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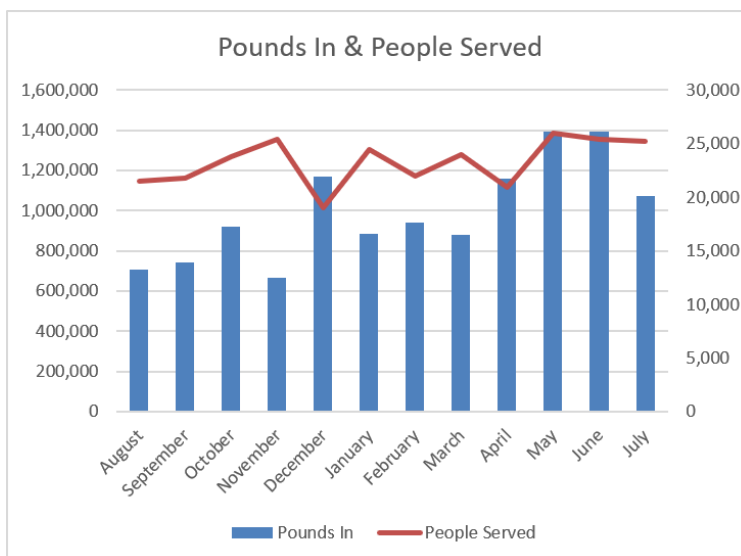
The Report Card

The Epic-Cure *Report Card* as of July 31, 2026

Life to Date *(since May 24, 2019)*

Pounds In/Out	49,016,466	
Wholesale Value of Food Distributed	\$100,266,542	
Pounds of Food per Family:	93.35	<i>Average pounds per family per visit</i>
Equivalent Meals Served:	40,847,055	<i>Assumes 1.2 pounds per meal</i>
Families Served		
Number of Families Served this month:	8,309	<i>in Month of July 2026</i>
Number of Distributions this month:	74	<i>in Month of July 2026</i>
Pounds of Food/Household Goods		
Total Pounds In / Out:	1,072,930	<i>in Month of July 2026</i>
Total Pounds In / Out:	1,315,311	<i>Average of 3 prior months</i>
Operating Efficiency		
Wholesale value of food distributed for each \$1.00 spent on Operations since inception:		\$48.74
Wholesale value of food distributed for each \$1.00 spent on Operations in May:		\$63.72

Here is our PIPS (Pounds In & People Served) Graph



Notes on the graph:

Food rescue is as volatile as always. Even though our food rescue numbers can fluctuate significantly from month to month, it takes only about 600,000 pounds of food to meet the needs of our direct public distributions. Anything we rescue above that amount, after separating out farm food, is distributed to partner agencies, so when we have less food coming in, it simply means there is less available to share with agencies, but it does not impact our direct distributions. Get the magnifying glass out and you can see what we mean.

Month	Pounds In	Agencies Served	Farm Food	People Served	Pounds Per Family
Jan 26	885,028	301,219	50,082	24,462	63.39
Feb 26	940,924	357,619	65,297	21,939	67.41
Mar 26	877,244	244,924	38,370	23,928	70.88
Apr 26	1,158,221	430,095	52,512	20,936	92.35
May 26	1,394,637	513,228	87,089	25,943	88.01
Jun 26	1,393,135	555,403	103,395	25,361	86.29
Jul 26	1,047,862	276,962	130,336	25,174	77.09



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Every Pound Has a Story

People often ask us how we measure success.

Is it the number of trucks?

The number of volunteers?

The number of families served?

Those are all important, but we tend to think in pounds.

Every pound of food we rescue represents a choice.

- A grocery store choosing not to throw it away.
- A trucking company choosing to call us instead of the landfill.
- A volunteer choosing to spend a few hours unloading pallets instead of relaxing at home.
- A family choosing groceries over going hungry.

When we announce that we have rescued another million pounds of food, those are not just statistics.

They are millions of individual opportunities that were saved instead of wasted.

Behind every pallet is someone's generosity.

Behind every delivery is a volunteer.

Behind every distribution is a family who no longer has to wonder where their next meal is coming from.

That is what every pound really represents.

A Race Against Time

When people hear that Epic-Cure rescued 36,000 pounds of bananas, they often assume that is 36,000 pounds of food that will feed families.

