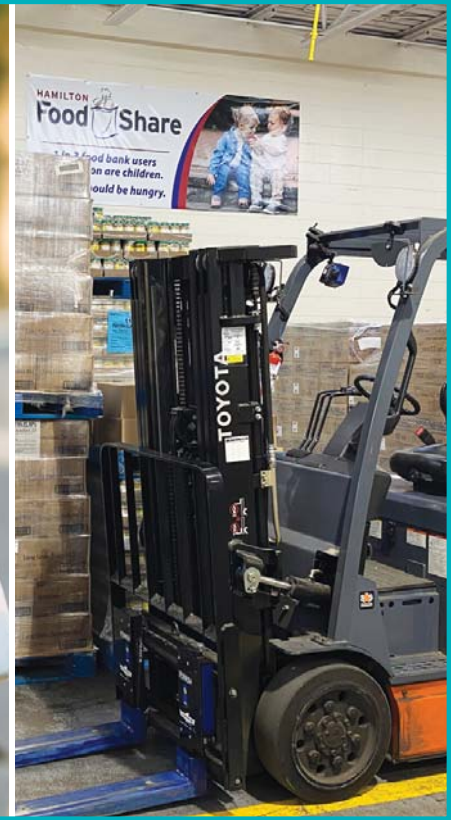




Annual Impact Report 2021-2022



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Our Mission

Working together toward a hunger-free community.

Community in Action



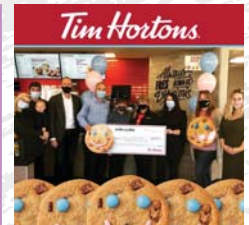
166
Trailer loads
of food received
& distributed



259,002
Smile Cookies
sold



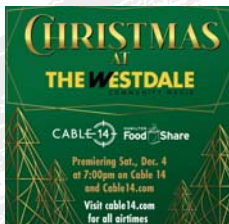
4,649,910
meals distributed
through emergency food
banks this past year



7
New projects
operationalized



466
food industry
deliveries
received



3,451
Food pick
ups from our
warehouse



A Message from Our Chief Executive Officer and Board Chair

It was unfathomable that with all we went through in the first year of Covid, it would continue for yet another year. Since its onset in March 2020 so much has changed, and so have we. Throughout the first year of this pandemic, we focused our sights on the supply chain to keep the food flowing and to aid other hunger relief organizations that needed our support to stay open.

In year two, we shifted our focus to growing our programs, increasing not only the volume of food we raised but using our extensive distribution operation to provide more than just food to households experiencing poverty.

This past year we targeted our focus, aiming to provide a known quantity and quality of priority food items each week as identified by our member agencies, that are not consistently available through donations. This 1-million-dollar fund was designed to decrease financial pressures within the Emergency Food Network and increase capacity at the agency level. Our new truck and our secondary warehouse increased our capacity to accept and distribute bulk food in quantities that would have been prohibitive in previous years.

People that have challenges paying for their basic needs are also feeling the pinch in other areas of their lives. The evolution of our programs led our organization to implement a "more than just food" approach, providing non-food items identified as priorities that are needed in the system.

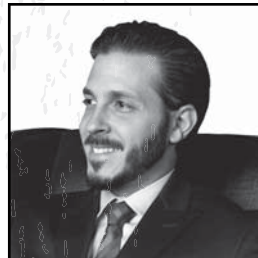
Those coming to the food bank because they're hungry are now coming because they're at risk of homelessness, many paying well over 50% of their total income on rent alone. Our ability to provide non-food supports throughout the system, such as Presto Passes so families can get groceries home, baby formula and supplies, menstrual products, and sunscreen alleviates small pieces of the financial pressure they are faced with daily.

Our continued sustainability in our mission of feeding the hungry in our hometown is due to our amazing supporters, community partners, and Hamilton's incredible Emergency Food Network. We all share a fundamental belief that Hunger is Unacceptable.

Thanks to my incredible Food Share team and our Board of Directors who maintained focus and worked tirelessly to ensure all neighbours in need had the resources they required, no matter what challenges we faced.



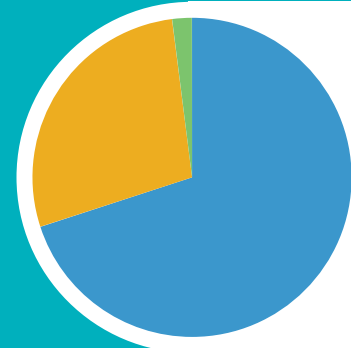
Joanne Santucci
Chief Executive Officer



Joe Mercanti
Board Chair

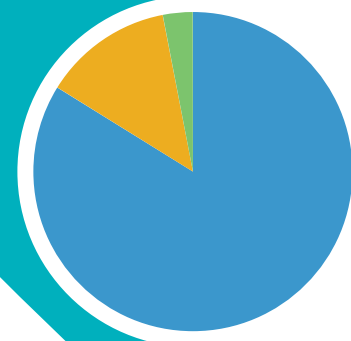
Food Acquisition and Distribution Program

Food is procured from food systems operating...



