

CASE STUDY

Gundersen Health Systems

LEANPATH PARTNER SINCE 2010

Gundersen Health System is a physician-led, not-for-profit, 325-bed medical center in La Crosse, Wisconsin. It serves an average of 2,700 meals a day. They were wasting a half ton of food per week when they began with Leanpath.

**50%**

Reduction in food waste weight in seven months

\$25,000

Savings in one year from food waste prevention

“The staff saw instant results—they could see the ups, the downs, the gains...they could see they were making a difference.”

—Tom Thompson, Sustainability Coordinator

GUNDERSEN'S PATH TO SUCCESS

When they began tracking food waste, Gundersen staff immediately spotted key opportunities to reduce waste. Staff made changes to how vegetables were prepared to encourage less scrap waste, started heating soup in smaller portions, and made many other simple changes that had a dramatic impact on food waste prevention. Another benefit of the program was boosting team morale and engagement—from the part-time college student workers to experienced staff that had been employed for more than 30 years. With the Leanpath system, all members of the team could feel ownership in the program and see their contributions.