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#### In case you haven't heard



#### **3** reasons to target consumers

1. Largest share of wasted food is in households

2. Consumer attitudes drive waste in restaurants, grocery stores, and farms.

3. Innovators, food industry workers, event planners, policy makers....are all also consumers.

#### **About the Ad Council**

#### 1 Urgent Public Issues





#### 2 Partner of Choice



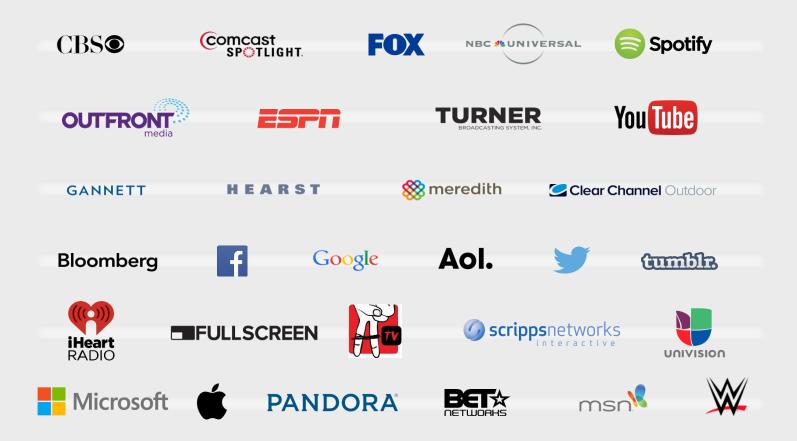


#### Breakthrough Creative











#### ADOPTION FROM FOSTER CARE

ANALYTICS

36+M visits to adoptuskids.org

27,000 families who registered to adopt through AdoptUSkids



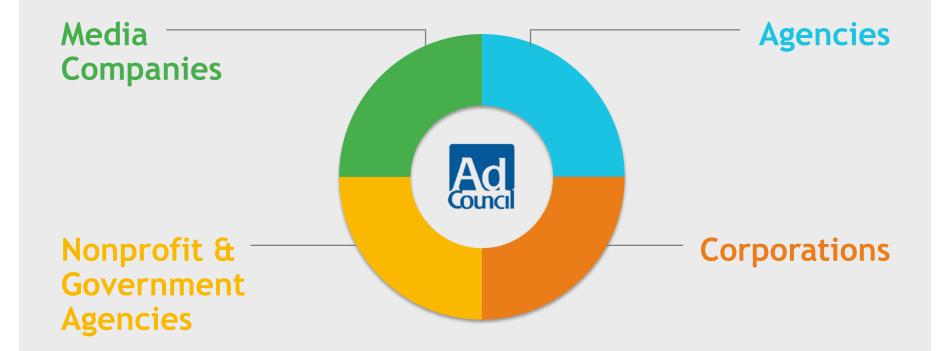


Holistic Evaluation Plan for Save the Food:

- Donated Media
- Website Visits
- PR and Social Media
- Tracking study to measure changes in awareness, attitudes and behaviors
- Changes in amount of food waste



#### **Our Model**





#### About the Save The Food Campaign



#### **CAMPAIGN PARTNERS**





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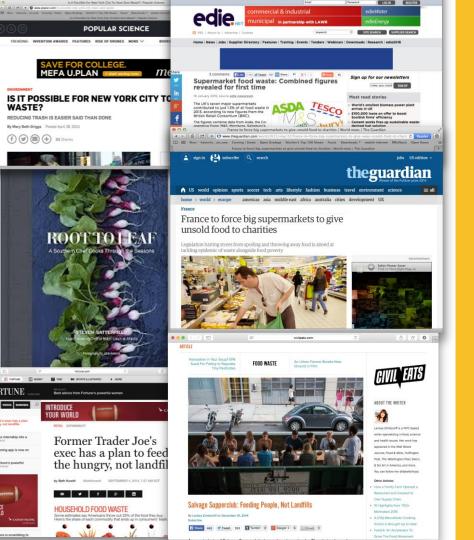


#### THE ISSUE

40% of food in the United States goes to waste, translating to \$162 billion lost in wasted water, energy, fertilizers, cropland, and production costs.

The average American family of four spends \$1,500 on food that they throw away each year.

Each individual throws away 20 pounds of food per month.



Even though Food Waste is trending up with cultural elites, it's still a little known issue.

