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**4EARTH FARMS WORKS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES GIVE FAMILIES ACCESS TO FRESH PRODUCE**

4Earth Farms, based in Commerce, California has been working with local food banks and charities for years, helping to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to families in the communities surrounding the company's headquarters. "We recognized long ago that although our warehouse is filled with fresh and healthy fruits and vegetables, many of the residents that live in and around our neighborhood live in a food desert or don't have the means to buy fresh produce," says David Lake, President of 4Earth Farms. "To help solve this challenge we have been partnered with some amazing charities that facilitate getting fresh produce donations from our facility to food insecure families."

Over the last five years alone, 4Earth has donated over 120,000 pounds of fresh produce to local food banks and charities. 4Earth Farms has been partnering with reputable local charities such as Heart of Compassion in nearby Montebello and Food Forward, a southern California based charity specializing in perishable foods. "Through a wonderful partnership with 4Earth Farms during the last 6 years, Heart of Compassion has been better able to alleviate food insecurities for more than 2,000 individuals weekly, including countless families, seniors, veterans, and those experiencing homelessness," says Pastor Eric Tietze of Heart of Compassion.

"4Earth Farms has generously supported Food Forward, and remains a valuable industry ally," says Luis Yepiz, Wholesale Market Recovery Manager with Food Forward. Aside from regular fresh produce donations, 4Earth Farms is also working with Food Forward to distribute produce boxes through USDA's Farmers to Families program. Since May 15, 4Earth Farms and Food Forward have distributed over 75,000 produce boxes to families in the Southern California region.

4Earth Farms most recent partner has been the City of Commerce. 4Earth has been working with the city to supply fresh produce boxes that are delivered to the City's youth. The company's first donations were handed out to school age children as part of their free lunch program in May. A second produce box donation will take place in June as part of the summer lunch program. City of Commerce's Mayor Ivan Altamirano stated, "I am grateful to 4Earth Farms for their generosity to Commerce's youth. Companies like 4Earth Farms are a reflection of our community's values. The 4Earth Farms donation provides a sustainable source of quality nourishment during these uncertain times. Thank you to the entire 4Earth Farms team for making a positive impact in Commerce!"

"We feel fortunate to have the opportunity to give back to the community that supports us, especially knowing that much of our produce donation is going to families and children," says Mark Munger, VP Sales & Marketing. "We can't think of a higher purpose than giving children better access to fresh fruits and veggies!"

Founded in 1993 by Pastor Eric Tietze, Heart of Compassion (HOC) Distribution is a 501(c)(3) food bank and social service organization. HOC works to alleviate hunger, food insecurities and the suffering of those who have fallen on hard times. [www.heartofcompassionca.org](http://www.heartofcompassionca.org)

Food Forward staff and volunteers rescue over 500,000 pounds of surplus produce each week from fruit trees, farmers markets and the Los Angeles Wholesale Produce Market. 100% of these fresh fruits and vegetables are donated to over 1,800 hunger relief agencies across 8 counties in Southern California. <https://foodforward.org>