We wish it were that simple.

On Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m., a truck arrived carrying 17 pallets (36,000 pounds) of bananas. Our volunteers immediately got to work, and by the end of the day we had distributed about two and a half pallets to families and nonprofit partners.

The remaining bananas looked beautiful. They did not have black spots, bruises, or signs of spoilage.

By Monday morning, they had become mushy. They still looked good, but they would not survive being handled, transported, and taken home by families. At that point, we shifted into Plan B.

We immediately began posting on social media, reaching out to local farmers and anyone with livestock who could put the fruit to good use.

By Tuesday, every remaining banana had found a new purpose, as nutritious feed for animals instead of ending up in a landfill.

Was it the outcome we had hoped for? Of course not. We would much rather see every banana on a family's kitchen table.

But this is the reality of food rescue.



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Not every donation arrives with days or weeks of shelf life remaining. Sometimes we have only hours to move tens of thousands of pounds of highly perishable food. It is a constant race against time, requiring volunteers, trucks, warehouse space, refrigeration, and community partners who can react at a moment's notice.

Even when food cannot feed people, we work hard to ensure it still serves a purpose. Keeping it out of the landfill, supporting local farmers, and reducing waste are all part of the mission.

Because in food rescue, success is not just measured by what we save, it is also measured by how little goes to waste.

Every Pound Has a Story: The Tire Shop That Feeds Families

One of the strangest places we rescue food from is *Southern Tire Mart*.

At first glance, it makes no sense. It is a mechanical shop that services semi-trucks, not a grocery store, not a warehouse, and certainly not a dairy.

But one of the services they provide is washing out the inside of refrigerated trailers. Many of those trailers have been hauling milk. After making their deliveries, they often have surplus product left on board. Before the trailers can be washed, that milk has to come off.

For years, much of that surplus was simply dumped.

Then someone asked a simple question: *What if it didn't have to be?*

Southern Tire Mart initially let their employees take what they could use. As word spread, they began calling food banks and pantries whenever milk was available. Eventually, they connected with Epic-Cure.

At first, the calls were manageable.

Then they started coming almost every day, sometimes multiple times a day.

The challenge was not whether we wanted the milk. Of course we did. The challenge was logistics. We would often send a diesel truck across town only to pick up 15 or 20 cases. The value of the milk was real, but so was the cost of fuel, driver time, and pulling trucks away from other rescues.

So we had to rethink the process.

We asked Southern Tire Mart to call us only when they had at least *60 cases* available. Smaller loads could be picked up by a local pantry, while Epic-Cure would handle the larger volumes.

Almost immediately, things changed.

Instead of chasing dozens of tiny pickups, we began receiving loads of *100, 150, even 200 cases at a time*.

In the month of July alone, we rescued *more than 35,000 pounds of milk* from this one unusual source.

That is an incredible number.

More importantly, it has meant something we have rarely been able to do before: provide enough milk so that virtually every family at every distribution could take some home.

Will it continue? We do not know.



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That is the nature of food rescue. One month, a donation source appears almost out of nowhere. The next month, it may disappear just as quickly. Our job is not to control those changes, it is to adapt, build relationships, and make it as easy as possible for companies to choose donation over disposal.

Food waste does not just happen in grocery stores.

Sometimes it happens at a tire shop.

And sometimes, all it takes to rescue tens of thousands of pounds of food is someone willing to ask, "Is there a better way?"

A HUGE thank you to the Palatka Rotary Sunrise Club!

Because of your incredible generosity, Epic-Cure now has two "new-to-us" reconditioned Crown power pallet jacks! Your club raised \$11,000 to make this possible, and it could not have come at a better time.

Our most powerful pallet jack, purchased at an auction five years ago, had been held together with spit, duct tape, and determination for the last year before finally giving out about a month ago. Since then, moving heavy pallets of food up the ramps into our external refrigerated containers has been... let us just say it took a running start and a couple of volunteers pushing from behind!

When the Rotary representative dropped off the check, she was surprised to learn that our volunteer Army had already headed to Jacksonville just an hour later to pick up the equipment. That is how quickly this need had to be filled!

