# **Breadcoin Foundation**Annual Report 2020













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# **Message from the President**

Breadcoin and our partners have been "silver linings" during this most difficult year. Breadcoin was at the intersection of the needs in our community. Food-insecure households in DC and Baltimore doubled during the year. Many of these food-insecure households are without access to a kitchen. As we confront hunger in the United States, the "kitchen gap" must be addressed.

Breadcoin is a creative solution that is able to fill this gap by partnering with local food vendors in DC and Baltimore. More than 13,000 Breadcoins were distributed in 2020 to provide hot meals to the hungry with the dignity of choice. We began 2020 with 27 members funding 270 Breadcoins each month. During the year, the number of meals we provided increased ten–fold. There are currently 273 members providing 2,730 Breadcoins each month.

Breadcoin began 2020 with six participating locations in DC. By the end of the year that number grew to more than 20 locations in DC and Baltimore, and more vendors are signing up in January.

Breadcoin partnered with local congregations, nonprofits, and community groups to distribute groceries to those in need. Our volunteers participated in more than two dozen food distributions with about 800,000 pounds of meat, fruit, and vegetables distributed to the community, and even more food was distributed directly by our partners during 2020.

Thank you for being part of the community response to hunger. Together, we extended kindness to our neighbors and directly met the challenges in our community during this difficult time.

Scott Borger, Ph.D.
President and Chairman of the Board of Directors
Washington, DC

# **Our Vision, Values, and Purpose**

### **Vision**

A network of people meeting each other's needs through the use of a community food token

### **Values**

- 1. We laud those who grow and prepare our food for their role in sustaining human life.
- 2. We desire that all are fed and provided with the dignity of choice.
- 3. We believe a common table, inclusive of the poor and marginalized, strengthens the fabric of our community.
- 4. We recognize that every person can provide a valuable contribution to the network.

# **Purpose**

To provide the community with a new way to:

- 1. Give to those in need
- 2. Improve access to locally prepared food
- 3. Invest in food businesses serving low-income communities
- 4. Resource local nonprofits and congregations to ensure that all are fed
- 5. Own the assets used to grow, process and prepare food



# What We Do

# Where We Work<sup>1</sup>

# Breadcoins Breadcoins are funded by monthly **Funded** donors to be shared with our community partners. Breadcoins are used by partner **Breadcoins** organizations or distributed in the **Shared** community to those in need. People redeem the **Breadcoins** Breadcoin tokens for food at Used participating Breadcoin vendors. from the Breadcoin **Breadcoins** coins from vendors Redeemed for cash.

### **Washington, DC Breadcoin Locations**

### **Northwest DC**

### **Mission Muffins**

65 Massachusetts Ave., NW

### Ali's Hot Dog Stand

10th St. & F St., NW

### Captain Cookie Bakery 1

2000 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

### **BBQ Bus Smokehouse**

5830 Georgia Ave., NW

### J&J Mex Taqueria

6231 Georgia Ave., NW

### **Sandovan Restaurant**

4809 Georgia Ave., NW

### **IHOP (3332)**

3100 14th St., NW

### **Southeast DC**

### Mama's Pizza Kitchen 2028 MLK Jr. Ave., SE

### Open Crumb

1243 Good Hope Rd., SE

# **America's Best Wings** 2863 Alabama Ave., SE

IHOP (3221)

1523 Alabama Ave., SE

### RavenHook Bakehouse

Eastern Market Farmers' Market

# **Captain Cookie Bakery 3** 660 Pennsylvania Ave., SE

### **Northeast DC**

### **Texas Chicken & Burgers**

1239 Mt. Olivet Rd., NE

### **Zion Kitchen**

1805 Montana Ave., NE

### **Royal Rooster**

1822 Benning Rd., NE

### Wings N' More Wings 1839 Benning Rd., NE

Langston Grille

### 1831 Benning Rd., NE

**OMG Latin Flavors** 

### 2800 10<sup>th</sup> St., NE

### Captain Cookie Bakery 2 2800 10<sup>th</sup> St., NE

JD Chicken & Ribs 2800 10th St., NE

### **GreenIsland Bakery**

Caterer, 202-629-0310

### **Maryland Breadcoin Locations**

### **Baltimore City**

### Zella's Pizzeria

1145 Hollins St.

### Crazy John's

410 East Baltimore St.

### **Natural Choice Deli**

413 East Baltimore St.

# **Prince George's County**

### **Healthy Life Gourmet**

Caterer based in Clinton 410–787–6449

<sup>1</sup> Participating locations as of January 18, 2021. Breadcoins are also accepted at various DC food trucks including BBQ Bus, Captain Cookie, and Royal Rooster. For our most up-to-date locations please visit <a href="https://www.breadcoin.org/vendor-list.">www.breadcoin.org/vendor-list.</a>





