

## Can-do KA teamwork at FoodLink

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In the Rochester, NY area, FoodLink is a source of well-deserved pride. Starting in 1978 with a busload of donated English muffins, the non-profit has grown into a 500-member organization distributing more than 19 million pounds of food and resources each year. In 2016, [FoodLink](#) relocated down the street from Kodak Alaris' offices on Mt. Read Boulevard. On November 6th, 2017, our team of 20 Rochester employees pulled into the FoodLink parking lot to start that Monday morning as volunteer food inspectors.



### Safety first

Performing safety checks on donated food, we verified expiration dates, ensured ingredients were complete and readable, and checked for dents that could compromise the integrity of cans. The canned goods that passed inspection were then sorted into categorized boxes, weighed, and ready for distribution. At the end, we were glad to have been a small link in this charitable food chain.

### Thank you!

The following employees donated time, effort, and food to FoodLink:

*Bruce Link, Robert Johnson, Yamille Mendieta, Stephen Kastner, Guy Coletta, Sam Withey, Freeman Fessler, Kris Shannon, Rita Ignizio, Michael Kuitunen, Debbie Finewood, Iris Santiago, Lynn Cooke, Daniel Mangefrida, Margaret Sauers, and Joe Russo.*

As a part of our [Community Outreach Policy](#), Kodak Alaris complemented the generosity of the volunteers with a \$1000 donation to FoodLink.



### Learn more about FoodLink

Targeting the root causes of hunger, FoodLink's operations distribute food to a network of human service agencies. They serve meals through their commercial kitchen and offer more than 30 food-related programs. This regional food hub also serves as the [Feeding America](#) food bank for Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties.

Last year, FoodLink offered more than 200 nutrition education courses and created new access points for healthy foods in underserved communities. Their innovative approach directly addresses health disparities related to food insecurity. For more information, visit them at [foodlinkny.org](http://foodlinkny.org).



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