



Board Chair & CEO Letter



What a year 2024 has been for Second Harvest! It's incredible to see how far we've come, and we couldn't be more excited to share the impact we've made together.

This past year has been all about growth, determination and community. With the rising cost of living and inflation squeezing families across the country, our mission has never been more important — and thanks to you, we've been able to rise to the challenge in ways we didn't think possible.

With your support, the Second Harvest team rescued and redistributed 87.1 million pounds of surplus food, surpassing our ambitious goal of 72 million pounds by 2025. That's not just food saved from landfills — it's healthy, perishable food delivered to people who need it the most, including those in the farthest reaches of Canada, from coast to coast to coast. From the cities to the rural North, our expanding reach has been staggering, reaching more than six million people and providing real, tangible support during a time when many are struggling.

But our work doesn't stop at the Canadian border. We're proud to be leading on a global stage, sharing our expertise with organizations around the world and driving international change as Canada's representative at the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Through our thought leadership, we're helping to shape policies and practices that tackle food waste and food insecurity internationally. It's an incredible feeling to know that our impact is resonating far beyond Canada's borders.

As we look back on this year, we can't help but celebrate our amazing Second Harvest team.

Their tireless efforts, passion and dedication have made all the difference. But none of this would be possible without you — our donors, partners and volunteers. Whether you've supported us with funds, food or your valuable time, your contributions have set the foundation for everything we accomplished over the last year. On behalf of the communities we serve, we extend our deepest gratitude.

As we approach the final year of Second Harvest's three-year strategic plan, we're blown away by how much we've achieved, but we know there's so much more to do. We're growing faster and reaching deeper into every province and territory, making a bigger impact with every meal. Together, we're not just rescuing food — we're building a brighter, healthier future for all.

We're excited to keep the momentum going and can't wait to see what we accomplish in 2025 with your continued support. Thank you for believing in our mission and standing with us in the fight against food waste and food insecurity.

Here's to an even more impactful year ahead!

Karen and Lori





Our Vision

No Waste. No Hunger.



Our Mission

Keep food where it belongs: on plates and out of landfills.







Our Values

Community

We improve food access to ensure everyone, regardless of their economic situation, can have good food.

Environment

We consistently strive to have a positive impact on the environment.

Integrity

Open, honest and transparent, we hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards.

Collaboration

We believe we can accomplish more when we work together.

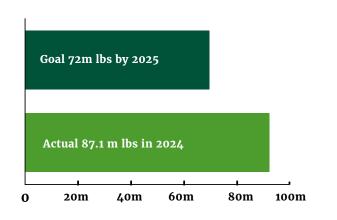
Measuring Progress:

Reflecting on Year 2 of Our Strategic Plan

We're two-thirds of the way through our strategic plan and with the help of all our partners, donors and staff, we have made great progress.

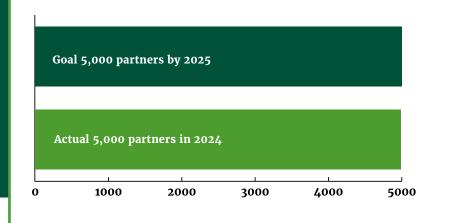
Many of the goals we initially set for our three-year strategic plan were achieved within its first year and we continue to exceed our targets as we rescue and redistribute more food across the country.





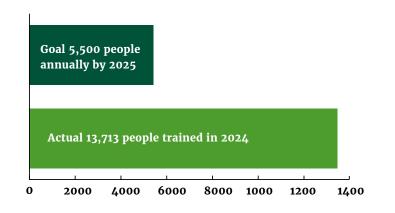
Second Harvest rescued and redistributed 87.1 million lbs of food, surpassing our 2025 target of 72 million lbs by 20.9%. This food support was more critical than ever as more and more people experienced food insecurity across Canada.

We were able to provide 5,000 non-profits with healthy food, which means that we officially achieved another goal set for 2025. We supported 6.5 million people in Canada with rescued food.









Our Training & Education program reached 13,713 people, which is an increase of more than 6,200 people from the previous year and exceeds our goal for 2025 to engage 5,500 individuals by 149.3%.

Through corporate food sorts, the Royal Agriculture Fair, Truck Pull, the Calgary Stampede and other events across Canada, the number of volunteers that donated their time to Second Harvest increased to 4,133 in 2024 — more than 106% above the goal we set for 2025.



Bridging the Summer Hunger Gap

In 2024, the Feeding Our Future program delivered 36,263 healthy lunches and provided critical nourishment to 1,450 children and youth in summer camps across Toronto.

Driver-ambassador Fasika Adane shares how he sees the impact firsthand as he makes the stops along his daily delivery route downtown.

Fasika usually begins his day at 7 a.m., loading up his van with trays of fresh sandwiches and snacks. At every stop he reaches, he's warmly welcomed by camp staff, often accompanied by children who know him by name and eagerly await his arrival.

One of the highlights of his day is his stop at the Christie Refugee Welcome Centre. Here, two kids wait for Fasika at the same spot every morning, running up to greet him with excitement and gratitude. They thank him, cheer him on as he unloads his van and even ask if they can help him carry small items. Their joy and appreciation make his job more fulfilling and motivates him to do even better, Fasika shares.

At each camp, Fasika's deliveries provide much more than just a meal. For many children, the lunch they receive might be the most nutritious meal they have all day. Partner organizations, like Taking Kids Out of Poverty (TKOP) and the 519, emphasize how these meals bring stability, comfort, and nourishment to their young participants.