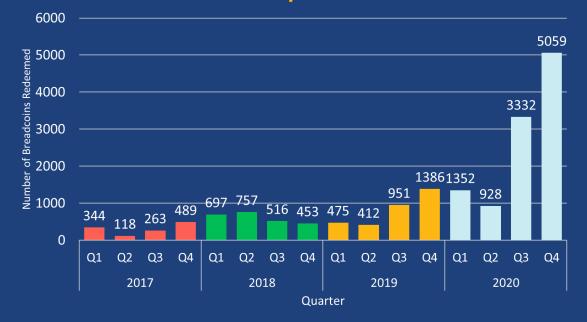
# **Breadcoin Metrics**



### **Breadcoins Redeemed 2020**

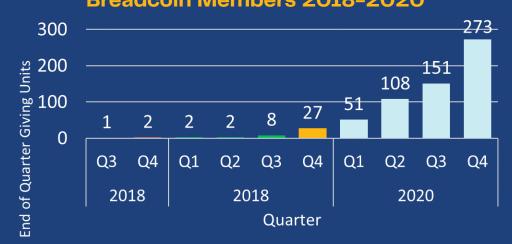


### **Breadcoin Redemptions 2017-2020**

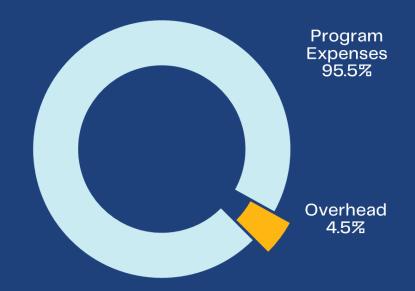




# **Breadcoin Members 2018-2020**



### **Breadcoin Expenses in 2020**



### **Top Five Vendors in 2020**

Texas Chicken & Burgers	2,735
Open Crumb	2,313
Royal Rooster	904
Mission Muffins	832
BBQ Bus DC	822

### **Top Five Distribution Partners**

Neighborhood Captains	3,472
Washington DC Police Foundation	3,200
Food Distributions	1,155
DC Dream Center	930
KIPP DC/ Webb Campus	850

# **Our Impact Areas**



# The Unhoused

Breadcoin fills the food gap for those without access to kitchens, whether long-term or circumstantially. The choice of a hot, prepared meal is served with dignity to anybody with a Breadcoin.

# **Vendors**

Our participating vendors care about feeding the community. Breadcoins provide them with an additional source of revenue. For some, Breadcoin represents up to twenty percent of their business.

# **School Children**

Schools use Breadcoins to incentivize attendance and scholastic achievements to meet the needs of food-insecure families and children.

# **Food Distributions**

During COVID-19, Breadcoin adjusted to the needs in our communities by partnering with local congregations to distribute food boxes to those in need.



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# **MEET JEFFREY**

Jeffrey Carter is much more than a Breadcoin recipient, always giving more than he gets.

Having experienced homelessness himself, Jeffrey learned about Breadcoin through Scott Borger and Cary Umhau, while working together in the kitchen at the Central Union Mission.

