



[2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT]





ANSWERING HUNGER WITH HOPE

Can you imagine what it feels like to go to bed hungry, knowing morning will not bring any relief? Can you imagine how parents must feel when they have to tell their hungry children there is nothing left in the pantry or refrigerator for them to eat?

For far too many children in Niagara Region, hunger is a sad fact of life, a constant reminder that their struggles are, perhaps, going unnoticed, in a society of bounty.

Happily, during our inaugural year of operation, Food4Kids Niagara has helped change that bleak outlook for many children and their families in our communities.

With the growing support of individual and corporate sector volunteers, and through the generous contributions of supporters and sponsors, Food4Kids Niagara has provided more than just desperately needed food for economically disadvantaged children and families. We have offered a glimmer of hope to those in need, a quiet anticipation that the future holds something better for their children.

Hunger is not a problem any one agency can address. Relieving food insecurity and its myriad of attendant issues is a community concern that requires the creation of partnerships across many segments of society, from individuals and companies to sister organizations and various levels of government.

During our start-up year, we have made a significant difference in the lives of many of our less fortunate neighbours, but there is much more to be achieved, more empty tummies to fill, more hope to be spread in the year ahead.

We will continue to grow as an agency, to stretch our resources so we can reach even more of those in need...But we can't do it without the support of the Niagara community.

We are so grateful to our corps of dedicated volunteers, donors and sponsors without whom we could never reach our objectives. We thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts and look forward to working even more closely with our partners and allies to ensure no child in our community goes hungry.

Gayle Kabbash
Board Chair

Amber Hughes
Executive Director



OUR MISSION:

Providing packages of healthy food for elementary school students from at-risk, low-income, or disadvantaged homes with little or no food during weekend periods.

OUR VISION:

- 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 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.

Our Team:

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Amber Hughes – Executive Director

Kyle Bassford – Program Staff (Part-time)



WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM: Provides packages of healthy food to elementary school 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. Food4Kids Niagara is currently supporting 180 children in 10 schools

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:





Financial year end 2018

INCOME

Donations & one time grants	\$91,443
Fundraising.....	\$ 2,035
In kind.....	\$19,867

Total: \$113,345

EXPENSE

Program & Volunteer Expense	\$26,842
Bookkeeping, Audit, Insurance.....	\$5,110
Fundraising.....	\$1,004
Wages.....	\$23,316
Office, Telephone, Equipment.....	\$5,719
Occupancy.....	\$12,145
Memberships.....	\$ 258
Bank charges	\$2,299
Total.....	\$74,710
Surplus (Deficit).....	\$38,635*

**Used to fund 2018-2019 program expansion*

Fast Facts for Niagara in 2017 - 2018

- 2640** Food Packages prepared and delivered
- 120** Children supported through the weekend food program
- 6** Schools facilitating a weekend program
- 100%** Child participants living below the Low Income Measure
- \$10** To provide one child with a healthy supply of food for an entire weekend
- \$400** To provide food for one child each weekend for an entire school year
- 2442** Kilometres traveled by delivery volunteers



Thank you to our donors!

Food4Kids Niagara is funded through donations and one time grants. We are incredibly thankful to our donors – those who shared in our vision and vowed to make a difference for the children in our community. Together, we can build a better future for these kids. We could not do this without your support.

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