TKOP provides education, mentorship and soccer programming for children living in St. James Town and Cabbagetown in Toronto's downtown east-end neighbourhoods, all free of charge.



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"Food insecurity is very significant in various communities in Toronto," Mikael Khalam, TKOP founder, says. "What the kids could count on when they come to our program is that they'll get a drink, a fruit, a snack and just be in a safe space to eat with their friends and have fun."

TKOP can also cater to a larger demographic this year, thanks to the halal sandwich option, a new addition to Feeding Our Future's menu.

To Sharn Peters, manager, Child and Family Programs at the 519, the sandwiches and snacks received from Second Harvest allow the children and their families to bond over trying new foods for the first time at their summer camp.

"Our families will get a sense of community and build those connections," she adds. "Because sitting together and eating, which we call 'breaking bread' in my culture, is so important." This experience also opens up conversations about nutrition and brings inspiration to many lunch menus during the school year.

For camps like Art City, the availability of lunches provided through Feeding Our Future enables the small team to focus on their mission: helping kids gain confidence through arts. Before partnering with Second Harvest, the organization could only offer a light snack. Now the complete meal — including sandwiches, snack and juice — keeps their campers fed and energized throughout the day.

By the end of his route, Fasika returns to Second Harvest's headquarters, his van filled with empty crates but his heart full of joy.

"I don't think there's anybody who gets to be thanked by others as much as me," he says. "That's a blessing."

A huge thank you to our donors, summer assistants and the 269 volunteers who spent over 1,100 hours making sandwiches this summer. Without your support and generosity, this program wouldn't be a success.







WELCOME

Donor Spotlight

A Shared Commitment to Building Resilient Communities

Scotiabank's partnership with Second Harvest began in 1988. Since then, we have made great strides together in the fight against hunger and food waste.

In 2023, the Bank deepened its commitment to our cause by pledging a donation of \$500,000 over three years through ScotiaRISE. ScotiaRISE is Scotiabank's social impact initiative to improve people's economic opportunity and resiliency, including by investing in programs that enable greater access to support for food, shelter and medical care.

The impact of this funding has been far-reaching. Over the past two years, funding from ScotiaRISE has helped Second Harvest rescue and redistribute enough food to provide over 1.2 million meals to people across Canada. This vital support ensures individuals' essential needs are met so they can focus on other aspects of their lives, such as education and employment, which are key to economic resilience.

By redirecting healthy surplus food to those who need it most, Scotiabank has also helped us prevent more than 4 million pounds of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere, equivalent to taking 569 cars off the road for a year.

Scotiabank's commitment to Second Harvest extends beyond financial support. In the last two years, the Bank has been an important contender in the annual Truck Pull Challenge, where teams of 10 showcase their strength, teamwork and determination to make a difference.

Additionally, we have also welcomed Scotiabank's employees in many food sorts and volunteer initiatives. A total of 54 staff members have dedicated nearly 120 hours to sorting over 9,000 pounds of surplus food for delivery to Second Harvest's network of non-profit partners in the Greater Toronto Area.



"Second Harvest's mission to rescue and redistribute food is more crucial than ever for Canadians facing economic hardship," says Meigan Terry, Senior VP and Chief Sustainability, Social Impact & Communication Officer at Scotiabank. "Through ScotiaRISE, we are proud to support their efforts to provide healthy food to vulnerable individuals and reduce food waste."

With ScotiaRISE's continued support, we are not only addressing immediate needs, but also laying the groundwork for long-term changes and a more sustainable future. Here's to another year of impactful partnership!

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Empowering Communities Through Food

When community members come to the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary for support, they are given a hand-up, not just a hand-out. This principle guides the organization's programs, which span nearly every neighbourhood in Calgary through a network of over 217 non-profit partners.

Second Harvest is a valued partner of Spinz-A-Round, one of their core programs. Every Tuesday and Thursday, 60 charity organizations — from community centres to street missions — visit Community Kitchen's warehouse to collect food supplies for redistribution to their clients.

"The idea is that the food comes in our door, and we spin it out as fast as we can into the hands of those who need it the most," said Lynn Gofflot, community relations and human resources manager at Community Kitchen.

Last year, through Spinz-A-Round, Second Harvest redirected over 100,000 pounds of surplus food, reaching nearly 400,000 Calgarians. In July, we worked with Community Kitchen to rescue over 13,000 pounds of fruits, vegetables and protein from the Calgary Stampede.

The food Community Kitchen receives from Second Harvest and their partners vary. From fresh produce to cooked meals and dry goods, the donations reflect the ongoing efforts to provide nutritious options to those in need. Lynn noted that fresh produce is always in high demand, along with items like eggs and dairy, which form the building blocks of a healthy diet.

While Spinz-A-Round has a broad reach, the organization's other programs focus on specific, vulnerable populations. For instance, the kids' program teaches children about nutrition, basic etiquette and online safety, targeting schools in areas where they may be left alone more often due to working parents. They also have access to snacks while attending these sessions.

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Education is a cornerstone of Community Kitchen's approach, woven into all their programs. In a program called Calgary's Cooking, participants learn how to shop from flyers and stretch their food budget without sacrificing nutrition. This emphasis on practical skills helps individuals and families gain control over their food security, promoting long-term self-reliance.

"We try as much as we can in all of our programs to educate and help people learn how to work within what their means are right now," Lynn said. "Hopefully they'll be able to start to see positive impact and change their future."