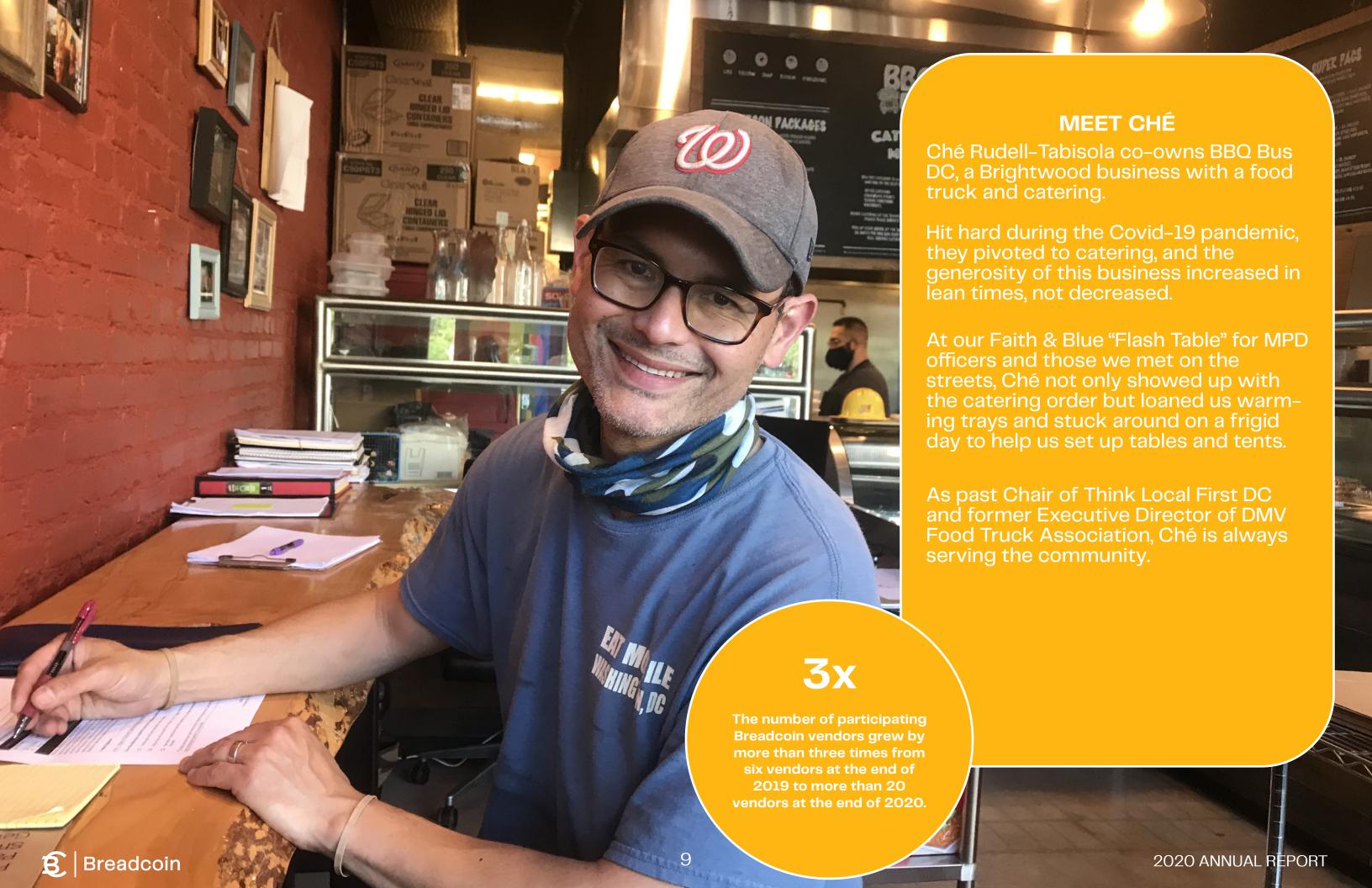
Immediately a big fan of Breadcoin, Jeffrey brainstormed how to effectively get them to those in need. He helped in packaging coins for distribution.

Jeffrey recruited one of our major vendors, Texas Chicken & Burgers, and continues to advocate for Breadcoin around town.

Jeffrey became a monthly member, putting his limited income towards coins for others. He is a regular distributor of Breadcoins to those in need in the Ivy City area and beyond.

The number of meals provided grew ten times during the year as the number of Breadcoins being distributed increased from 270 coins per month in **January 2020 to 2730** coins per month in





### **SCHOOL CHILDREN**

pasta with mathana

Children learn better when their stomachs are full.

Breadcoin began a partnership with KIPP DC/Webb Campus in 2019 to provide for the needs of children and families struggling with food-insecurity and hunger. This continued into 2020 alongside food pick-ups once school went virtual in response to the pandemic.

