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HMSHost Food Donation Program Recognized with Airports Going Green Award

BETHESDA, MD — Global restaurateur [HMSHost's](#) food donation program was recognized with a 2016 Airports Going Green Award for its leadership in the pursuit of sustainability within the aviation industry. HMSHost has increasingly demonstrated a strong commitment to the sustainability of the environments where it operates. As part of HMSHost's company-wide food donation program, last year alone more than 1.6 million pounds of food was diverted from landfills throughout the United States and Canada.

"Food donation has become one of the most significant green practices which HMSHost is proud to have incorporated into our daily operations and I applaud our associates who have made this Airports Going Green Award possible," said HMSHost Chief Operating Officer Jeff Yablun. "This is a tremendous honor and we are thankful for the recognition of the positive impact that HMSHost's food donation program has made not only to the industry's sustainability efforts, but also in helping feed those in need."

The HMSHost food donation program was born from a grassroots effort in Tampa International Airport when a group of HMSHost associates decided there were better alternatives to addressing the issue of fresh, high-quality, surplus food that is all but unavoidable in the restaurant industry. Today, the program has expanded to additional North American airports, as well as in HMSHost's motorway operations, and includes both pre-packaged and freshly prepared foods.

With the food donation program, the communities where HMSHost operates benefit from a green perspective because millions of pounds of donated food is diverted from local landfills, easing the burdens of those municipalities by reducing their waste loads. Local communities also benefit as the quality surplus food is donated to local organizations that help feed those who might otherwise go hungry.

HMSHost's food donation program supports the three pillars of the company's industry recognized [startsomewhere®](#) sustainability initiative, which focuses on the environment, nutrition and wellness, and community partnerships.

HMSHost was formally recognized at the 9th Annual Airports Going Green Conference in Amsterdam presented by the American Association of Airport Executives, the City of Chicago Department of Aviation, and Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. To learn more about HMSHost's sustainability efforts, visit the [HMSHost community page](#).

HMSHost Leading the Industry

HMSHost has been recognized by the industry as the top provider of travel dining with awards such as 2016 Best Overall Food & Beverage Operator (for the ninth consecutive year) and Food Operator with the Highest Regard for Customer Service (for the seventh year) by Airport Revenue News. HMSHost has also been recognized by Airports Council International-North America, receiving First Place for Best New Food and Beverage (Full-Service Concept) for 1897 Market at Charlotte Douglas International Airport and First Place for Best Innovative Consumer Experience Concept for its Channel Your Inner Chef live culinary contest at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

About HMSHost

Global restaurateur [HMSHost](#) is a world leader in creating dining for travel venues. HMSHost operates in more than 120 airports around the globe, including 44 of the 50 busiest airports in North America. The Company has annual sales in excess of \$2.8 billion and employs more than 37,000 sales associates worldwide. HMSHost is a part of Autogrill Group, the world's leading provider of food & beverage services for people on the move. With sales of around €4.3 billion in 2015, the Group operates in 31 countries and employs over 57,000 people. It manages approximately 4,200 stores in over 1,000 locations worldwide. Visit www.HMSHost.com for more information. We can also be found on Facebook at fb.com/HMSHost and on Twitter at [@HMSHost](https://twitter.com/HMSHost).

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