The organization recently launched Teachables, a series of videos offering tips and tricks on managing a pantry, shopping smart and cooking nutritious meals. The response has been positive, with many clients finding the resources helpful in making better choices for their families.



As Community Kitchen navigates the challenges of rising food insecurity in the city, the organization remains committed to their mission and aims to support the community in every way possible. Ultimately, the organization's impact is measured not just in the number of meals provided, but in the dignity and hope restored to those they serve.

"We want to make people feel supported and that they have somewhere to go," Lynn said. "They can come in and get food. They can have what they need and be able to lead a good life and teach their children to lead a good life."



5N2¹s

Innovative Approach to Sustaining Their Mission

5N2 joined the Harvest Kitchens program in 2023 and has since transformed rescued food into nearly 30,000 meals for distribution to other community organizations.







In a nondescript shipping container in Scarborough, Ontario, rows of lush lettuce and fragrant basil flourish in nutrient-rich water, illuminated by the gentle hum of LED lights. This compact, soil-free farm buzzes with life, no matter the weather outside.

Taking care of the farm is 5N2, a multi-program food charity and Second Harvest partner that has been serving marginalized communities in Scarborough since 2013.

5N2 joined Second Harvest's Harvest Kitchens program in 2023 and has already helped to transform rescued food into nearly 30,000 meals for distribution to other community organizations. The team meticulously plans their menu around donations they receive from Second Harvest to ensure every meal is balanced and nutritious with three components: protein, starch and vegetables.

Harvest Kitchens partners like 5N2 provide critical support for people experiencing food insecurity and many additional community organizations that lack the kitchen space to prepare food. In 2023, through six Harvest

Kitchens partners, more than 354,000 meals were distributed to 65 other non-profits and charities in Toronto.

5N2 also has a pantry with staple items that they redirect to other communities through their charity partners or deliver to those with physical or mental limitations.

Founder and Executive Director Seema David runs the organization on a no-question-asked basis and operates its hydroponic farm as a social enterprise opportunity that allows 5N2 to be self-reliant.

Her team harvests over 30 pounds of greens every two or three weeks. Some of the produce is used in 5N2's hot meal program and distributed to families in need in the surrounding communities, and the rest is purchased by restaurants and hotels in Toronto.

"If a child comes and says to me, 'I'm hungry,' I'm not going to ask the child and the mother why. I will give them the food first," she said. "The farm is how we sustain this work."



raised funds for 405,000 meals and competed to pull a 20,000-pound truck across the square in the fastest time, all to support Second Harvest's food rescue and redistribution efforts.

Thank you to everyone who participated for your energy and commitment to food rescue!
Congratulations to the winning teams from each wave:

Wave 1: Purpose Unlimited – 13:75 seconds
Wave 2: Rush Truck Centres – 14:62 seconds
Wave 3: FIA Plumbing and Heating – 13:18 seconds
Wave 4: Scotiabank – 14:31 seconds

The energy at Nathan Phillips Square was remarkable as teams gathered, ready to showcase their dedication to a worthy cause. Each pull was a testament to teamwork and determination, with participants exercising every muscle to move the massive truck.

Adding to the excitement, Mayor Olivia Chow and Toronto city councillors also participated in the challenge to demonstrate their support for Second Harvest and the importance of local leadership in tackling issues like food insecurity and food waste.



Engaging activities onsite included massage sessions for truck pullers and a vibrant farmers market with fresh produce, with all proceeds going to Second Harvest. The game station, which featured volley pong and human-sized Jenga, was a big hit.

In a Freshness Faceoff, participants blind-tasted popular snack items and guessed whether they were past their best before date to learn more about food labelling and food waste. Throughout the day, truck pullers stayed refreshed with delicious beverages from Starbucks and were fuelled by hearty meals and sandwiches from Salad King and Mr. Sub.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants, sponsors and volunteers who made this event a success. Your dedication and support are invaluable in our mission to keep food where it belongs: on plates and out of landfills.









Champions for Change Recognized at the Food Rescue Awards

On February 13, we held the second annual Food Rescue Awards, shining a spotlight on the remarkable efforts of individuals, businesses and organizations committed to addressing food waste and hunger in Canada.

Across 14 award categories, this year's ceremony showcased a diverse array of supporters. From innovative businesses to passionate individuals, the nominees and winners alike demonstrated profound dedication to our mission of keeping food on plates and out of landfills.

This year's Food Rescue Awards also highlighted the incredible work of non-profits across the country from coast to coast to coast.

Adding a delightful charm to the evening was the host Michelle Dubé, known for her charisma and engaging personality as the co-anchor of CTV News Toronto. Her navigation through the awards ceremony was seamless, creating an atmosphere of celebration and unity among the attendees.

The Food Rescue Awards not only acknowledge the contributions of those dedicated to making a meaningful difference, but the event also highlights the spirit of community and collaboration. Without our network of food and financial donors, volunteers and supporters, food rescue wouldn't be possible. A big **THANK YOU** to all!







The Food Rescue Awards Winners

The annual Second Harvest Food Rescue Awards celebrate the very best groups and individuals that have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to rescuing surplus edible food in Canada.

Across 14 categories, our non-profit partners, food and financial donors are recognized for the incredible impact they've made on the lives of people in need and the planet. Without their support, food rescue wouldn't be possible.





Mileston Impact Award The Nikita Foundation

















From the Farm Award

Pfenning's Organic Vegetables Inc.





