

Redesigning Food Access

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Moving Beyond Spatial Access

- Hunger, food insecurity, malnourishment have been conflated with low food access, defined as limited spatial access to grocers
 - Mapping software helped visualize food deserts/swamps
 - Neoliberal policies framed diet-related health disparities as market failures
 - Federal recovery dollars were allocated to supermarket development
 - Under-theorized research attempted to correlate supermarkets (proxies for healthy food) and reductions in BMI (proxies for lower cardiovascular disease risk)
- Alternative food access strategies would address
 - Multidimensional needs of low-income communities
 - Digital technology and innovative distribution methods
 - Time scarcity and deskilling in our economy

Social Supermarkets

Addressing multidimensional needs of low-income communities through non-profit business models and complementary community services


DMG Foods, Baltimore MD: in-kind donations





Daily Table, Dorchester MA: discounted surplus foods






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Jubilee Food Market, Waco Texas: membership subscription



Rolling Grocer 19, Hudson NY: income-based pricing



OUR MISSION:

Fair Food.

Rolling Grocer 19 increases health and collective well-being by making wholesome food available to everyone in Columbia County.



BLUE TIER (WHOLESALE PRICES)		ORANGE TIER (BETWEEN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES)		GREEN TIER (COMPETITIVE RETAIL PRICES)	
Number of People in Household	Combined Household Income	Number of People in Household	Combined Household Income	Number of People in Household	Combined Household Income
1 person	< \$25,000 or \$12/hr	1 person	\$25,001-\$40,000 or \$13-20/hr	1 person	> \$40,001 or 21/hr
2 people	< \$40,000 or \$20/hr	2 people	\$40,001-\$55,000 or \$21-28/hr	2 people	> \$55,001 or 29/hr
3 people	< \$55,000 or \$28/hr	3 people	\$55,001-\$70,000 or \$29-35/hr	3 people	> \$70,001 or 36/hr
4+ people	< \$70,000 or \$35/hr	4+ people	\$70,001-\$85,000 or \$36-43/hr	4+ people	> \$85,001 or 44/hr

WE FUNDRAISE TO
MAKE THESE TWO
TIERS AVAILABLE!

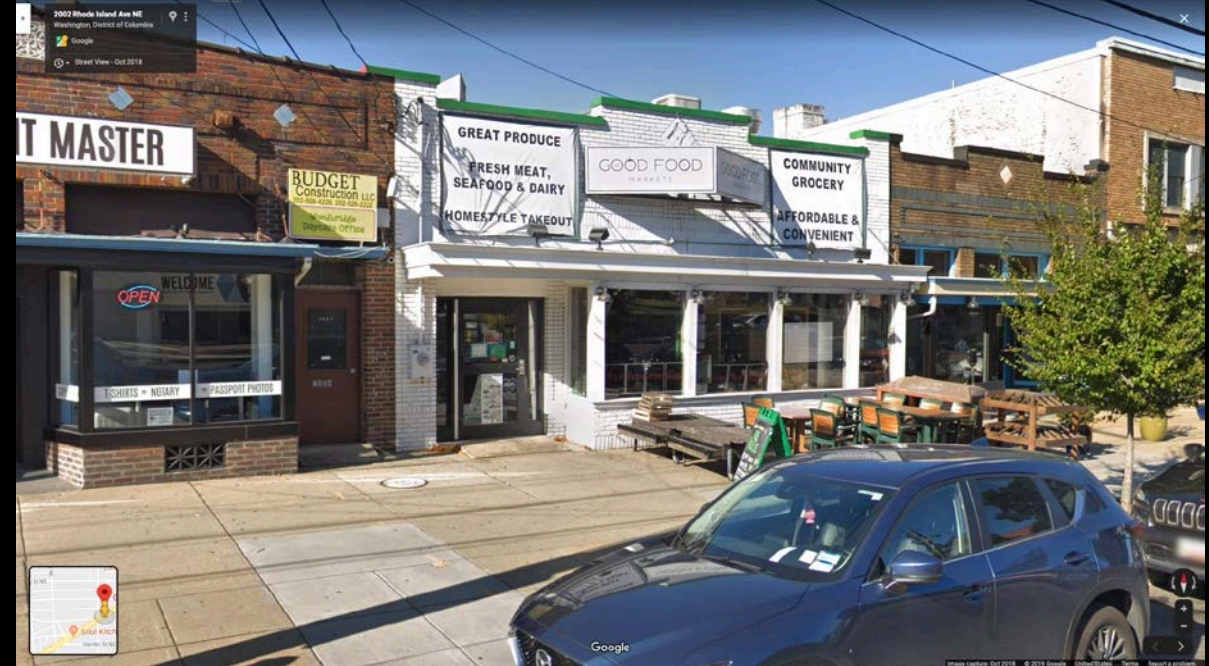
Consider joining a *higher tier* if you:

- Have a relatively high degree of earning power due to level of education, gender, racial privilege, and/or class background, etc.
- Do not currently have trouble purchasing food at the grocery store;
- Own the home you live in;
- Have investments / retirement account;
- Travel recreationally;
- Have access to family money in times of need;
- Do not work or work part-time by choice;
- Own a vehicle, computer and/or multiple pets.

Consider joining a *lower tier* if you:

- Receive public assistance;
- Have immigration related expenses;
- Have medical expenses not covered by insurance;
- Are a senior citizen on a fixed income;
- Have significant debt;
- Have tuition / educational expenses;
- Support children or have other dependents.

Good Food Markets, Washington DC: small footprint, discounts, community services



Online Grocers

Organizing community members to harness e-commerce to lower costs and increase convenience

Farragut Food Club: public housing residents co-designing last-mile food delivery





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Meal Kits

Enabling easy, affordable, home food preparation for busy low-income parents

Lemontree, LLC

- Families order meals by text or online
- Volunteers prepare and pack meal kits
- Kits delivered to distribution sites just-in-time
- Customers take home and prepare using Lemontree recipes
- Meals delivered have doubled from 3,500 to 7,000 2018-2019



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