



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2021-2022



# HELP FIGHT CHILD HUNGER IN ONTARIO

It has been another rewarding year ensuring no child in our communities goes hungry! This past fiscal year, we fed 3,510 children. This is an increase of an additional 275 children. We support children 52 weeks a year to ensure a consistent access to food for weekends, summer months and holidays.

For the most part, we returned to delivery of our healthy food bags weekly to schools, where the bag is discreetly tucked into the child's backpack. We provided grocery gift cards when food bags were not an option. We have an incredible team of staff and volunteers who are flexible to ensure children are our focus, and outreach to them is most important.

It is with great gratitude that we thank so many involved in our program. Whether you are an individual, group or corporate donor, you make our program successful. The hundreds of volunteers give so much time to ensure children are fed each weekend and during holidays. We couldn't do this work without you.

We are so lucky to have our founding sponsors; the Grocery Foundation who increased their funds to allow us to expand programming, the Sprott Foundation who again increased their donation this year. We are in our 3rd year of funding from RBC, so grateful for these contributions. Breakfast Clubs of Canada and Community Food Centre Canada provided grants that allowed us to feed more children.

We are grateful to all of our Funders who genuinely impact the lives of so many children. Their collective funds allowed us to distribute \$586,648 to our chapters responsible for distributing food to 3,510 children weekly. It truly does take a village.

It is with great honour that we support the five chapters running a Food4Kids program in Halton, Hamilton, Guelph, Mississauga and Niagara. We meet monthly to share resources, discuss best practices and ensure each chapter is strong and running well.

Our hearts are full of our community's kindness in supporting children. Thank you for ensuring no child goes hungry!

*Kelli Bugden*

Board Chair

*Lena Bassford*

Sep-Dec 2021  
Executive Director

*Gayle Kabbash*

Jan 1, 2022-present  
Executive Director



## VISION:

An Ontario where no child goes hungry.

## MISSION:

To provide healthy food for children from at-risk, low-income or disadvantaged homes with limited or no food during weekend periods or during the summer months.

## MANDATE:

- Provide resources and support for existing Food4Kids chapters in Ontario to grow capacity, increase reach, and build strength.
- Help Food4Kids chapters to find, track, and share impact.
- Oversee the development of new and emerging Food4Kids programs within Ontario.



## GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

**PROVIDE** packages of nutritious food for children with little or no access to food during weekend periods or 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:

### WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM:


Provides packages of healthy food for 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 volunteers deliver food to schools each Friday morning. At the school, the food package is quietly tucked into the child's backpack and when the child arrives home and opens their backpack, a healthy food supply awaits them.



### SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM:

Summer is typically a time for camp, vacations and having fun. For our kids, ensuring they have enough food to eat is their greatest focus. Providing food for these children becomes even more critical since school snack or breakfast programs are not available during the summer months. We addressed this issue by developing a summer food program, **the first of its kind in Canada**. The children received a bounty of healthy foods, including proteins, dairy, fruits and vegetables, and a weekly feature recipe card to make a simple, nutritious meal.

## OUR COMMUNITIES: IMPACTING THE LIVES OF 3,510 CHILDREN

 FOOD4KIDS	Year Established	Weekends without Hunger
Guelph	2018	400
Halton	2014	925
Hamilton	2012	1,425
Mississauga	2018	307
Niagara	2018	453
TOTAL SERVED		3,510

**BECAUSE OF YOU,**  
WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH.

**254**

Schools  
facilitating  
Food4Kids  
programs

**3,510**

Children provided  
nourishment each  
week

**\$2,101,114**

Food costs only in 2021-2022



[www.food4kids.ca](http://www.food4kids.ca)

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	2021 \$	2022 \$
<b>DONATION REVENUE</b>		
Donations	1,075,070	930,617
Interest Income	-	4,085
	1,075,070	934,702
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Bank charges	126	1,342
Funds to partner agencies (Note 6)	807,290	342,825
Insurance	1,639	1,664
Marketing, promotion and fundraising	52,175	40,590
Office and general	13,013	7,240
Professional fees	8,436	7,430
Rent	3,000	3,000
Travel	919	551
Wages and benefits	69,793	83,922
	956,361	488,564
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>118,709</b>	<b>446,138</b>

Year ended August 31





## 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# THANK YOU!

**WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU.**

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