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### S.W.I.F.T.'S FOOD SALVAGE PROGRAM

Stop Wasting Ithaca's Food Today (S.W.I.F.T.) began in Spring Semester, 2007. The group of students created a food salvage program at Towers Dining Hall to benefit the Freeville Church and Danby Food Pantries. The program was in response to a growing interest of Ithaca College students to contribute to hunger relief in the community. It is a collaborative effort with the following organizations: United Way, Human Services Coalition, Challenge Industries, Sodexo, Ithaca College Campus Life Services, Ithaca College Community Service Program, and Ithaca College Leadership Scholars.



Every Friday while school was in session, students and staff worked to prepare individual meals that helped feed needy families. The majority of food supplies were surplus ingredients that would have been wasted. The packaged food was picked up by Challenge Industries and transported to the Freeville Church Food Pantry for distribution during dinner hours.



"We really enjoy giving back to the community; it's great that so many organizations could come together to create this program"- Jeffrey Scott, General Manager IC Dining Services.

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S.W.I.F.T.'s founder, Katie Venetsky with General Manager Jeffrey Scott and Towers Manager Tim Leonard with certificates presented by the United Way for their work with the food salvage program.

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