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#### FOOD PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN SHAPING OUR IDENTITIES

Our relationship to food is defined by our deepest feelings and personal values. Through food we express everything from health, personal taste, to wealth, our heritage, and love.

#### **MOST PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE THEY WASTE FOOD**



A wake up call to disrupt their habits.

And a relevant call to action to create new habits.

#### WHAT WE LEARNED

#### What we read & who we talked to



#### Secondary:

- Trade & trend research, scientific reports, issues & policy papers
- Review of existing campaigns

#### Ethnographic:

- 5 Nashville participants (3 Moms, 2 Millennials)
- 5 Los Angeles participants (2 Moms, 3 Millennials)

#### **Primary:**

- Expert interviews
- Social listening of current conversations
- Surveys to understand current attitudes & behaviors

### Who are we targeting?



MOMS: The food gate-keeper

They are always trying to do better, but the reality of picky kids, hectic schedules and time pressure often get in the way.



#### MILLENNIALS:

The socially minded

Engaged, idealistic, eager to help if we give them content, but busy with social lives which can get in the way of their meal plans.



### SHOPPING

## Aspirations to eat better, seek variety, and save money lead to food waste.

"These [10+] grapefruits were a gift from my girlfriend's mom's garden. We thought we'd change up our breakfasts, but we haven't of course. Now, they're all going to rot." *–Andreas, Male Millennial Los Angeles Ethnography*  "Impulse purchases make up 20% of our grocery shopping, which tend to be thrown out quicker."

- Mealime & Wharton



### STORAGE

#### Confusion leads to caution.

"This was just a special circumstance. It might not have been safe for the kids to eat." - Robin, Mom Nashville Ethnography "43% of respondents indicated that they are likely to throw out fruit or vegetables that are blemished or wilted..."

– UK Food Waste Avoidance Benchmark Study



### COOKING

#### Mealtime pressures create waste blind-spots.

"Winning is making something healthy everyone loves." – Mother, Prepared Food Research, Boston "1/3 of household waste is caused by people cooking too much."

– Your Scraps Add Up, NRDC



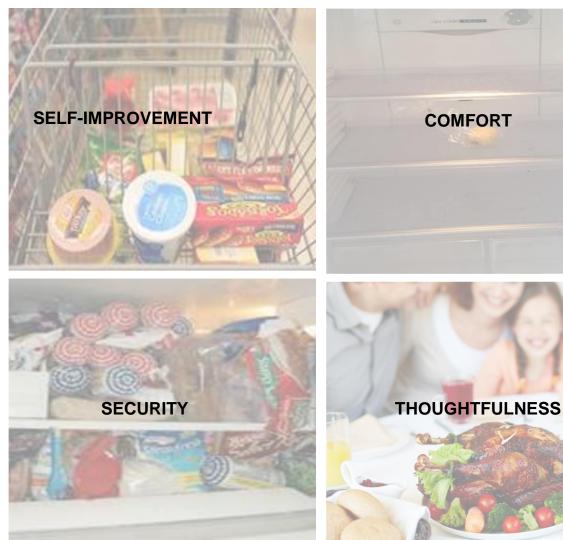
### **KITCHEN**

## We need to fill the empty spaces we see and feel in our kitchens, carts, and on our plates.

"A lot of people were [are] buying food because there was [is] a hole in their refrigerator and not because they were going to eat them."

– Laura, Anthropologist grad student Expert Interview "...the surface area of the average dinner plate expanded by 36 percent between 1960 and 2007."