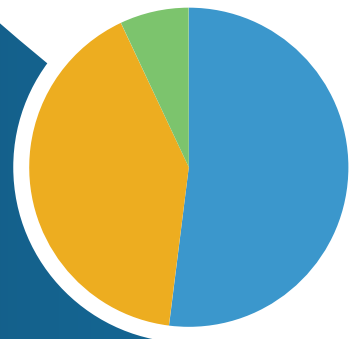
Where our food comes from
4,542,216 total lbs.

- 70% Food Industry (3,166,129)
- 28% HFS Purchases (1,260,031)
- 2% Community Food Drives (116,056)



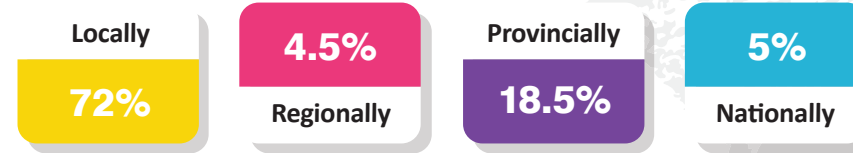
Where our food goes
4,089,922 total lbs.

- 83% Hunger Relief Member Agency (3,398,631)
- 13% Regional Hub Member (550,764)
- 3% Hunger Relief Supported Agency (140,527)



Food in by type
4,542,216 total lbs.

- 52% Fresh (2,361,600)
- 41% Non-Perishable (1,871,065)
- 7% Frozen (309,551)



HAMILTON FOOD SHARE EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK

Hamilton Food Share Memberships

Food Banks Canada
Feed Ontario
Southern Regional Distribution Hub

Hunger Relief Member Agencies

De Mazenod Door Outreach
East Hamilton Food Centre (Mission Services)
Flamborough Food Bank
Good Shepherd Centre
Hamilton Jewish Family Services
Living Rock Ministries
Mission Services of Hamilton
Native Women's Centre
Neighbour to Neighbour Centre
Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg
Salvation Army Hamilton & Dundas

Stoney Creek Community Food Bank
Welcome Inn
Wesley Urban Ministries

Hunger Relief Supported Agencies

Ancaster Community Services
Essential Aid & Family Services of Ontario
Eva Rothwell Centre
Food for Life
Mishka Social Services, Barakah Box
North Hamilton Community Centre

Niagara Reginal Hub Members

Beamsville-Community Care of West Niagara
The Burlington Food Bank
Caledonia Food Bank
Cayuga Food Bank

Community Outreach Services, Fort Erie
Dunnville Salvation Army Food Bank
Food Bank of Waterloo Region
Food with Grace Waterdown Food Bank
Fort Erie Salvation Army
Grimsby Benevolent Fund
Hagersville Food Bank
Jarvis Caring Cupboard Food Bank
Niagara Falls - Project Share
Pelham Cares in Fonthill
Port Colborne Food Centre
Project Share
St. Catharines Community Care
Welland - The Hope Centre
West Lincoln Community Care, Smithville



4.54
million pounds of food raised

59% or 2.67
million pounds were fresh or frozen

350,000 lbs.
of food purchased for holiday hampers

10,378
Christmas hampers distributed

291,201
public meals served this year

257,382
visits logged at local food banks

87,350
pounds of food distributed weekly

23
local hunger relief programs supported

Over \$344,000
in grants distributed to hunger relief programs



Expanding our Programs



Priority Food Project

This \$1 Million investment aimed to purchase priority food items – as identified by our member agencies – that are not consistently available through donations but are of vital importance throughout their hunger relief programs. This strengthening in the level and reach of support we provided to our member agencies resulted in a 40% increase in the number of meals distributed through emergency food banks programs, and a 68% increase in the number of meals provided through our hot meal programs. All participating agencies indicated an ability to increase the quantity and quality of food given on a visit, and a significant increase in consistent access to nutritious fresh food.

Holiday Hamper Program

This holiday season Hamilton Food Share committed to providing all our member agencies the food resources they would need to provide hampers to all households looking for support throughout the month of December. Our warehouse received and distributed over 300 pallets of food used to create 9,000 food hampers.