We have never owned Crown equipment before because it has always been beyond our budget. Wow, what a difference! These pallet jacks may look small, but they are incredibly powerful. Their compact size also makes them much easier to maneuver inside the back of our refrigerated trucks during loading and unloading.

This is one of those behind-the-scenes donations that most people will never see, but it will help us rescue and distribute millions of pounds of food more safely and efficiently for years to come.

Thank you again, Palatka Rotary Sunrise Club, for believing in our mission and investing in the equipment that keeps food moving to families who need it most. This was an absolute home run of a donation!



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How Can Epic-Cure Still Be 100% Volunteer?

One of the questions we hear most often is:

"How can Epic-Cure possibly still be a 100% volunteer organization?"

The honest answer surprises people.

It was not the original plan.

We have never been opposed to having paid staff. In fact, one of our long-term goals is to build a financially sustainable organization that can eventually support key paid positions. The reality is much simpler, we have never been able to raise enough unrestricted funding to make that happen.

So we built something different.

Today, our warehouses operate seven days a week, entirely because volunteers have stepped up to lead.

We have team leaders who oversee daily warehouse operations, distribution leaders who manage food distributions, volunteers who coordinate logistics, maintain equipment, train new volunteers, organize inventory, drive trucks, and solve problems every single day. Our distribution leaders earn their Food Handler certifications because food safety is a top priority.

What makes it work is not luck.

It is ownership.

Our volunteers do not simply show up to complete a task. They take responsibility for making sure the work gets done. Everyone understands that the food arriving today represents meals for families tomorrow.

Once you have seen a truckload of perfectly good food that would otherwise be thrown away, it is hard not to become invested in changing that story.

Over the years, we have built systems that make a volunteer-run organization possible. We have operations manuals, written procedures, and we are now creating a library of maintenance and training videos so knowledge is not limited to one person. We intentionally cross-train volunteers so if someone cannot make it one day, another person can confidently step in.

Those systems help.

But people are what make it work.

One of the most amazing things is that many of our volunteers first came to Epic-Cure looking for food to help feed their own families. Some of them still do.

They may not be in a position to write a financial donation, but they can donate something just as valuable, their time.

By volunteering, they help keep the operation running, they help feed their own family, and they help ensure that thousands of other families receive food as well.

We hear stories like this all the time:

"I've never been in a position to help anyone before. Now I can help my family, and I can help my neighbor too."



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Or someone will tell us they are able to bring food to an elderly relative, a friend who is out of work, or someone recovering from an illness.

That is the ripple effect of volunteering.

Perhaps the greatest strength of Epic-Cure is that everyone brings something different to the table.

Someone knows how to repair equipment.

Someone else understands logistics.

Another volunteer is great at organizing inventory.

Someone else designs spreadsheets, writes grants, drives trucks, repairs forklifts, fixes freezers, or trains new volunteers.

When a need arises, someone usually says, "*I know how to do that.*"

And then they simply step in.

Many minds.

Many talents.

One mission.

After more than seven years, I think we have proven something that even surprised us.

A volunteer-powered organization can be sustainable.

It can continue to grow.

It can rescue more food every year.

It can feed more families every year.

And it can create a community where people are not defined by whether they are receiving help or giving help, because many of our volunteers are doing both at the same time.

That is what makes Epic-Cure work.

Not because we are 100% volunteer.

Because we are 100% committed to the mission.

Introducing Epic-Cure's New Volunteer Reward Program

Our volunteers are the heart of everything we do at Epic-Cure, and we want to recognize the incredible amount of time and energy so many of you give to our mission.

*That is why we are excited to introduce our **Volunteer Reward Program, running now through December 31, 2026!***

Any volunteer who gives **20 or more hours in a Monday–Sunday week** and records those hours through our online volunteer platform will receive their choice of a **\$50 gas gift card or a \$50 Amazon gift card** the following week.

And here is the great part: almost all of your Epic-Cure volunteer time counts! Warehouse shifts, store pickups, truck driving, logistics, planning, answering phones, social media, record-keeping, administrative work, and other approved volunteer activities can all be reported. Qualifying drive time to and from the warehouse can also be included.



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There are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the week, particularly at our Palatka warehouse, and store pickup and transportation opportunities can provide additional hours as well.