- Wasted, NRDC



**Our aspirations** to be good caretakers, generous hosts, healthy and adventurous eaters lead to food waste.

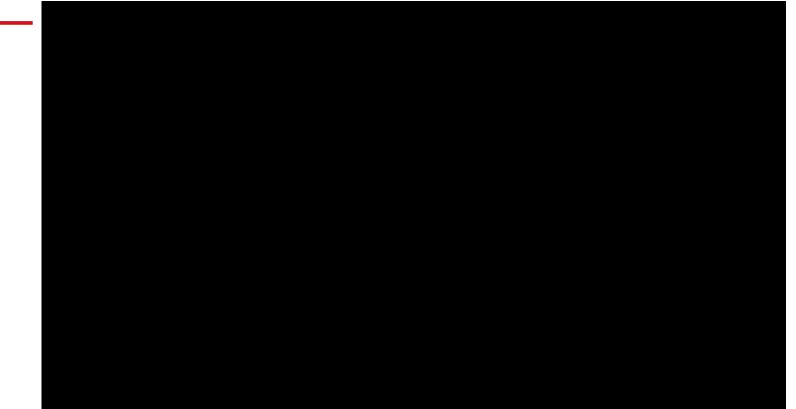


### Strategy: People's good intentions lead to the U.S. wasting 40% of its food.

Target: Moms & Millennials

CTA: SaveTheFood.com

#### THE LIFE AND TIMES OF STRAWBERRY



### **DIGITAL EXECUTIONS (Web Banner)**



# PRE-ROLL EXECUTIONS (Run online before videos (i.e. on YouTube)



40% OF FOOD IN AMERICA IS WASTED.



COOK IT, STORE IT, SHARE IT. JUST DON'T WASTE IT. SAVETHEFOOD.COM

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BEST IF USED.

#### TRASHING ONE EGG WASTES 55 GALLONS OF WATER

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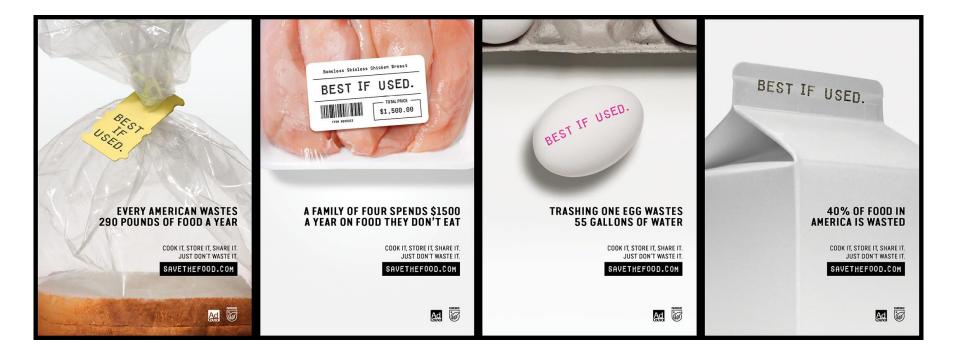








### **PRINT EXECUTIONS**



#### **TRASH FACTS: GUERRILLA TACTICS**



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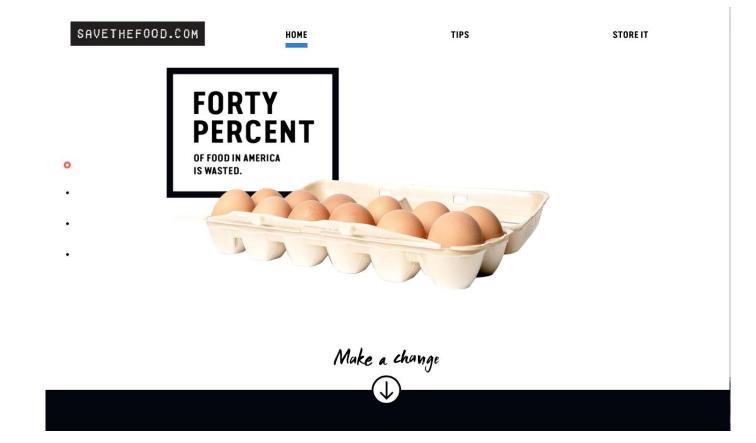
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### WILD POSTINGS



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TIPS

#### THIS IS WHERE FOOD WASTE ENDS. FREEZE. PLAN. CONQUER.

HOME

FOOD Storage Directory

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VEGETABLES MEAT, POULTY & SEAFOOD Pantry Staples Dairy, Eggs

BEANS, NUTS & VEGETARIAN PROTEINS

**OILS, CONDIMENTS & SPICES** 

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### 10 EASY TIPS FOR MEAL PLANNING



We wouldn't run the shower for 104 minutes, but mat s how much water it takes to make a pound of chicken.

STORE IT







These dates refer to quality rather than food safety. It's the date before which the brand stands by its product (unless it's been opened or left out in warm temperatures).





#### SHOPPING GUIDELINES

There are many reasons behind food waste, but simply buying more than we use is a big one. The good news? Careful grocery shopping saves money right away. A few quick habit changes will help food last longer.