Menstrual Pilot Project

In the fall of 2021, Hamilton Food Share entered a 12-month pilot involving collaboration with The City of Hamilton, to distribute menstrual products throughout the Emergency Food Network across the city of Hamilton. This essential resource will be available to all individuals who identify a need when they visit any of our hunger relief member agencies.



Network Distribution

Ongoing access to our secondary warehouse enabled Hamilton Food Share to absorb larger donations and increased our capacity to receive and store non-perishable and non-food items. In 2021-2022, 543 pallets of food weighing over 880,000 lbs, were stored in our secondary warehouse. This warehouse was instrumental in our ability to operationalize new programs.





We gratefully acknowledge our major donors, the City of Hamilton and the following supporters who gave so generously throughout the year.

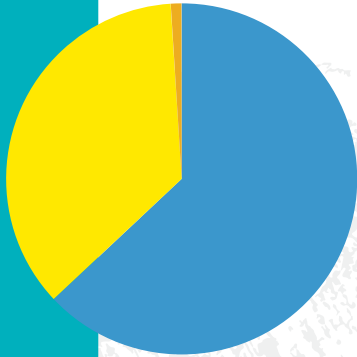


We are deeply grateful to the individuals in the media who report on poverty issues and encourage donations. We could not do this work without your steadfast commitment to shine a light on tough issues, like hunger in our community.



Financials

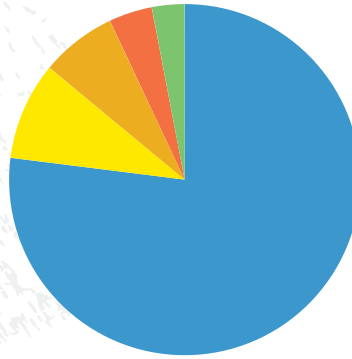
Where our funds come from \$4,221,336 total revenue



- 63% Donations
(\$2,659,381)
- 36% Grants
(\$1,499,710)
- 1% Interest & Amortization
(\$62,245)

Audited financial statements available
at hamiltonfoodshare.org

How we use our resources \$3,964,889 total expenses



- 77% Food Acquisition & Distribution
(\$3,073,699)
- 9% Administrative
(\$341,541)
- 7% Resource Development
(\$270,147)
- 4% Community Development & Public Education
(\$154,269)
- 3% Amortization of Assets
(\$125,233)



Hamilton Food Share was saddened by the loss of our dear friend and long-time supporter Rose Macgowan this past year. Rose passionately shared our belief that hunger is unacceptable and worked tirelessly to ensure those experiencing hunger had access to the support they needed. Rose, it was a pleasure to work alongside you in our Mission of a hunger-free community. You will be missed.



HOW WE #FEEDTHEHAMMER

"Our new cube van will enable the Flamborough Food Bank to accept more opportunities for donated food. This will reduce our operating expenses, improve our food offerings, and ensure we can continue to serve the growing number of families in need. We are so very grateful!"

- Jim Leamen, Flamborough Food Bank

"During a time of financial reduction, both here and throughout the wider community, the financial support that came from Hamilton Food Share through the HFS grant funding came at such a crucial time, enabling us to continue to help those most vulnerable, in the face of food insecurity."

- Diane Downey, De Mazenod Door Outreach

"[There can] never be enough words to state how much this program helped our clients and in turn our agency. It was a relief to be able to provide enough food so that families could go at least a week without worrying about where their next meal was coming from."

- Patti Pringle, Native Women's Centre

"The Priority Food Purchasing Project was very beneficial to our hunger relief program. It increased the amount of quality food items that we could distribute to the community. Ensuring we are able to give key items to alleviate any need our clients have is always a positive impact to our program."

- Alysha Johnson, Niwasa Kendaaswin Teg

"If it were not for Hamilton Food Share, we would not be able to continue this program to ensure families in need have non-perishable food/hygiene items."

- Sam Campenella, Eva Rothwell Centre

"Grants like these are integral in ensuring that Hamilton Jewish Family Services can provide specific ethnocultural supports to the marginalized, and in keeping with our Jewish Values."

- Heather McLean, Hamilton Jewish Family Services

"Menstrual hygiene products are necessities not luxuries and we are so thankful we can treat them as such. As a small agency, we could not provide these products, to this extent, if not for the coordinating efforts of Food Share with the City of Hamilton."

- Shirley Vandenberg, Stoney Creek Community Food Bank

"Thank you to Hamilton Food Share for generously helping First Start Farm stay open throughout this difficult time of the pandemic and provide continuous fresh produce to the tenants living nearby and through our community meal programs."

- Andrea Buttars, Wesley Urban Ministries

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Don Forbes	Director

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**Denotes partial year*