



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2024-2025





Our hearts are full as we reflect on the 2024/25 fiscal year—a year that truly showcased the power of community. Food4Kids Halton runs entirely on the generosity of people like you. With no core government funding, every food bag, every summer gift card, every fundraising event, and every act of kindness ensures that children in our community never go hungry.

This year, our community's support shone in countless ways. Volunteers packed food bags and delivered them to schools. Friends and neighbours helped us win the iA Financial Philanthropy contest. Local groups organized food drives and fundraisers. Many joined in supporting our annual Battle of the Chefs fundraiser and the holiday and spring Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaigns. Inspiring young leaders ran lemonade stands or collected donations instead of birthday gifts to make a difference. Together, these efforts highlight the incredible ways our community comes together to support children in need. We also want to recognize the dedicated Food4Kids Halton team, whose tireless work behind the scenes ensures that every child receives the support they need.



In 2024/25 we reached a major milestone in our strategic journey by completing our first strategic plan, setting a clear roadmap for growth and sustainability in the years ahead.

The impact of your generosity is tangible. By June 2025, **1,275 Halton children from 790 families** were receiving weekend food support from our program. Over the 2024/25 school year, we delivered **46,048 food bags** and distributed **\$150,600 in grocery gift cards** during the summer months. The number of kids in our program **grew 18% over the previous year**. Most importantly, we were able to support every child in need **without a waitlist**—a goal that remains at the heart of everything we do.





This annual report is a celebration of what we have accomplished together. It is also a reminder that every bag packed, every dollar donated, and every hour volunteered helps ensure that no child in Halton faces the weekend hungry.

From all of us at Food4Kids Halton, thank you for being part of this incredible journey. We are inspired by your generosity, and we look forward to continuing to grow and serve our community together.

With gratitude,

*Jennifer Sully-Ferraro*  
Executive Director

*Terri-Lynn Puckerin*  
Board Chair

## MISSION:

We provide healthy, inclusive weekend food support, empowering elementary school children in Halton who are facing food insecurity.

## VISION:

A community united to ensure no child in Halton goes hungry over the weekend, empowering them to learn, grow and thrive.

## 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 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.

**DELIVER** targeted support to children most in need in our community through school-identified referrals.

**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:** Our program provides weekend food packages to elementary school children with limited or no access to food. Referrals are made by schools that identify families struggling with food insecurity. Each week, volunteers package the food, and another group of volunteers deliver the packages to schools. At the school, staff discreetly place the food bag into the child’s backpack. When the child arrives home and opens their backpack, they find a healthy food supply for the weekend waiting for them.

Our 6-week rotational menu includes dietary options to accommodate allergies and cultural needs. Each child in the home receives their own food package, valued at \$15. **In the 2024-2025 program year, 1,275 children were served through this program.**

**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM:** Hunger doesn’t take a break in the summer—and neither do we! At Food4Kids Halton, we remain committed to supporting the children in our program **throughout the summer months when schools are closed. In our ongoing effort to ensure no child goes hungry, we provide families registered in our program with grocery gift cards.** This vital support helps ease the burden on families and ensures kids continue to have access to nutritious meals when school is out.

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

REVENUES	2025	2024
Fundraising	521,429	354,259
Donations	376,095	468,447
Grants	356,974	162,073
In-kind donations	111,763	91,233
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,366,261</b>	\$1,076,012
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administrative salaries	167,979	116,009
Advertising & promotion	3,321	7,733
Bank charges	9,492	8,323
Depreciation	5,285	6,519
Dues & fees	9,865	3,320
Fundraising	9,383	8,280
In-kind costs	111,763	91,233
Insurance	3,833	6,587
Occupancy costs	45,727	44,908
Office	14,804	16,475
Professional fees	54,292	63,776
Program costs (including food purchases)	783,060	799,856
Van & travel costs	16,850	7,358
Utilities	4,179	4,438
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,239,833</b>	1,184,815
Excess of revenues over expenditures from operations	126,428	(108,803)
Interest income	12,508	12,893
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	138,936	(95,910)
Balance, beginning of year	489,474	585,384
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$628,410</b>	\$489,474

Fiscal year end August 2025

## BECAUSE OF YOU, WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH

# 1,275

Children supported

# 790

Families supported

# 117

Schools participating

# 46,048

food bags delivered  
valued at \$690,720

# \$150,600

Gift cards delivered

Growth of **18%**  
of children served  
this year



## OUR TEAM

### 2024-2025 Board of Directors:

#### EXECUTIVE

**Terri-Lynn Puckerin** - Chair  
**Lindsey Billing** - Vice Chair  
**Jennifer Tarnawski** - Treasurer  
**Stephanie Harnett** - Secretary

#### MEMBERS

**Tara Dunn**  
**Doug Lounsbury**  
**Sandeep Sambhi**  
**Yasmin Visram**

### Our Staff:

**Jennifer Sully-Ferraro** - Executive Director  
**Stacey Halliday** - Food Procurement and Milton Program Manager  
**Eva Podoski** - Program Coordinator Halton Hills  
**Jeannie Bugiardini** - Program Coordinator Burlington and Oakville  
**Wajma Weera** - Administrative Assistant and Social Media Coordinator



# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

Food4Kids Halton is powered by the generosity of donations and one-time grants, and we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support from individuals, groups, and businesses who trust us with their contributions. Their belief in our mission allows us to make a tangible difference in the lives of children and families in our community.

It is through the collective generosity and commitment of our entire community that we are able to ensure no child goes hungry. **To each and every donor—your support is not just a gift, but a testament to the power of community coming together to support one another. Thank you for being an essential part of this mission.**



## INSPIRATION: \$10,000+

- Alberici Constructors Ltd.
- Augy & Anna Carnovale Foundation (a fund held within the Oakville Community Foundation)
- Bennington Financial Corp.
- Boehringer-Ingelheim
- Burlington Community Foundation
- Domsy Foundation
- Frank & Janice Lochan Private Foundation
- Heather McCormick
- iA Financial Group
- Grocery Foundation
- J.R.M. Investments
- JTC Heersink Foundation
- Lamb Foundation
- May Court Club of Oakville
- Oakville Community Foundation's GIVEOakville Campaign
- Oakville Delta Gaming Centre Association
- Party of Seven
- Rattlesnake Senior Men's Golf League
- Rogers Sports & Media
- Rotary Club of Oakville Charitable Fund
- Sprott Foundation
- Tim Hortons Oakville
- Watson Family Charitable Foundation
- Yvon Building Supplies

## HOPE: \$5,000+

- 100 Women Who Care Oakville
- Bailie Family Foundation
- Barbara Love
- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
- CSABA Holdings Inc
- Ibbott Family
- Kiwanis Club of Georgetown
- Marmilwood Family Fund
- Mountainview Mortgage
- Oak-Land Ford Lincoln
- Oakville Curling Club Senators
- RBC
- Rhys and Maud Allen
- Rotary Burlington North
- Thames River Chemical Corp.
- Tim Hortons Georgetown
- Vital Community Fund (a fund held within the Oakville Community Foundation)

