

ANNUAL REPORT
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We envision informed communities actively engaged in the elimination of hunger

Message from our Executive Director and Chair

In Hamilton 90,000 people live in poverty. Fourteen percent need a food bank to survive. Over 12,000 people count on emergency food supplies every month to put food on the table for themselves and their loved ones.

These figures are ever so present in the work we do here at Hamilton Food Share. Our energy is focused on distributing much-needed food supplies to emergency grocery and hot meal programs, while advocating for the elimination of the conditions that bring about hunger in our community.

We are grateful for the overwhelming support of our local community. Our food and financial donors are the reason we continue to exist. It's through their support that our organization raised and distributed **2.7 million pounds of food this year**. We understand that nutrition plays a vital role in our ability to work, learn and play. **Over 1.5 million pounds, or 57% of food distributed by Hamilton Food Share, was fresh and frozen.** This nutritious food made its way onto the tables of people who needed it most. Food acquisition, the heart of our operation, increased its volume of food by 300,000 lbs. When there was more to share we supported 33 other local food programs.

Connecting to our community is vital to our organization. This past year we took our message of hunger unfiltered directly to the people of Hamilton by fully utilizing Twitter and Facebook. We created a new interactive website and an e-newsletter called "Feed the Hammer." It profiles our current news and events as well as the great food being donated by the truckloads by our food industry partners and our community.

In November of 2016 our refrigerated truck deteriorated very quickly and costs for its replacement needed to be addressed for an immediate purchase. Our wonderful community partners came through with amazing capital contributions, and we are forever grateful to them for this incredible gift. Please see them listed on the back page.

We know hunger in our community is unacceptable and we are so thankful that our dedicated board, our hard-working staff, and our community supporters believe this too. Reflected in this report is the impact of our community's generosity and passion to come to the aid of our neighbours in need.

Joanne Santucci
Executive Director

Joe Mercanti
Board Chair



Hamilton Food Share's Emergency Food Network

EMERGENCY FOOD MEMBERS

- Good Shepherd Centres
- Living Rock Ministries
- Mission Services Opportunity Centres Greater Hamilton
- Native Women's Centre
- Neighbour To Neighbour Centre
- St. Matthew's House (2 Locations)
- Stoney Creek Community Food Bank
- The Salvation Army, Hamilton & Dundas
- Welcome Inn Community Centre
- Wesley Urban Ministries

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Ancaster Community Services
- Burlington Food Bank
- Daily Bread Food Bank
- Feed the Need in Durham
- Food4Kids
- Food Banks Canada
- Food for Life
- Mississauga Food Bank
- Ontario Association of Food Banks

Hamilton Food Share's Emergency Food Network



Hamilton Food Share is the food distribution hub for the Emergency Food Network. Our partnerships span across our city, across our province and across Canada. Food distributed by the network is sufficient to provide a minimum of **6,300 meals per day**.

LOCAL GROUPS

- Cathy Weaver Elementary School
- Eva Rothwell Resource Centre
- Kiwanis Club
- Life Line Worship Centre
- North Hamilton Community Centre
- Out of The Cold

NIAGARA REGIONAL HUB MEMBERS

- Community Care of West Niagara, Beamsville
- Caledonia Food Bank
- Cayuga Food Bank
- Community Outreach Program, Fort Erie
- Salvation Army Food Bank, Dunnville
- Food Bank of Waterloo Region
- Fort Erie Salvation Army
- Grimsby Benevolent Fund
- Jarvis Caring Cupboard Food Bank
- Project Share, Niagara Falls
- Pelham Cares in Fonhill
- Port Colborne Food Centre
- Smithville Food Bank
- St. Catharines Community Care
- The Hope Centre, Welland



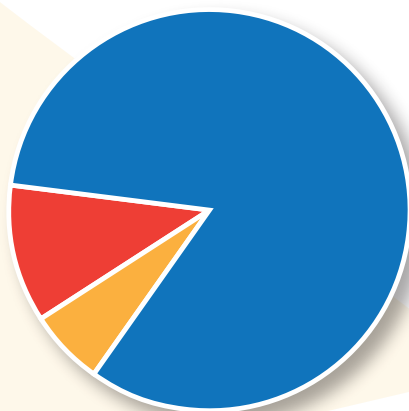
“Hamilton Food Share is an important community partner in the fight against poverty. Partnering with them has allowed Mission Services to offer fresh, local and sustainable food to our community members. With their support, we are able to offer healthier food choice options, while encouraging community engagement and supportive programming.”