- 5N2 Kitchens
- Community Food Resource Network
- Community Kitchen Program of Calgary
- FASSY (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society Yukon)
- Gifts from the Heart Inc.Guru NanakFree Kitchen Regina
- Harvest Hands

- Ikurraq Food Bank
- Immigrant Link Centre Society
- Moisson Montréal
- New Brunswick Food Depot Alimentaire Inc.
- The Gathering Place Community Health Centre
- Tlicho Friendship Centre
- · Winnipeg School Division

Hungry for Change

More than one-third of food charities in Canada forced to turn people away while bracing for new demand in 2024

On February 27, Second Harvest presented the findings of our annual survey including more than 1,400 non-profit organizations with food programs across Canada in a press conference, with attendance and comments from Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow.

In the survey, non-profits were asked to predict the demand for their services in 2024. What we found is that these critical frontline organizations expected to see an 18 per cent increase in demand in 2024. That translated to more than 1 million people in Canada accessing food charity for the first time.

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1 MILLION

people in Canada accessing food charity for the first time this year.

Non-profits expect an

increase in demand.



"The impact of Second Harvest's contributions is immeasurable, as you consistently provide for 240 families and 700 individuals on a weekly basis. Your efforts have not only alleviated the burden of hunger but also brought hope and relief to those facing challenging circumstances."

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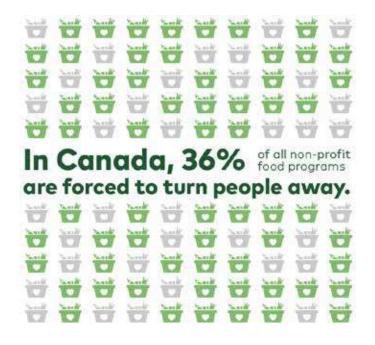


The charitable food sector is struggling

More than a third of non-profits across Canada said they are forced to turn people away, adding their names to growing waitlists.

52 per cent of the non-profits we surveyed said they would need 50 per cent or more nonperishable food to meet the demand.

The average need for funding per non-profit is \$76,000, a 13 per cent increase from the year before.





"We find an increased demand for our breakfast program. We typically would see 15-20 students in the morning come in for a light breakfast, but we are currently feeding 60-75 students consistently each day. We also provide a brown bag lunch for students who require a lunch or need an addition to their lunch."

Carla Williment, River East Transcona School Division, Winnipeg, MB

An additional \$76,000 is needed per charity to match the increased demand.

That's over \$4 BILLION* in Canada.

*Based off \$76,000 x 61,000 Charities in Canada

Our Impact

From Coast to Coast to Coast

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BC

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AB

SK

Ontario

288 communities

2,441 non-profits

39.8 million+ meals

140.1 million+ lbs of GHGs

Equal to 19,469 cars taken off the road

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MB

ON

Northwest Territories

17 communities 37 non-profits 17,200+ meals 13,500+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 1.9 cars taken off the road



Yukon

3 communities 9 non-profits 18,100+ meals 31,500+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 4 cars taken off the road

British Columbia

112 communities 694 non-profits 10.1 million+ meals 32.2 million+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 4,483 cars taken off the road



Alberta

96 communities 564 non-profits 12.1 million+ meals 41.1 million+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 5,718 cars taken off the road

Saskatchewan

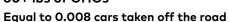
39 communities 214 non-profits 3.4 million+ meals 10.8 million+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 1,512 cars taken off the road

Manitoba

54 communities 371 non-profits 6.4 million+ meals 18 million+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 2,512 cars taken off the road

Nunavut

21 communities 29 non-profits 111,000+ meals 60+ lbs of GHGs





Newfoundland and Labrador

51 communities 124 non-profits 487,700+ meals 1.5 million+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 221 cars taken off the road



90 communities 219 non-profits 8.2 million+ meals 26 million+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 3,613 cars taken off the road



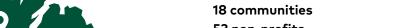
Prince Edward Island

53 non-profits 124,800+ meals 350,300+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 48.7 cars taken off the road



Nova Scotia

74 communities 177 non-profits 2.3 million+ meals 8.1 million+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 1,138 cars taken off the road





New Brunswick

QC

40 communities 93 non-profits 2.9 million+ meals 9.8 million+ lbs of GHGs Equal to 1,367 cars taken off the road



Impact Highlights

\$363 million

worth of food was rescued and distributed

245,000+

meals per day provided by rescued food (avg.)

87.1 million lbs

of food rescued and distributed

59.3 billion

litres of water saved

8,800+

food donors

5.45:1

social return on investmentEvery \$1.00 donated to Second Harvest provides \$5.45 in social, environmental and economic benefit to the community.

6.5 million

people supported in Canada

86%

of food donations were perishable

64%

of food rescued and redistributed was produce, protein and dairy

288 million lbs

of GHGs averted from the atmosphere

12,400+

non-profit programs supported by a Second Harvest food delivery

5-star

Charity Intelligence rating & named one of Highest Rated Top 100 Charities.

Second Harvest is unique in our focus of rescuing and redistributing surplus perishable healthy foods like produce, proteins and dairy.



These are the foods that are most difficult for people experiencing hunger to access, and with food costs continuing to rise, they are more out of reach for people in need than ever before. Last year, 86% of the food provided annually by Second Harvest was perishable and 64% was nutrient-dense.



