main dining facilities for Christmas break, any excess food that won't keep until next semester will be donated. The Food Recovery Program is a group effort, with Dining Services contributing the food, Missoula Textiles picking up and delivering the food to the Poverello Center, and Garden City Harvest coordinating distributions to other local nonprofit agencies.

Jennifer Twyman, Food Recovery Program coordinator, said the goal of the program is to enhance existing procedures for collecting food, to provide food to individuals in need and to expand the program to include other local food operations.

"Food recovery programs are starting all over the country, and it has become a popular way of preventing waste," Twyman said. "Missoula has a need, and we are excited to be part of the solution."

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Dining Services and Garden City Harvest also have teamed to compost preprocessed vegetative waste, and Dining Services participates in other local food recovery programs.

“No matter how well you manage a food production facility there is always some waste,” said Mark LoParco, Dining Services director. “The Food Recovery Program offers a way to prevent waste while servicing the community.”

Newly elected Missoula County Commissioner Bill Carey will participate in the Dec. 22 ceremony by addressing the community at the Missoula Textiles parking lot at 2 p.m.

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