The **one important requirement** is that your **hours must be entered into our online volunteer platform**. Each Sunday, we will run a report of the hours recorded during the Monday–Sunday week, and gift cards will be distributed the following week. If you need help registering or recording your hours, simply ask one of our Team Leaders while you are volunteering.

We know that many of you are already giving 20, 30, 40, or even more hours a week, and we want to make sure that incredible commitment is recognized. We also know that many volunteer hours are currently going unreported. If you are putting in the time, we want to make sure it counts.

This program is our way of saying thank you while also encouraging more volunteers to help fill the shifts and opportunities where we need additional coverage.

Epic-Cure Volunteer Appreciation Party

Our volunteers are the heart of Epic-Cure, and we want to take a day to celebrate everything you do to help us rescue food and feed families throughout Northeast Florida.

Saturday, September 19

St. Augustine Beach Pier Pavilion

12:00PM–6:00 PM (*Pavilion reserved until 8:00 PM*)

BONUS: We will have a front-row view of the *Aqua East Surf Contest*, with approximately 120–180 surfers competing throughout the day!

Potluck Lunch: Please RSVP to support@epic-cure.org and we will send you a link to sign up for a dish.

Come enjoy the beach, watch some great surfing, share a meal, and enjoy time together.

Whether you have volunteered once or hundreds of times, we want to celebrate with you!

We cannot wait to see you there!

Register Today for the 5K That Feeds Presented by Epic-Cure!



Lace up your running shoes and join us for the 5th Annual 5K That Feeds on Saturday, October 17, 2026, in beautiful St. Augustine! Whether you are a competitive runner, casual walker, or simply want to support a great cause, this event is a fun way to make a real difference in our community. The scenic 5K



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course winds through Anastasia State Park and surrounding shaded neighborhoods before finishing at Anastasia Church.

Participants receive a race shirt, finisher medal, goody bag, and a memorable morning spent helping neighbors in need. Virtual participation options are also available for those who want to join from anywhere.

Ready to run, walk, or support the cause? Register today:

[5K That Feeds Registration Page](#)

Together, we can shine a light on food insecurity-one step at a time.

Become a sponsor of the 5K That Feeds and help fight food insecurity one step at a time. Please text (248) 701-8469 or email jcaudill44@gmail.com to get your logo on the back of the race shirt!

Looking Ahead: Turning Food Into Medicine

For years, we have talked about what Epic-Cure could become if we had the space and infrastructure to do more than simply rescue and distribute food. That vision is getting closer every day.

One of the most exciting goals we have for our new warehouse in 2027/2028 is the launch of a commercial production kitchen that will allow us to thoughtfully prepare nutritious meals for people who need them most.

This is about much more than feeding people. It is about improving health through food.

The concept of “Food as Medicine” is gaining significant momentum, and recent research from Feeding America is showing just how powerful this approach can be. A three-year evaluation involving 21 food banks found that providing healthy food to food-insecure patients was associated with a *14% decrease in hospitalizations, an 11% decrease in emergency-room visits, and a 47% increase in food security*, along with meaningful improvements in blood sugar, cholesterol, and BMI.

Those results are incredibly encouraging, and they reinforce something we have believed for a long time: what we eat can be one of the most important tools we have to improve our health.

Our vision is to build on successful Food as Medicine models by creating partnerships with healthcare providers and community organizations, identifying people whose health is being affected by food insecurity, and providing nutritious food specifically designed to help support their health.

The commercial kitchen will give us the ability to do something we simply cannot do at our current scale: transform food into healthy, ready-to-use meals and other nutritious food products.

Imagine a physician being able to tell a patient who is struggling with diabetes, hypertension, or another diet-related condition, “*We can help you access the food you need to support your health.*” That is the future we are working toward.

We have had this idea for some time. The new warehouse, the commercial kitchen and the partnerships we are building are bringing that vision within reach.

And as we look toward 2027 and 2028, we believe that impact can reach far beyond hunger relief, to healthier families, better health outcomes and, ultimately, a healthier community.

The future of Epic-Cure is not simply about putting food on the table.

It is about changing lives through food.

[Read Food Bank News Article Here](#)



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Keeping Food Cold Is Not Cheap, But It Is Essential

When people think about fighting hunger, they usually picture food. What they do not see is the refrigeration that makes it possible.