#### PR

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THE PRESS TELEVISION TECHNOLOGY ADVERTISING & BRANDING ADFREAK VIDED



#### Follow a Strawberry From Birth to Grave in This Oddly **Emotional Ad About Food** Waste The Ad Council's remarkable new campaign By

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#### DAMN! Wasted food is the single largest contributor to landfills in the US. Help #SaveTheFood! savethefood.com @NRDC @AdCouncil

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40% of food in the United States is wasted. We can all do our part to prevent food waste. ---@AdCouncil





#### takepart

The Sad Story of a Strawberry Could Help **Convince Americans to Waste Less Food** 



Tom Colicchio is head judge on Bravo's realitu cookina series Top Chef, the chef and owner of Craft restaurants & 'wichcraft, and co-founder of Food Policy Action.

Tom Colicchio: 6 Tips to Enjoy More Food and

Reducing food waste and global hunger is something you can work on from your own kitchen

Waste Less of It

Tom Colicchio @tomcolicchio April 20, 2016

IDEAS FOOD

When I found out that America wastes 40% of its food. I was shocked. This is a country where nearly 50 million people aren't sure where their next meal is

Economics Of Wasting Food

#### The economics of wasting food

By Annie Baxter



BUSINESS TAKE ACTION CULTURE











#### This Cute PSA Tells The Story Of Food Waste Through The Life Of A Strawberry

A campaign, called Save the Food, wants you to relate to food waste like you would an adorable furry animal.



### SOCIAL



visiting SaveTheFood.com.

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It's a sad reality: each American, on average, throws away 300 lbs. of food each

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Learn how you can #SaveTheFood: http://bit.ly/1U7nwEM

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Save the Food A national public service campaign to combat food waste. Partnership between the @AdCouncil and @NRDC org www.savethefood.com

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A FAMILY OF FOUR SPENDS \$1500

A YEAR ON FOOD THEY DON'T EAT

40% OF FOOD IN

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"I like to think of

muself as a food

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precious, food is

sacred."

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EAVE THE FOOD Freezing food is easy, and one of the key ways to reducing #foodwaste. on.nrdc.org/1NDom9I #SaveTheFood





Save The Food





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#### 12 Easy Ways To Transform Leftovers Save the Food Into A Brand-New Meal 40% of all food in America is wasted. Save food, waste less, and eat more! It's a winwin-win situation. Learn more about saving the environment, food, and money by #11 Rord You and 1 other friend likes this

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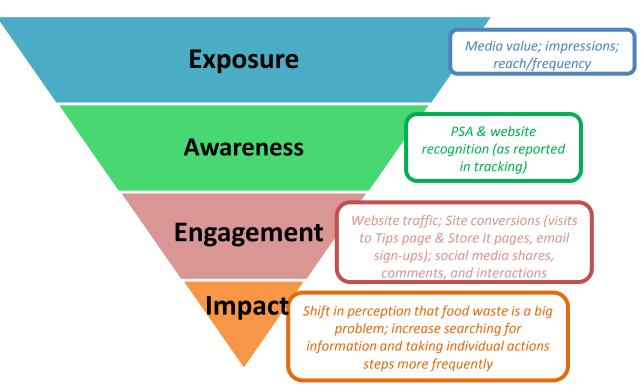




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### **Evaluation Plan**



# Continuous Tracking Survey

- Continuous tracking survey will measure shifts in campaign awareness, key attitudes and behaviors surrounding food waste (n= 7,800 per year)
- Key metrics:
  - Agreement with relevant knowledge and attitudes
    - Wasting food is a big problem in the United States.
    - My individual actions would make a difference in reducing food waste.
  - Increase in desired behaviors
    - Sought information about ways to waste less food
    - Regularly take steps to reduce food waste
    - Frequency of individual steps (always/most of the time)

### Spread the Word With Us!



Wrap leftover cheese loosely in wax paper, not plastic.

BROWN SUGAR Use a slice of bread to soften up hardened brown sugar.

#### Become a storage pro

LEARN HOW



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http://socialmediakit.adcouncil.org/presskit/save-the-food/



### Learn more about the campaign

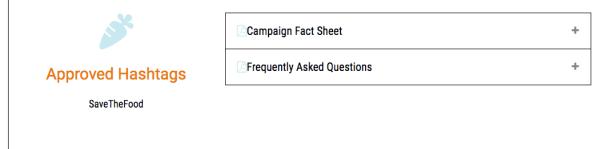
#### **JOIN US**

Campaign Background	Campaign Assets	Social Media Assets	Media Outreach	

Description:

While food plays a key role in shaping our identities and it is highly celebrated in American society, each year 40 percent of food in the United States goes to waste, translating to \$162 billion lost and wasted water, energy, fertilizers, cropland, and production costs.

