

Table 3. Benefits and challenges in implementing food recovery of participating schools^a

Variable	N	%
Benefits^b (n=37)		
Providing food for the hungry	25	67.6
Reducing edible food discarded	24	64.9
Enhancing public image of program	6	16.2
Decreasing waste disposal expenses	4	10.8
Involving students in community service	4	10.8
Increasing awareness about hunger	3	8.1
Other	1	2.7
Challenges (n=31)		
Food safety	16	51.6
Staff and volunteer time	7	22.6
Employee training	3	9.7
Lack of information	2	6.5
Cost of implementing program	1	3.2
Other	2	6.5

^aParticipating schools were those schools that were involved to some extent in food recovery activities (N=37)

^bThe respondents were asked to select two choices; therefore, the sum of the percentages exceeds 100