43% Produce



8.7% Meat, Legumes, and Meat Alternatives



7% Baked Goods, Snacks & Desserts



11% Bread and Grains



12% Dairy & Dairy Alternatives



6% Water, Juice & Other Beverages



9% Prepared Foods





1% Baby Formula & Meal Replacements

Second Harvest's Interactive Activations

The Second Harvest Food Rescue Experience is a new activation designed to engage meaningfully with crowds across Canada. This year, it was a great draw at the Calgary Stampede and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Through this interactive activation, guests learned about the environmental and social impact of food waste while discovering how food rescue made a meaningful difference for people and the planet.

Experience Highlights

Taste or Toss:

A digital game that challenges participants to guess how far past best-before dates various food items are still safe to consume and provides them with tangible knowledge to reduce food waste.

The Tomato's Tale:

An interactive gallery that follows the fascinating journey of a tomato from farm to fork. Participants gain insights into the lifecycle of food and discover ways to minimize waste at every stage.

Food Rescue Showcase:

A display of perfectly edible fruits and vegetables in odd shapes that could end up in landfills without food rescue.



We ended the Calgary Stampede on a high note with the rescue of 13,010 pounds of surplus food. Through our local partner, Community Kitchen Program of Calgary, the food was distributed to over 60 non-profit agencies across the city.







"2024 was a successful year for the Stampede in many ways, with one highlight being the ability to give back locally through food donations. Numerous groups, ranging from our Stampede culinary team through to midway vendors and local sponsors, donated everything from huge beef roasts to candied apples, heaps of fresh produce and more. We are grateful to work with partners like Second Harvest who can expand our reach to the community, support with coordination and help create positive impact by getting rescuable food to people who need and will benefit from it."

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- Kori Stosky

sustainability specialist at the Calgary Stampede





Each year, Second Harvest's sealift program embarks on a critical mission: fighting food insecurity in Canada's North. In the Artic, where access to goods is severely limited by isolation and weather conditions, sealift is an economical solution to getting good healthy food to communities who need it most.

Launched in 2021 in collaboration with Arctic Cooperatives Limited (Arctic Co-op), the program has steadily expanded its reach over the past three years. In 2024 alone, we delivered nearly 160,000 pounds of surplus food to nine communities in Nunavut through three Eastern sealifts, along with additional shipments to four communities in the Northwest Territories via the Western route.

The sealift season runs from June to September, with each shipment going through a meticulous six-week planning process. It starts with Brandon Rodeghiero, manager of northern operations at Second Harvest, getting in touch with local communities to understand their specific needs. This step is crucial to ensuring that the right

quantities and types of food are delivered, given that public census data is often inaccurate.

For instance, smaller communities like Kimmirut in Nunavut, which have limited storage space, can choose to receive a wider assortment of items on a single pallet, depending on what's in demand. This tailored approach helps Second Harvest establish trust and foster strong relationships with local non-profits — one of the keys to the program's success.

Following community consultations, the warehouse team packages and labels hundreds of pallets of shelf-stable food, while coordinating closely with Arctic Co-op and local non-profit partners to facilitate pick-up and distribution. Communication with these remote areas can sometimes be challenging, due to unreliable internet and phone services.

Transporting large quantities of food across Canada's diverse and often harsh landscape presents unique difficulties, and Arctic Co-op's incredible support is vital to our work in the North. In our first Western sealift this year, the team encountered a significant hurdle when low water levels — caused by prolonged dry spells since 2022 — prevented the ship from departing from Hay River, Alberta as planned.

Leveraging their expertise and extensive network, Arctic Co-op quickly adapted and coordinated with Air Tindi to transport the food by air. Thanks to their swift action, 28,400 pounds of surplus food eventually reached the communities of Łutselk'e, Fort Good Hope, Ulukhaktok, and Sachs Harbour in the Northwest Territories.

For community members, these shipments are more than just deliveries — they're a source of joy and hope. Brandon recalled a frontline worker at a local non-profit comparing the arrival of the sealift to "Christmas," as communities eagerly anticipated the food and supplies that would help sustain them through the year.

The success of the sealift program is a testament to the power of collaboration and our shared commitment to food security in Canada's North. Every shipment delivered is a step toward reducing hunger and building stronger healthier communities.



Sharing Our Expertise

Second Harvest staff regularly participate in panel discussions and conferences across Canada.

Here are some highlights:

December 7, 2023 | The mesh conference

Lori Nikkel and Winston Rosser showcased the impact of the Second Harvest Food Rescue App at this conference, which highlights digital innovation.

March 26, 2024 | Tackling Food Waste Through Innovative Capture Programs

At this event organized by the Compost Council of Canada, Lori Nikkel spoke about Second Harvest's mission and the importance of food rescue.

April 9–11, 2024 | International Organization for Standardization Meeting on Food Loss and Waste Management System Development

As vice chair of the Canadian delegation for the ISO food loss and waste management system working group, Second Harvest participated in a three-day event in the UK, focused on the development of a management system to minimize food waste.

April 30, 2024 | Green Champions Network x Earth Month

Lori Nikkel was a participant on the event's Food Waste Reimagination and Reduction panel.

August 23, 2024 | World Food Forum Youth Policy Board North American Assembly

Second Harvest was invited to speak about the organization's work and offer insights for youth interested in addressing food waste.









In the Media

In 2024, Second Harvest appeared in 4,015 print, digital and broadcast news pieces.

Media coverage in 2024 was led by findings from our national survey Hungry for Change and references to our research report The Avoidable Crisis of Food Waste in a campaign aiming to reduce food waste.













Healthy Meals, Bright Future

This year, Second Harvest proudly began partnering with the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS) to ensure that students in Toronto have access to the nutritious food they need to learn. Through this partnership, Second Harvest was able to provide healthy meals and snacks to 18,600 students in 48 schools.

