



ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023





At Food4Kids Halton we are grateful for our supporters. We could not do this amazing work if not for our communities that stand behind us and help in so many ways. Whether you are a volunteer or donor know that due to your dedication we have served every child that needed us. We would like to recognize the exemplary work our staff does. Their commitment and dedication is much appreciated. **Together we have made a huge impact on the lives of more than 1,000 children in Halton region.**

With the rising cost of food and other essential items, the unrest with the economy and food insecurity rising to new levels we have much work to do. In a recent report from children First Canada they state that in 2022, 1 in 4 children under 18 in the ten provinces lived in a food-insecure household. That amounts to almost 1.8 million children, increasing from the almost 1.4 million in 2021. Over two thirds (69%) of these children, 1.2 million children, were in moderately or severely food-insecure households.

Our work is needed more than ever and we appreciate everyone who helps out in whatever way they can. Bravo to our bag packers, volunteer drivers, our donors, funders, regular volunteers that help at the warehouse or do Bingo session. We couldn't do this without each of you. Thanks for your caring and kindness.

Terri Lynn Puckerin
Board Chair



MISSION:

To provide healthy food for elementary school students with little or no access to food during the weekend and throughout the summer months.

MANDATE:

- **We believe** child and youth hunger is a community responsibility and by working together we can provide a solution-based program that addresses and responds to child hunger in our shared community.
- **We believe** that alleviating the effects of poverty and hunger strengthens our community, providing children with opportunities to grow, excel and thrive.
- **We believe** in facilitating programs in a non-stigmatizing, impactful and inclusive manner ensuring dignity of all participants.
- **We believe** in collaborative partnerships with volunteers, community members, schools, businesses and funders to collectively support children and families.
- **We believe** that by maintaining the highest standards, we can ensure positive outcomes for children and their families through leadership, transparency, accountability and diligent stewardship of community resources.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

PROVIDE packages of nutritious food for children with little or no access to food during weekend periods or during the summer months;

FOCUS on schools located in low-income and marginalized neighbourhoods with poverty rates in excess of 40% to reduce barriers for those most in-need;

CONDUCT public education and community-awareness initiatives designed to develop an understanding of child hunger;

PROVIDE leadership as the primary resource for weekend and summer food distribution for at-risk children engaging community partners;

MAINTAIN a high standard of service through best practices and annual evaluation methods;

DEVOTE extensive resources to recruit, train, retain and recognize volunteers to facilitate the program.



OUR PROGRAMS:

WEEKENDS WITHOUT HUNGER: This program provides packages of healthy food for elementary children with limited or no access to food each weekend. Referrals are received from schools aware of children and families struggling with food security. Volunteers package food each Wednesday and our volunteer drivers deliver food to schools on Friday mornings. At the school, the food package is discreetly tucked into the child's own helping to shield the child from any stigma associated with hunger or receiving food assistance. Each child in the home receives their own food package. **The cost per healthy food bag is \$15 or \$660 to feed a child for an entire school year.**

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM: Hunger does not take a break in the summer and neither do we! Food4Kids Halton continues to support our kids in the summer months. The summer food program continues to evolve based on the number of students served and based on resources we have available during the summer months. **We are committed to supporting every child in need, all summer long.**





STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

REVENUES	2023	2022
Donations	317,282	311,840
Fundraising	397,163	217,186
Grants	305,264	262,874
In-kind donations	100,317	109,522
TOTAL	\$1,120,026	\$901,422
EXPENSES		
Administrative salaries	133,676	98,882
Advertising & promotion	6,230	4,898
Bank charges	8,453	7,131
Depreciation	5,406	4,780
Dues & fees	3,766	3,615
Fundraising	6,758	2,023
In-kind food costs	100,317	109,522
Insurance	2,258	2,328
Office supplies	12,665	12,055
Professional fees	12,191	19,355
Program costs	662,385	571,593
Rent	40,562	41,219
Travel	4,942	4,247
Utilities	4,817	4,471
TOTAL	\$1,004,426	\$886,119
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures From Operations	115,600	15,303
Other income	4,125	172
Net assets, beginning of year	465,659	450,184
Net assets, end of year	\$585,384	\$465,659

Fiscal year end August 2023

BECAUSE OF YOU,
WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH.

1030

Children supported

623

Families supported

110

Schools participating

34,570

food bags delivered
valued at \$518,550

\$124,800

gift cards delivered

Growth of **20**
kids per month

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OUR TEAM

2022-2023 Board of Directors:

Terri-Lynn Puckerin - Chair

Tara Dunn - Past Chair

Doug Lounsbury - Director

Shaila Mehta - Vice Chair until
Nov 21, 2023

Rob Hewlett - Treasurer until
Nov 20, 2023

Barbara Frederiske - Director until
Aug 8, 2023

Lenaee Dupuis - Director until
Nov 20, 2023

Our Staff:

Dania Thurman - Executive Director
until Dec 22, 2023

Lisa Hoekstra - Marketing &
Communications Manager until Oct 5, 2023

Jeannie Bugiardini - Program
Coordinator Burlington & Oakville

Eva Podoski - Program Coordinator
Halton Hills

Stacey Halliday - Program, Community
Relations & Food Procurement Manager



THANK YOU

TO OUR DONORS!



Food4Kids is funded through donations or one-time grants. We are grateful for the unconditional giving of individuals, groups and businesses entrusting our agency with their donations, knowing the difference their support will make.

We would also like to thank Food4Kids Ontario who not only donates substantial funds but also supports through meetings, one on one consultations and keeping our team working together building and sharing resources.

To each and every donor, our thanks and assurance, your support fuels a collective effort ensuring no child goes hungry in our shared community. For a full list of our donors please go to our website.

INSPIRATION: \$10,000+

- Burlington Community Foundation
- Delta Bingo
- Canadian Red Cross - CSRF
- Core Capital Group
- Food4Kids Ontario
- GX Transport
- Head for the Hills Craft Beverage Festival
- JRM Investments Ltd.
- June Cockwell
- JTC Heersink Foundation
- Maycourt Club of Oakville
- Oakville Community Foundation's GIVE Oakville program
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Party of Seven
- Rattlesnake Golf Member Association
- Region of Halton
- TD Ready Commitment Grant
- Tim Hortons Oakville

HOPE: \$5,000-\$9,999

- Alberici Constructors
- Bailie Family Foundation
- Burlington Foundation Give Brilliantly
- Boehringer Ingelheim Canada Ltd.
- Dynamic Bodies
- Hexagon
- Herb & Cece Schreiber Family Foundation
- Knights of Columbus Marion Council #3881
- North Gate Farms Ltd.