At Epic-Cure, our cold storage infrastructure is just as important as our trucks, volunteers, and warehouse teams. Every pallet of milk, yogurt, fresh produce, meat, eggs, and other perishable foods depends on a reliable cold chain from the moment it is rescued until it reaches a family in need.

Today, Epic-Cure operates one of the largest nonprofit cold storage infrastructures in our region. Our facilities include hundreds of pallet positions for refrigerated and frozen food, multiple refrigerated box trucks, walk-in coolers and freezers, and several 40-foot refrigerated storage containers that allow us to rescue large commercial food donations that many organizations simply cannot accept.

These investments mean that when a dairy processor has an unexpected truckload of milk, a produce distributor has pallets of fresh vegetables, or a manufacturer has refrigerated food available for donation, we can say "yes."

Every new cooler, freezer, and refrigerated container expands our ability to rescue food that would otherwise be wasted. It allows us to serve more food pantries, more shelters, more schools, and ultimately more families throughout Northeast Florida.

While rising costs create new financial challenges, they will not change our mission. We remain committed to building the infrastructure needed to rescue more food, reduce waste, and ensure that nutritious, perishable foods reach the people who need them most.

Sometimes the most important part of feeding a family is not finding the food, it is keeping it cold long enough to get it there.

Who Pays for Packaging? The Growing Push to Hold Manufacturers Accountable

Walk through any grocery store and you will notice something remarkable: many of the products we buy are packaged within packaging. Plastic wrap surrounds cardboard boxes, individual items are bundled together, and oversized containers often hold surprisingly little product. While this packaging may improve marketing, shelf appeal, and shipping efficiency, it also creates an enormous waste problem that communities, taxpayers, and nonprofits are left to manage.

For decades, the responsibility for dealing with packaging waste has fallen almost entirely on local governments, recycling programs, and consumers. Municipalities spend billions of dollars each year collecting, transporting, and disposing of packaging materials. Nonprofits like Epic-Cure often find ourselves handling mountains of cardboard, plastic film, foam, shrink wrap, pallets, and damaged packaging simply because we are rescuing food that would otherwise go to waste.

Fortunately, that conversation is beginning to change.

Across the United States and around the world, lawmakers are exploring and implementing **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** laws. These policies require manufacturers and brand owners to share the financial responsibility for collecting, recycling, or disposing of the packaging they place into the marketplace. Rather than shifting all of the costs to taxpayers, EPR encourages companies to design packaging that is easier to recycle, contains less material, and creates less waste from the start.



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Several states have already adopted packaging EPR legislation, and many more are actively considering similar programs. Large retailers and consumer brands are also making commitments to reduce virgin plastics, eliminate unnecessary packaging, increase recycled content, and redesign products with sustainability in mind. While progress has been slower than many environmental advocates would like, the momentum is growing.

Reducing packaging is not just good for the environment, it also makes economic sense. Every pound of unnecessary packaging requires raw materials, manufacturing, transportation, storage, handling, and eventually disposal. Eliminating excess packaging saves resources throughout the entire supply chain while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and landfill waste.

But manufacturers are not the only ones with a role to play.

As consumers, every purchase we make sends a message to the marketplace. When we consistently choose products wrapped in layers of unnecessary plastic, individually packaged convenience items, or oversized containers, we reinforce the demand for those products. Companies pay close attention to buying habits, and consumer preferences often drive packaging decisions as much as regulations do.

No single person, or organization, can solve the packaging waste problem alone. Manufacturers must continue designing smarter packaging. Policymakers need to create systems that encourage responsibility throughout the supply chain. Retailers can prioritize products with sustainable packaging. And consumers can reward companies that reduce waste.

At Epic-Cure, we see firsthand both the tremendous value of rescuing food and the tremendous volume of packaging that accompanies it. We believe reducing food waste and reducing packaging waste are complementary goals. A more sustainable food system requires producers, retailers, nonprofits, governments, and consumers to share responsibility for the waste we create.

The next time you pick up a product at the store, take a moment to look beyond what is inside the package. The choices we make at the checkout line help shape the products manufacturers produce tomorrow.