Most Americans don't realize how much food they toss out each year—an average of 1,000 pounds per family of four, resulting in \$1,500 lost. New PSAs encourage Americans to "Save The Food" by showcasing the wondrous life cycle of food and the loss of resources when it goes unconsumed. All PSAs drive to the campaign's website SaveTheFood.com where Americans can learn how simple lifestyle changes like making shopping lists, freezing food and using leftovers can help "Save the Food" and significantly reduce the 20 pounds of food individuals throw away each month.



### View, share or embed creative in presentations

#### JOIN US

Campaign Background Campaign Assets

Social Media Assets

#### **Campaign Assets**

Description:

The national "Save the Food" campaign includes the below TV, online video, poster, and out-of-home assets.

Please watch and share the "Extraordinary Life and Times of Strawberry" spots, print the posters for collateral use, and view the out-ofhome creative executions that are available. Please let us know how you are helping to extend our campaign message by emailing savethefood@nrdc.org!



#### Videos

The Extraordinary Life and Times of Strawberry :30

Media Outreach



### Print posters for use in office, stores, etc.

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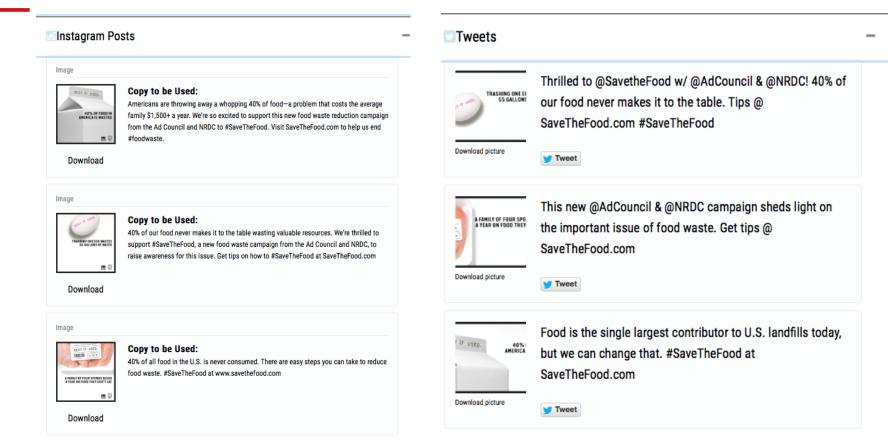
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SaveThe	₽Food		Best If Used: Bread" Poster his poster reads "Best If Used. Every American wastes 290 ounds of food a year. Cook it, store it, share it. Just don't waste . SaveTheFood.com" Download				

# Share the Campaign via Social

#### JOIN US

Campaign Background Campaign Assets	Social Media Assets	Media Outreach					
Share The Message Description: Below are general social media posts and graphics that you can share across your social channels to help us #SaveTheFood.							
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Approved Hashtags	Facebook Images						
SaveTheFood	Tweets	+					
	Instagram Posts	\$ <b>+</b>					

### Turnkey messaging and images



### Share the Campaign with the Media

**Important!** Assets should run in donated media space, but there may be opportunities to co-brand some assets and air them in paid space. Please contact <u>savethefood@nrdc.org</u> with specific requests so we can work on that together.

#### JOIN US



## In Summary, What You Can Do

- Through <u>http://socialmediakit.adcouncil.org/presskit/save-the-food/</u>, you can:
  - Join Save The Food community: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram (Links at bottom)
  - Run PSAs on TV monitors in your workplace or public buildings, schools etc.
  - Reach out to local TV and print media to encourage them to <u>donate advertising space for</u> <u>the campaign (</u>"Sample PSA Director letter" and "How to Access the PSAs" documents)
  - Print posters to put in your offices, stores, in newsletters, etc. or any other owned space
- If you are a local government or waste management official (or have relationships with either), contact <u>savethefood@nrdc.org</u> with requests to:
  - Donate owned advertising space in transit system or elsewhere
  - Use guerrilla stencil campaign on public trash cans (stickers available)
  - Engage waste haulers for dumpster/truck space

## In Summary, What You Can Do

 Stay tuned for more, but contact <u>savethefood@nrdc.org</u> with any other specific requests and we'll do our best to accommodate!

#### Let's Chat!

