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Children are our most valuable resource.
Herbert Hoover

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This year has been a year of change and continued difficulties due to the ongoing pandemic and climbing inflation. We began the school year packing bags of healthy food while navigating limited school access due to public health protocols. We pivoted to gift cards during a brief school closure after the holidays and transitioned back to food delivery when schools reopened. We did so seamlessly while experiencing growth of approximately 21% throughout the year.

We extend gratitude to our Food4Kids Halton community which continues to rally together, ensuring our children have uninterrupted support. Together, with incredible volunteers and donors, we served every child that needed our help.

From our partner schools which held the most successful food drive in Food4Kids history, to youth sports teams raising food and funds, to corporations sending volunteers and resources, to a new corporate partnership sponsoring a van for food transport, to children running birthday fundraisers in our name, to our regular donors, and the foundations and grantors who continue to generously support our kids. You are the village that creates a caring and nurturing environment for our children to thrive. Together we make a difference in their lives.

With a looming recession, rising inflation, and an uncertain economy, food insecurity in Halton continues to increase. We ended our fiscal year having supported 921 children, we are currently serving over 1,000 children, and we anticipate surpassing 1,050 by year's end. We are pleased to report that approximately 30% of families exiting our program do so because of financial stability. We celebrate those moments and take pride in knowing we were there to help them overcome challenging times.

Lastly, we want to recognize Gayle Kabbash for her leadership and support. Gayle dedicated her heart to Food4Kids Halton, and she continues to be one of our biggest champions as Executive Director of Food4Kids Ontario. Thank you, Gayle, for setting us up for success.

Terri-Lynn Puckerin
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Chair, Board of Directors

Dania Thurman
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Executive Director





MISSION

To provide packages of healthy food for elementary school students with little or no access to food during the weekend and throughout the summer months.

VISION

While we recognize we cannot eliminate poverty or hunger in Halton, we can ensure that any child sustaining entire weekends without food, will be fed.

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 shared 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 the 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.

FOCUS on schools located in low-income and marginalized neighbourhoods with poverty rates in excess of 40% to reduce barriers for those 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

WEEKENDS WITHOUT HUNGER

This program provides packages of healthy food for elementary 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 on Wednesdays and our volunteer drivers deliver food to schools on Friday mornings. At the school, the food package is placed into the student's own backpack helping to shield the child from any stigma associated with hunger or receiving food assistance. Each child in the home receives their own food package. The cost per backpack is \$15 or \$600 to feed a child for an entire school year. 921 children were fed through this program in 2021-2022.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Hunger does not take a break in the summer...and neither do we! Food4Kids Halton continues to support our kids in the summer months. The summer food program continues to evolve based on the number of students served and based on the resources we have available during the summer months. We are committed to supporting every child in need, all summer long.

REVENUES	2022	2021
Donations	311,840	343,367
Fundraising	217,186	232,779
Grants	262,874	231,257
In-kind donations	109,522	90,818
TOTAL	901,422	898,221

EXPENSES	2022	2021
Administrative salaries	98,882	105,388
Advertising & promotion	4,898	2,733
Bank charges	7,131	8,386
Depreciation	4,780	3,566
Dues & fees	3,615	5,120
Fundraising	2,023	1,667
In-kind food costs	109,522	90,818
Insurance	2,328	1,603
Office supplies	12,055	12,884
Professional fees	19,355	10,288
Program costs	571,593	509,295
Rent - office	41,219	40,252
Travel	4,247	2,863
Utilities	4,471	4,321
TOTAL	886,119	799,184

Excess of revenues over expenditures (from operations)	15,303	99,037
Other income	172	1,673
Excess of revenues over expenditures	15,475	100,710
Net assets, beginning of year	450,184	349,474
Net assets, end of year	465,659	450,184

Fiscal year end August 2022



BECAUSE OF YOU, we have achieved so much!

921
children supported

517
families supported

107
schools participating

24,386
food bags delivered
valued at \$365,790

\$204,600
gift cards delivered

Growth of
21%
of children served
this year



OUR 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OUR VOLUNTEERS







THANK YOU

2022 Supporters

Your support means the world to us!
We're lucky to have you on our team.

INSPIRATION (\$10,000+)

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Food4Kids Halton is proud to report another year of strong support from our amazing donors and supporters who enabled us to serve more children than ever before. As we look ahead toward growth, we remain committed to fiscal prudence to ensure sustainability and high quality and healthy food for every community we serve in Halton.



Together, we can do so much more.
Together, we can ensure no child goes hungry in Halton.

VOLUNTEER. We are always looking for awesome volunteers to help pack food, and to deliver food to the schools.

PARTNER WITH US. Join our team of corporate partners by hosting a fundraiser for our kids, making a corporate donation, volunteering to pack food for our kids, and/or sponsoring a Food4Kids Halton signature event.

LET'S GET SOCIAL. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and Instagram @food4kidshalton to stay up to date on our latest news, photos, and videos.

HOST A FOOD DRIVE FOR US. Connect with us about the kinds of food we need to fulfill our 6 week rotational menu of healthy food.

FOR MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED, email us at dania@food4kidshalton.ca or call us at 905-469-3113.



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