**Carol Cowan-Morneau, Executive Director,
Mission Services of Hamilton**

Strengthening our Response to Hunger

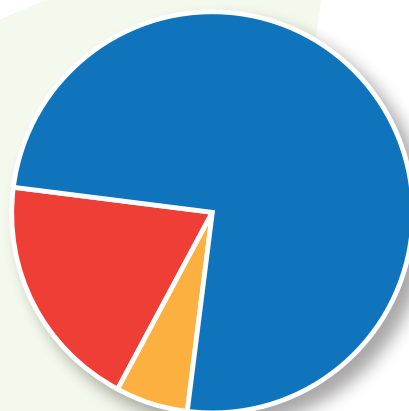
Where our food comes from

- 83%** Food Industry
2,290,643 lbs.
- 11%** Community Food Drives
293,934 lbs.
- 6%** HFS Food Purchases
180,960 lbs.



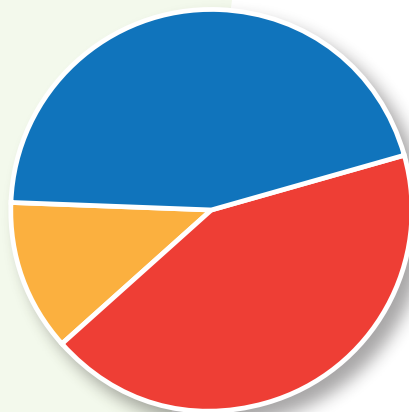
Where our food goes

- 75%** Member Agencies
2,091,871 lbs.
- 19%** Niagara Regional Hub Food Banks
519,920 lbs.
- 6%** Local Community Groups & Community Partners
153,746 lbs.



Food in by type

- 45%** Fresh Food
1,222,370 lbs.
- 43%** Non-Perishable
1,199,942 lbs.
- 12%** Frozen Food
343,225 lbs.



Our food acquisition programs procure food:

Locally	12%
Regionally	50%
Provincially	37%
Nationally	1%

“Hamilton Food Share’s support afforded us the ability to supply fresh fruit and vegetables to our clients. A Christmas grant and food support enabled us to provide 175 hampers through our Emergency Outreach program.”

Cindilee Ecker-Flagg, Executive Director,
Native Women’s Centre

“I appreciate coming to the Seniors’ Centre. I love that I now have family, and a place to go and feel welcome. The weekend bags have helped me get through the weekend without going hungry. I find it difficult because I don’t have a lot of money, and sometimes groceries have to be forgotten so I can pay my rent or hydro.”

Seniors’ Program participant

Feeding Hungry Kids on the Weekend

Our wonderful partner **Food4Kids** is on the ground feeding thousands of school age children in our city; children who would otherwise go hungry every weekend.

This is our 3rd year assisting this organization in the mission to provide healthy food to elementary school students from at-risk, low-income households with limited or no food during the weekend. Our sights are set on getting kids ready to learn for Monday morning. Our support supplied healthy food for 30 of our community's most impoverished children each week for an entire year, totalling 1,200 healthy food packages for the school year. To ensure these children could enjoy the summer break without going hungry, bins of food were also provided to ensure 30 children received healthy food throughout the summer months. This amounted to another 630 healthy meals for children at risk in our community.