With the rising cost of food and limited student nutrition budgets, getting the most nutritious food in the right amount was becoming a problem for many schools. TFSS needed a partner to help stretch their limited dollars, and that's where Second Harvest stepped in. Through our logistics expertise in perishable food, we were able to store and deliver the necessary foods each day that resulted in students receiving 45 per cent more food within the same budget. Together we have been able to reduce the cost and ensure that fresh produce, dairy products and other essentials are delivered to schools, providing students with the healthy meals they need to thrive.

TFSS plays a vital role in supporting students in the Toronto District School Board by removing barriers to education. In addition to their nutrition programs, they offer after-school activities, vision and hearing screenings and emergency financial assistance to students in need. By focusing on a holistic approach to their well-being, TFSS ensures that students are not only well fed but also supported in other aspects of their lives.

Proper nutrition is essential for students' health, cognitive development and emotional welfare. Research consistently shows that when children have access to balanced, nutritious meals, they are more engaged, have better concentration and perform better academically. Access to healthy meals has also been linked to improved attendance, ensuring that students can make the most of their educational opportunities.

Guided by Ontario's Student Nutrition Program (OSNP) Guidelines, which prioritize fruits, vegetables, proteins, dairy and whole grains, this partnership is committed to promoting healthy eating habits. Together with TFSS, we are working to create a future where every student is nourished and ready to succeed.







Waves of Collaboration:

Delivering Frozen Mussels Across New Brunswick

When the food rescue team at Second Harvest received a call in January about a generous donation coming in from just outside of Moncton, NB — nearly 50,000 pounds of frozen mussels — they knew it had the potential to make a real difference.

Rising food costs and other barriers, such as location and transportation expenses, impact communities across Canada, including in New Brunswick, where 25.6% of households struggle to access the nutrition they need. Non-profits across Atlantic Canada are facing widening gaps as they contend with growing support needs, limited resources and infrastructure capacity. This valuable protein-packed donation could bring not only nourishment but also a sense of comfort, dignity and respect to communities.

However, distributing large quantities of frozen shellfish to various non-profits came with a steep list of challenges.

Food banks and community organizations are scattered across New Brunswick, many struggling with staff and volunteer shortages. Loading a pallet of temperature–sensitive shellfish requires careful handling and measures to keep it properly chilled, ensuring the mussels stay safe from spoilage and bacteria growth. Transportation poses its own obstacles, with a drive from Moncton to Edmundston taking up to six hours, especially during the daunting winter months. Additionally, many non–profits have limited freezer capacity, and one delivery could easily overwhelm their storage space.

Despite these hurdles, the Second Harvest team acted swiftly. The mussels were immediately housed in cold storage, and the team began planning and piloting a program that would allow the protein to be distributed over time. This included reaching out to non-profits with available freezer space and working with a combination of volunteer drivers and third-party logistics to organize transportation and offer a drop-off service. Larger non-profits with more freezer capacity served as hubs, allowing smaller organizations to pick up what they could manage.

The plan was a resounding success. Between February and April, 10 non-profits across Moncton, Miramichi, Saint John, Fredericton, Sussex and Edmundston received donated mussels, with many more benefiting indirectly through resource sharing among these organizations. By leveraging logistical partnerships, we were able to reach new communities and bring donations to places that had not received support before.

The impact was tangible. One resident at Alternative Residence Alternatives, a shelter committed to bettering the lives of individuals dealing with mental illness in Moncton, expressed their excitement: "Goodness gracious, the mussels were delicious — my favourite food!"

Another added, "OMG, where did these come from? Can we add these to the meal plan?"

This food rescue showcases the powerful ripple effect that dedication and collaboration can achieve. Through determination and strategic teamwork, we rescued nearly 50,000 pounds of mussels and prevented over 165,000 pounds of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere.

Beyond environmental impact, this effort lifted spirits and well-being, delivering sustenance and fostering connection across communities both large and small.



Thanks to our partnership with Second Harvest and Food Distributers like You, we added delicious mussels to our menu for our 24-hour care residences and can have some more meals incorporating mussels in the future.

Your support not only enhanced our community's dining but also contributed to reducing environmental impacts.

Cheers for making a positive impact on our residents' lives and the environment







Statements of Financial Position

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of Second Harvest Canada | Deuxième Récolte Canada

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at August 31, 2024, and the summary statement of operations, and the related note, are derived from the audited financial statements of Second Harvest Canada | Deuxième Récolte Canada (the "Organization") for the year ended August 31, 2024.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Organization's audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated October 21, 2024.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the criteria disclosed in Note 1 to the summary financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Hogg. Shain & Scheck PC

Toronto, Ontario October 21, 2024 Authorized to practise public accounting by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

Summary Statement of Financial Position

Summary prepared from the Audited Financial Statements year ended August 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 19,272,676	\$ 16,571,916
Accounts receivable	484,190	293,103
Food donations inventory	1,289,725	1,227,045
Prepaid expenses	253,057	132,776
	21,299,648	18,224,840
Capital Assets, net of amortization	14,286,866	15,186,190
Total Assets	\$ 35,586,514	\$ 33,411,030
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Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,092,898	\$ 658,855
Deferred contributions	3,931,140	3,014,232
Deferred contributions - food donations	1,289,725	1,227,045
	7,313,763	4,900,132
Deferred Capital Asset Contributions	13,458,471	14,477,345
	20,772,234	19,377,477
Unrestricted	7,093,401	6,312,674
Contributions for land	1,550,879	1,550,879
Internally restricted		
Operating reserve	5,370,000	5,370,000
Building and capital asset reserve	300,000	300,000
Opportunity reserve	500,000	500,000
	14,814,280	14,033,553
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 35,586,514	\$ 33,411,030