Together With ZRWC, We Are Advocating for Common-Sense Food Date Labeling

We have talked before about the enormous amount of good food that gets wasted because consumers, retailers, and even food-rescue organizations are confused by the dates printed on food packages. We have signed petitions, raised awareness, and pushed for common-sense federal legislation.

Now, there is real momentum, and we need to keep it going.

California's new food date-labeling law, which took effect July 1, is an important step forward. The law establishes clearer distinctions between **"BEST if Used by"** for quality and **"USE by"** for safety, while eliminating consumer-facing "sell by" dates on covered foods. The goal is simple: make it easier to understand whether a product is still good quality or whether it should actually be discarded.

But this change has implications far beyond consumers in California. Food manufacturers and retailers selling products in California now have to adjust their labeling practices and inventory systems to comply with the new requirements. And because many food companies manufacture and distribute the same products across multiple states, California's rules could influence labeling decisions and packaging practices throughout the national food industry.

That is exactly why a federal standard is still so important.



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California has demonstrated that clearer, standardized labeling is possible. But having different requirements from state to state can create additional complexity for manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, and it still leaves consumers confused when they cross state lines or encounter products labeled under different systems.

A national standard would provide consistency across the entire food supply chain while making it easier for food banks and food-rescue organizations like Epic-Cure to determine what food can be safely recovered and distributed. The less uncertainty there is, the more food has a chance of reaching people instead of ending up in a landfill.

We have asked for your help before, and now is the time to ask again. California has shown that change is possible. Let us use that momentum to get the Food Date Labeling Act across the finish line nationally.

[Please sign our petition and encourage your friends and family to do the same.](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Bring Your Team Together to Make a Difference

Looking for a meaningful team-building opportunity? Epic-Cure is inviting **corporate teams, civic organizations, churches, and community groups of 10–15 volunteers** to help serve families in our community on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th (when applicable) **Tuesday evenings** at our free food farmers market style distribution at **One Orthopedic Place (UF Hospital)**.

Each week, this distribution provides fresh food to **approximately 100 families**, and your group can play a vital role in making it happen.

Volunteer Schedule:

- **4:00 p.m.** – Set up the distribution
- **5:15–6:15 p.m.** – Serve families
- **6:15–6:30 p.m.** – Clean up

This is a rewarding opportunity to work alongside your coworkers, friends, or organization while directly helping families facing food insecurity and preventing good food from going to waste.

If your group is interested in volunteering, we would love to hear from you! Email support@epic-cure.org to reserve a Tuesday evening and join the larger effort to fight hunger and food waste across Northeast Florida.



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EPIC-MED Update

Here is an itemized inventory of the donated items, with their estimated fair market values based on retail medical supply metrics, that we recently shipped to Costa Rica.

Itemized Inventory & Valuations

Item Description	Est. Qty	Unit Value	Total Value
Capital Equipment & Diagnostic Tools			
Burton Deluxe Ultraviolet Light (Wood's Lamp Exam Device)	1	\$480.00	\$480.00
Advanced Surgical Hemostat Matrix			
Baxter Floseal Hemostatic Matrix (10 mL Kits)	5	\$399.00	\$1,995.00
Surgical Sutures & Wound Closure			
Ethicon Vicryl Plus Antibacterial Sutures (3-0, 4-0)	12	\$15.00	\$180.00
Ethicon Monocryl / PDS Synthetic Sutures	4	\$18.00	\$72.00
Antiseptics & Infection Control			
Hygea Benzalkonium Chloride Antiseptic Towelettes (Boxes of 100)	3	\$12.00	\$36.00
Physical Therapy/Eye Wash Saline Bottles (Large)	2	\$8.00	\$16.00
Specialized Clinical Kits & Linens			
Arrow Pneumothorax / Chest Access Procedure Tray	1	\$120.00	\$120.00
Centurion Sterile Suture Removal / Treatment Trays	2	\$25.00	\$50.00
Medline ComfortGlide TRP Repositioning Sheet & Linens	3	\$35.00	\$105.00
Over-the-Counter Medications & Therapeutics			
Claritin 24hr Allergy Relief(Bulk/Commercial Boxes)	10	\$22.00	\$220.00
Vicks VapoRub Large Ointment Jars	2	\$9.00	\$18.00
Immune Support / Vitamin Supplements (Large Bottles)	5	\$15.00	\$75.00
Children's Dimetapp Cold & Cough Liquid Suspension	1	\$8.00	\$8.00
Halls Cough Relief Menthol Drops Value Packs (200ct)	1	\$7.00	\$7.00



