

FOOD DESERTS IN AMERICA

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What Led To It

The state of Michigan has a long history of housing discrimination that led to segregation that we see today. One example is the housing discrimination caused by redlining neighborhoods. Housing discrimination impacted people in their communities because they did not have enough access to buy healthy food. Today they still do not get enough access still today. That is why we can help them by giving them healthy food.

What we Focus On

Our focus is on environmental justice, specifically food deserts. The food desert problem in Detroit started in 2010. A food desert is when

there no grocery stores that have no healthy food near where you live. The people that are impacted are the children and adults. I found this information in the article called [New Report Reveals 30,000 Detroiters do Not Have Access to Healthy Food](#). The article says " 19% of Detroit children are enrolled in WIC meaning 1 in 5 children are fed through the government assistance program. It also says 48 percent of WIC stores in Detroit are in convenience stores.

What is Environmental Justice?

Environmental Justice is a fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of their race. The

health issues that food desert cause are cancer, stroke, diabetes, heart diseases. " Four of the top 10 leading causes of death in the united states can be linked to cancer, stroke, diabetes."

What We Can Do ?

One thing that residents can do is plant gardens and stock up on frozen vegetables. If people are in a food desert they can contact the Meldrum Kitchen Site. Also they can contact On The Rise Bakery. Meldrum Kitchen Site 's number is (313 579-2100). Also the on the rise bakery phone number is (313) 922-8510. They can help provide food to families.