Note to the Summary Financial Statements Prepared from the Audited Financial Statements Year Ended August 31, 2024

The criteria applied by management in the preparation of these summary financial statements are as follows:

	2024	2023
Revenues		
Food Donations	\$ 363,367,521	\$ 268,589,912
Fundraising	17,015,044	14,253,539
Amortization of capital asset contributions	1,243,874	1,196,514
Administration	-	816,611
Interest and other	765,215	592,674
Contributed volunteer services	392,333	260,692
National food sharing program - federal funding	-	250,273
Training and education	244,858	186,109
Grants	-	58,622
	383,028,845	286,204,946
Expenses		
Food recovery and delivery:		
Food donations delivered to agencies	363,367,521	268,589,912
Food Rescue App	8,442,696	6,158,747
Other food delivery related costs	7,141,580	5,175,800
Amortization of capital assets	1,275,670	1,254,857
Administration	671,396	2,032,982
Communications and fundraising	567,773	1,072,757
Donated volunteer services	392,333	260,692
Training and education	389,149	410,369
National food sharing program - federal distributions	-	250,273
Food waste reduction research	-	58,622
	382,248,118	285,265,013

a) The information in the summary financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete financial statements; and

b) The summary financial statements contain all the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the complete financial statements, including the notes therein.

Management determined that the statement of changes in net assets and the statement of cash flows do not provide additional, useful information, and as such have not included them as part of the summary financial statements.

Fund & In-Kind Donors

For the fiscal year ending in August 31, 2024

Seeding The Future \$1m+





Golden Harvest \$500k - \$999,999







Pollinators Circle \$250k - \$499,999









Growers Circle \$100k - \$249,999



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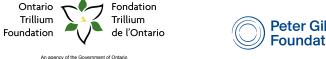


















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Sunshine Circle \$50k - \$99,999





















































Nurturers Circle \$25k - \$49,999































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Nurturers Circle \$25k - \$49,999

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Roots Circle \$10k - \$24,999

- · Alcon Canada Inc.
- · Alectra Inc.
- Anna And Edward C.
 Churchill Foundation
- Audrey S. Hellyer Charitable Foundation
- · Aviva Canada
- The Bickerton-Grabowski Family Foundation Family Foundation
- · Blackstone Charitable Foundation
- · BNP Paribas
- Butler Family Foundation
- · Cadillac Fairview
- · Canada Life
- · Clark Family Foundation
- · The D.H. Gordon Foundation
- Domtar
- The Donald F. Hunter Charitable Foundation
- · EcoVadis
- · Etobicoke Cycling Club
- G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund
- · GFL Environmental Inc.
- · GlobalGiving Foundation

- GlobalGiving in partnership with Cummins Inc.
- · Global X Investments Canada Inc.
- · GoMax Fund
- · Gore Mutual Foundation
- The Harry E. Foster Charitable Foundation
- · The Hunter Family Foundation
- Instacart
- Jilla & Robert Williams Foundation
- · La Cie McCormick Canada
- · Lactalis Canada
- · Leagues Cup
- · Lindsay Memorial Foundation
- Luciano Agozzino Family Foundation
- · The Mariano Elia Foundation
- MFS Investment Management Canada Limited
- · MMSB
- · Noor Cultural Centre
- · Overbay Capital Partners
- · Pace Family Foundation
- · The Panikkar Family Foundation

- · The Pottruff Family Foundation
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}\:$ Pretty River Holdings Ltd.
- · QuadReal Property Group
- The Quarin Family Foundation
- · R&O Promotions Inc
- · R. Howard Webster Foundation
- · Realstar Corp.
- · The Robert Harding Foundation
- · Schachter Family Fund
- Select Medical Connections
- · Sofina Foods Inc.
- · Surya Foundation
- Teranet Inc
- The Thor E. And Nicole Eaton Family Charitable Foundation
- · Tridel
- Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company
- · Vancouver Foundation
- Zero Gravity Marketing Inc. (ZGM)

Planters Circle \$5,000 - \$9,999

- Aramark
- · Automotive Properties REIT
- · Betty I. Dick Foundation
- The Bill and Rosemary Fillmore Gifting Fund
- Bloomberg Philanthropies
- · Boehringer Ingelheim Canada Ltd.
- · Boland Foundation
- · California Wines Canada
- The Carol Sharyn Tanenbaum Family Foundation
- · Definity Financial Corporation
- Dorrance Drummond Family Foundation
- Faulhaber Agency
- · Fill it Forward
- FORREC
- Frederick and Douglas Dickson Memorial Foundation
- · The George Lunan Foundation
- Ginkgo Mortgage
 Investment Coropration
- Granite REIT Holdings Limited Partnership
- · Guild Electric Charitable

- Foundation
- · HBMJ Foundation
- Heather Leckie Bryant Memorial Fund
- The Henry White Kinnear Foundation
- Hogg, Shain & Scheck Professional Corporation, CPAs
- Hydro One
- · Jay & Jan Gould Family Fund
- · Labtician Ophthalmics, Inc.
- · League, Inc.
- · The Linda Judith Reed Foundation
- · Longo Bros. Fruit Markets Inc
- · The McCallum, McBride Fund
- · The McLean Foundation
- Metro Ontario Inc. Head Office
- MMSL Charitable Foundation Nathan And Lily Silver
- · Nickle Family Foundation
- Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP