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General Consumables, Syringes, & Glasses			
Assorted Reading Glasses & Sunglasses (Bulk/Boxes)	~120	\$10.00	\$1200.00
Sterile Medical Syringes & IV Luer-Lock Connectors (Bulk Pile)	1 Lot	\$85.00	\$85.00
Medical Action Lap Sponges & Gauze Packs (18"x18")	1 Lot	\$45.00	\$45.00
Estimated Total Value			\$4752.00



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What is Epic-Med?

A reminder: Epic-Med, a partnership between Epic-Cure and Wildflower Healthcare, rescues surplus medical supplies and equipment and puts them where they are needed most: in the hands of medical missionaries, free clinics, and local patients. What began in a warehouse loft in St. Augustine now faces demand far beyond its walls.

We are speeding emergency relief, like our recent earthquake response in Venezuela, and creating a trusted hub for neighbors and global partners alike.

No supply wasted. No neighbor without care. That is what we can build together.



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For every \$1 invested in Epic-Cure's operations during July, \$63.72 worth of food was placed into communities rather than going to waste.

This metric demonstrates the power of our food recovery and distribution model. Through strong partnerships, volunteer support, efficient logistics, and careful inventory management, we are able to convert every operational dollar into a substantial amount of food for families facing food insecurity.

The significance of this number extends beyond financial efficiency. It represents thousands of pounds of nutritious food being rescued from waste, redirected into communities, and placed directly into the hands of families who need it most. It reflects our commitment to maximizing every donation, whether that donation comes in the form of funding, food, transportation, volunteer time, or community partnerships.

A return of \$63.72 in food value for every operational dollar spent demonstrates that even modest investments in Epic-Cure's operations create an outsized impact. Operational support makes it possible to coordinate food pickups, manage warehouses, organize distributions, maintain compliance, and ensure that donated food moves quickly and efficiently through our network rather than being discarded.

This level of efficiency is possible because of the collective efforts of our donors, volunteers, nonprofit partners, all working together toward a common goal: increasing access to nutritious food while reducing food waste. Every dollar invested in our operations helps transform available resources into meaningful support for families throughout our service area.

On that note, if you would like to be part of the solution to both food waste and food insecurity, we invite you to support Epic-Cure's mission.

Together, we can rescue more food, serve more families, and create a stronger, healthier community.

Donate here: [Link to Donate](#)

The Epic-Cure Food Security Distribution Center – An Update

A change in plans. The Florida Department of Transportation has indicated it may need a portion of our property for road improvements, which means our team has gone back to the drawing board to redesign parts of the project. The good news: our engineers, our general contractor, and the county's buildings division have all rolled up their sleeves and pledged to help us adapt. Managing stormwater on the site remains a big piece of the puzzle, but we have some of the best minds in the area working on it, and we are optimistic.

A remarkable gift. This month brought wonderful news: an anonymous donor has stepped forward with a gift that will cover the entire first phase of site preparation: clearing and grading the land, building retention ponds, installing underground utilities, and paving. We are deeply grateful for this extraordinary generosity.

Momentum is building. Our fundraising campaign is taking shape. We have formed a committee dedicated solely to this effort, and we expect meaningful conversations with many potential donors in the coming months. With **more than 40% of our goal** already raised, we are increasingly confident we will get there.



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Awareness:

An easy, impactful way that you can help us is to please ...

Save and Drop Off Your Grocery Store Plastic Bags

You will help reduce waste by allowing us to re-use them. You will save us money by reducing the number we have to purchase.

Transparency:

Anyone who wishes to see *Epic-Cure's financial statements* need only ask.

Our CPA-Audited financial statements and tax returns for fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 have been released and are available upon request.

- Also available on our website.
- Click here to view: [Epic-Cure's Financial Statements](#)

The 2025 Audited Financial Statements are under final review for issuance. We hope to have them – and our IRS Form 990 (the tax return should be completed at about the same time) – available soon for all to see.

Please email your requests to our Ken Mulford: ken.mulford@epic-cure.org

