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**Kathleen Hu** is the Co-Founder and CEO of Dibbs, a technology platform and organization to connect excess food at grocery stores to local food pantries. One in seven people in the US are food insecure while 40% of food in the US is wasted every year. Dibbs is on a mission to reduce food waste while fighting hunger to build a more sustainable future for everyone. Through Dibbs, thousands of meals have been created for people in the local community. The Dibbs team is working on refining their current processes and then expanding to cities around the US. Kathleen leads her passionate team of engineers, designer, and operations managers to build their technology product following user-centered design principles and assist with operations such as sales, onboarding new partnerships, outreach, and administrative tasks.

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