Family Foundation

· Ooni Canada Inc

- Picton Mahoney Asset Management
- · Pure Industrial
- · Radical Ventures
- Residential Siding Contractors Association
- · Shake Shack Canada
- · Slate Asset Management
- Small Investor Protection Association
- Stanley Shalom Zielony Foundation
- · SyscoFood Services of Toronto
- · Toronto Congress Centre
- Toronto Theosophical SocietyTOTEM Charitable Foundation
- · TouchBistro
- Women in Food Industry Management (WFIM)



Top 10 Food Donors

For the fiscal year ending in August 31, 2024











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- · 1000747 Ontario Inc
- Love Good Foods
- · Active International
- · Ambrosia Natural Foods Ltd.
- · Americold
- · Appleton Foods International Inc
- · Arctic Co-op
- · Arla Foods Inc.
- · Barry Hill Farms
- · BC Tree Fruits
- · Belmont Meats
- · Berean Church of God International
- Bison Transport Inc
- Burnac Corporation
- · Burnbrae Farms Ltd
- · C.B. Powell Ltd.
- · Calgary Stampede
- · Camion Truck Lines Inc
- · Canadian Fruit & Produce Co Ltd
- · CANEX CFMWS
- · Cargill Foods Limited

- · Celtrade Canada Inc
- · Cerelia Bakery
- Chef's Warehouse
- · Chewters Chocolates
- · Chick-fil-A
- · Chudleigh's Ltd
- · Club Coffee LP
- · Coca-Cola Company
- · Concord Premium Meats
- Consolidated Liquidators International Corp.
- Creekside Foods
- · Danone Canada
- · Dawn Food Products
- · Del's Pastry Ltd
- · Direct Plus Food Group
- · Dominion Farm Produce
- · Dufflet Pastries
- Ecua-Can Imports
- Evans Cold Storage Solutions
- · Export Packers

- FE Ingredients Inc
- · Flanagan FoodService
- · Flora Food Group
- · The Food Bank of Waterloo Region
- · The Food Bank of York Region
- · Fresh Taste Produce
- Freshstone Brands
- Fun Tyme Foods
- · G.S TEJA (2008) Ltd.
- · Gay Lea Foods Co-operative Ltd
- · Gaz Management Group Inc
- · Glen Gordon Produce
- · Gourmet Trading Co
- · Grace Foods Canada Inc
- · Grandmother's Bake Shoppe
- · Green Pack Produce Inc
- · Gryfe's Bagels and Baked Goods Ltd.
- Harvest Manitoba
- · Healthy Planet
- · Highland Farms

- · Holburne Mushroom Farm
- · Hormel Foods Corporation
- ICON International
- · Imperial Chilled Juice
- Impress
- · J.E. Russell Produce Ltd
- · Janda Fine Foods
- · Jon Luca Foods
- Iust Clearouts
- · Kasseler Food Products Inc
- · Lactalis Canada
- · Manley Sales
- · Marsan Foods
- · Mayfair Parade
- MEMA Foods International Inc
- · Metro Supply Chain **Group Logistics**
- · Midland Transport
- · Mike & Mike's Organics
- MLSE Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Ltd
- · National Produce Inc
- · Nature Fresh Farms
- · Nature's Bounty
- · Nature's Emporium
- · Nature's Path Foods
- · Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op
- · NotCo
- · Ontario Food Terminal Board
- · Ontario Fruit and Vegetable **Growers Association**

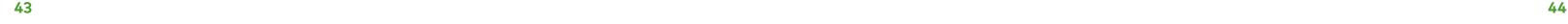
- · Ontario Natural Foods Co-Op
- Ozery Bakery
- · Parmalat Canada
- · Pizza Pizza
- · Planting Hope Brands LLC
- · PlantPlus Foods Inc
- · Sweets From the Earth
- · Sysco Ontario South Region
- · Plats Du Chef
- · Post Foods Canada Corporation
- Powell May International
- Propur
- · Punjabi Chaap Corner
- · Puratos Canada Inc.
- QVC Clothing
- · Rabba Fine Foods
- · Refresco Canada Inc.
- · Regroupement Partage

· Richstone Fine Foods Ltd

- · Richelieu Foods, Inc
- · Riga Farms
- · Ripple Foods
- · Rubicon Food Products Limited
- · Salem Brothers Inc
- · Schwan's Company
- · Shalit Foods IncSharon Mushroom Farm
- · Siliker Canada
- · Sodexo Canada Ltd.
- · Sofina Foods Inc.

- Soylent
- Speroway
- · Summerside Seafood Supreme Inc.
- · Sun Rich Fresh Foods Inc
- · Sunrise Soya Foods
- · Sweet Ridge Farms
- · Sweets From the Earth
- Taylor Farms
- · TBI Cold Storage
- · The Mississauga Food Bank
- The Star Group
- · Thomas Fresh
- · Thompson Potato Farm
- · Tim Hortons
- · Toronto Congress Centre
- · Unionville Mushrooms Co Ltd
- Vega
- VersaCold
- · Village Farms
- · Vineland Growers Co-Operative Ltd
- · Warwick Orchards & Nursery Ltd
- · Wellness Natural Inc
- · Winford Foods
- · Winland Foods Canada
- · Worldwide Foods · Xalisco Produce









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