With three schools on one campus near our Texas Chicken & Burgers vendor, leaders of each school chose how to use Breadcoins to meet the needs of their Pre-K3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade population holistically.

Each reserved some Breadcoins to give to families that simply needed to stretch a dwindling food budget.

Additionally KIPP used Breadcoins to incentivize attendance and academic achievements, which also decreased the stigma of having a Breadcoin. They are for everybody, a community token.

1 in 2

One in two food insecure households in the District were households with children. Some of these households are temporarily or permanently without access to a kitchen to cook food.

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# **FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS**

When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, people lost jobs, homes and the security of knowing when and where they would eat. Breadcoin pivoted operations to work with congregations and nonprofits to distribute boxed food as extra sustenance.

Working with Blessings of Hope in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, through the leadership of Jay Baylor, Breadcoin provided a coordinating role for many generous entities seeking to feed the community.

Many who had never found themselves in need of outside help came to get groceries to feed their families. As lines increased so did our partners' capacity to marshall volunteers and hand out food.

Watching congregations and people move beyond silos and jump into action serving the community was a \highlight of the year and proof of how much better we all are together.

distributed that many pounds of food throughout the year.

# 2020 Outstanding Community Service Award

In December, Breadcoin DC Council Chairman William Spence (pictured right) presented the 2020 Breadcoin Foundation Award for Outstanding Community Service to Officer Arnita Hamilton of the Metropolitan Police Department 5<sup>th</sup> District. We at Breadcoin are proud of the work that she does in the community as a consummate professional with great warmth and dedication to her job and the people she serves.

Officer Hamilton and her outreach team did so much in 2020:

- A Mother's Day outreach to seniors shut in during the pandemic, delivering flowers and Mission Muffin baked goods
- An event with Captain Merrill to address Coronavirus concerns, hand out toiletries and food, and educate more than 50 residents about how to stay healthy
- A Carver-Langston food-insecurity event at which residents were given a meal from Royal Rooster as Officer Hamilton and her team engaged concerns
- A festive "school's out" event at Rosedale Community Center for children and youth who were treated to music and cookies and ice cream from Captain Cookie on a hot day
- Providing a convivial atmosphere of music and food as part of the national Faith & Blue weekend events
- An election week event where 75 young people on a school holiday got lunch from BBQ Bus DC while visiting with the outreach team

Arnita Hamilton is creative, community-oriented, organized, proactive, and dedicated, and we salute her and all she does for the people in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.



# **2020 Board of Directors**

Scott Borger, Chairman
Cary Umhau, Vice Chairman
Greg Ewing, Secretary
William Spence, Board Member
Kevin Wrege, Board Member
Jason Kuck, Treasurer



From Left to Right: Greg Ewing, Scott Borger, Cary Umhau, Kevin Wrege, and William Spence.

Jason Kuck not pictured.

# **2020 Community Teams**

### **Breadcoin Team**

Scott Borger

Cary Umhau

William Spence

Jay Baylor

Jason Kuck

Sarah Borger

**Matt Gladney** 

**Madeleine Ewing** 

# **Breadcoin Neighborhood Teams**

Scott Borger

Cary Umhau

William Spence

Jay Baylor

Danita Smith

Marie Cohen

**Malcolm Roberts** 

**Jeffrey Carter** 

**Marcus Rucker** 

# THANK YOU

# **The Community Responded to Hunger**

### **2020 Breadcoin Token Distribution Partners**

DC Dream Center

Washington DC Police Foundation

KIPP DC/Webb Campus

Community United Methodist Church

Church Without Walls

Be More Caring

Wounded No More

Everyone Home DC

DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement

### **2020 Breadcoin Food Distribution Partners**

DC Dream Center

Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church

New Home Baptist Church

Old Town Community Church

Harvest Life Fellowship

Judah Family Christian Center

The Emory Fellowship

Washington Football Team Charitable Foundation

100 Black Men of Greater Washington, DC

Nativity Catholic Church

Petworth United Methodist Church

Har Sinai—Oheb Shalom Congregation

Life Builders Church

Hindu American Community Services, Inc.

Agape Deliverance Ministries

Washington DC Police Foundation

Community United Methodist Church

