

Hello to all Vindeket Participants!

This message is for all people who come to Vindeket to take part in the food rescue process. Whether you are eating rescued food, picking it up from our supplier partners, or working hard to keep our weekly Market a success, I'd like to say a sincere thank you to all of you who make Vindeket a success. Thank you!

You may have noticed recently that our Market has been more full than ever with people, food, cars, and activity as the Vindeket community grows. You should all know this is a sign that our micro community is thriving! This is a sign that people from all over Fort Collins and surrounding communities are discovering that rescuing food in any capacity is good for our planet, good for our families, and an amazing way to connect with others in the community.

You may be wondering, what does this growth mean for all of us and how is Vindeket prepared to handle it? First of all, the leadership team at Vindeket is actively looking for a bigger building for our operations in Fort Collins. We are looking to purchase a facility that is strategically located, gives us the opportunity to grow for years to come, and adds new resources (i.e. more storage space, a commercial kitchen, meeting spaces, and offices etc.). Secondly, we are planning to keep the Market running and make the transition without interruption to the Market itself.

So, what should you expect? You will begin to see more announcements, social media posts, and signs informing the community that we are looking for a new building. You will see new and more visitors at Vindeket taking tours and looking around. These individuals could be local businesses, other nonprofits, or even members of our local government. Lastly, you will see we have kicked off what we are calling our Root Bound Capital Campaign. As a non-profit, this campaign is our official request to the community to support Vindeket financially. Although we have saved a large portion of every donation that we have received over the last five years, our goal is to purchase a building that is more than what we need today; so we can grow into it for many years to come. This means raising almost a million dollars in charitable giving.

So, what can you do? Firstly, take the time to inform yourself by reading the signs around the Market, pamphlets we publish, our website, and in general ask questions to our staff and board members about our goals and plans for the future. Secondly, make a plan for your contribution. That can mean a donation of money, (which can be made at our [website](#) today), but it can also mean much more. We will need help getting the word out to businesses that Vindeket is a vital piece of this thriving community and needs their help to expand our impact and benefit to the community. We will need help letting the community know what we are up to and garnering more support. We will need more help than ever both during the Market hours and in between. You can sign up to unload trucks, stock shelves, and organize food. As more people hear about Vindeket our Market will experience even more growth. You are invited to help out wherever you feel you can add value. Lastly, the most important thing...keep rescuing food and telling everyone you know about the amazing work (that's right, preparing and eating rescued food can sometimes be work!) that you are doing for this community and each other.

You should be proud to be a part of this movement no matter what part you are. Every piece is just as important as the next. So, be flexible and get ready for big things! We have begun looking for a building to purchase (tell us if you know of one though!), we are looking for large financial donations today, and after we place a down payment on a building we will kickoff a big public giving campaign to build-out the future Vindeket into a hub for rescuing food, connecting people, and supercharging all of our efforts to make the work a little bit better!

For questions about market participation email: [info@vindeket.org](mailto:info@vindeket.org)

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Thank you to all,  
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