HEALTHY
FOOD
POLICY

50% of all food accepted and distributed must be fresh or frozen food



Seniors Going Hungry in Hamilton

Hamilton Food Share teamed up again with **St. Matthew's House** to strengthen the food aspect of their seniors' programs. Our food support served 8,767 meals to seniors in need who gathered together in a friendly atmosphere to share a meal and their experiences with each other. This seniors group was also experiencing hunger, with many not having enough food over the weekend. In addition to the meals, we provided food sufficient enough to create 2,000 weekend food care packages for seniors throughout the year.

“The ongoing support of Hamilton Food Share allows St. Matthew's House to provide a variety of food options to individuals, meet the nutritional and cultural needs of our clients, and offer 50% of their groceries in fresh food items including produce, meats, and bread. This would not be possible without the assistance of Hamilton Food Share.”

Karen Randell, Interim Executive Director, St. Matthew's House



Celebrating the Community Spirit



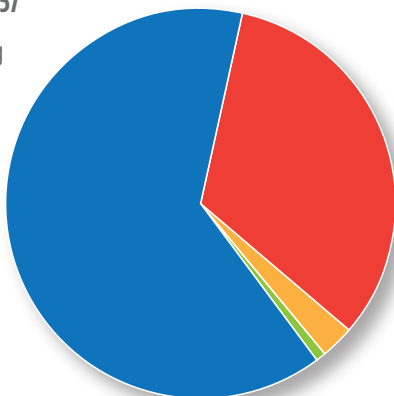
“Receiving food supplies to our agency was very impactful, as it enabled us to have a consistent and healthy selection of food for our guests. Partnership with Hamilton Food Share and the Bulk Buy program is instrumental for us to meet our goal of feeding the hungry with a healthy and well-balanced diet. We at the Good Shepherd Venture Centre would like to thank Hamilton Food Share for their partnership and dedication to feeding the hungry in the Greater Hamilton Area.”

Mark Tennent, Supervisor,
Good Shepherd Venture Centre

Where our funds come from

Total Revenue **\$1,480,657**

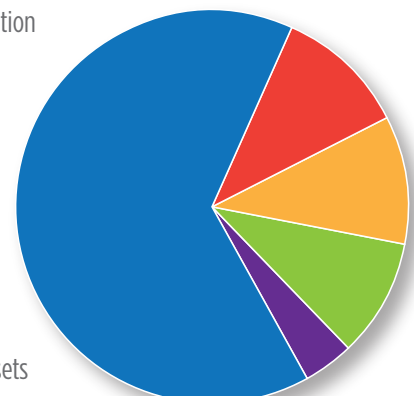
Donations & Fundraising	\$943,358 (63.7%)
Grants	\$486,471 (32.9%)
Interest & Amortization	\$38,828 (2.6%)
Membership Dues	\$12,000 (0.8%)



How we use our resources

Total Expenses **\$1,489,849**

Food Acquisition & Distribution	\$968,524 (65%)
Administrative	\$160,807 (10.8%)
Resource Development	\$156,083 (10.5%)
Community Development	\$146,035 (9.8%)
Amortization of Capital Assets	\$58,400 (3.9%)



A full audited statement is available on our website.

We are deeply grateful for the individuals in the media who report on poverty issues and encourage donations—we could not do this work without your steadfast commitment to shine a light on tough issues, like hunger, in our community.



Major Donor Highlights



We gratefully acknowledge our major donors, the City of Hamilton and the following who gave between April 2016 - March 2017



WL Carpenter Memorial Fund
Mary Lauder Foundation Fund
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Karen & Peter Turkstra Family Foundation Fund

Along with our major supporters, thousands of individuals and businesses donate much needed food and funds that are vital to our mission of feeding the hungry – thank you!

Food Share Team

Joanne Santucci	Executive Director
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Karen Sweeting	Executive Assistant
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Jim O'Keeffe	Warehouse Assistant
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Mike Radko	Warehouse Support
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**denotes partial year*

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We are so grateful to the following donors who contributed capital funding to make this much-needed truck a reality for Hamilton Food Share.



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