FoodCloud is a nonprofit organisation working to tackle the interlinked issues of food waste, food insecurity and climate change. With a vision of a world where no good food goes to waste, FoodCloud rescues surplus food from across the food industry supply chain and redistributes it to charities and community groups across Ireland, where it can be provided to those who need it most. Working with over 200 food businesses and 685 community organisations across Ireland, FoodCloud ensures that good food reaches people who need it rather than going to waste, helping to reduce carbon emissions and to strengthen local communities.

In 2024, FoodCloud launched its Hub and Host project to extend surplus food redistribution services to rural areas that have historically been underserved due to the logistical challenges brought about by their distance from FoodCloud's food redistribution hubs in Dublin, Cork and Galway. The Hub and Host model connects these central Hubs with local "Host" organisations, which act as regional collection and distribution points in rural areas. These Hosts safely store surplus food and coordinate local redistribution to charities and community groups, ensuring food reaches people in rural and remote areas efficiently and sustainably. This model not only prevents perfectly good food from going to waste, but also reduces transport costs for charities and community groups in rural locations and helps to improve local access to food support in rural communities.

Without grant aid from the Golden Jubilee Trust, FoodCloud would not have been able to undertake the Hub and Host project, and rural communities across Ireland would continue to be underserved by food provision services. FoodCloud's Hub and Host project aligns strongly with the Golden Jubilee Trust's aims of supporting rural communities and helping them to build resilience.

Support from the Golden Jubilee Trust will fund the establishment of one new Host location and three community member partnerships, the design and piloting of a training and mentoring programme with two FoodCloud regional Hubs, and the research and publication of a project evaluation with recommendations for future development of the Hub and Host model. These outputs will help build local capacity, strengthen networks and provide a scalable model for further expansion into rural communities across Ireland.

Together, FoodCloud and the Golden Jubilee Trust are building a stronger and more connected food redistribution system across Ireland—one that prevents good food from going to waste while supporting rural communities, advancing agricultural sustainability and strengthening local resilience.