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Unfortunately, this only applies to glass used for storage or food containers. Other glass, like that used for wine glasses, is treated with chemicals and could contaminate the entire batch if melted with container glass.

You cannot recycle broken glass. It is unsafe for the workers who handle all of our recycled materials; it is also nearly impossible for the sorting machines to process small shards of broken glass.

MOVING TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

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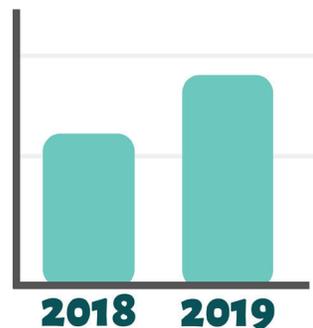
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Our summer season has been especially successful: **58** of the hires happened in May, June, or July 2019. In June alone, we hired **25** corpsmembers, averaging more than one corpsmember a day! This means that thanks to donor support, we can help more young people gain the skills they need to earn a living wage while making positive contributions to our communities.



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Thanks to the support of our community, we give young people the tools they need to build a path to a better future.

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