



Interested in becoming a Board Member?

The North York Harvest Food Bank is looking for candidates to join our Board of Directors

North York Harvest is looking for candidates to join our dynamic Board of Directors. If you have passion for our vision of *a community where all members are able to meet their food needs*, this may be the volunteer position for you.

North York Harvest is one of the largest food banks in Toronto. An independent, charitable organization, we distributed over 2 million pounds of food last year through 77 neighbourhood programs. Each month, we provide emergency food assistance to over 16,000 people living in north Toronto, within a catchment area bounded by Hwy. 27, Steeles Avenue, Victoria Park Avenue, and St. Clair Avenue/Eglinton Avenue.

The future promises to be an exciting one for North York Harvest with an emphasis on providing dignified food assistance to people in need, participating in focused advocacy, engaging the community and advancing long term food solutions.

Overview: The Board of Directors plays a central role in supporting the initiatives of North York Harvest Food Bank. The Board uses a modified policy governance model to structure and guide its governance role. Policy governance emphasizes vision and values, the empowerment of both board and executive director, and the strategic ability to lead. It is the responsibility of board members to prepare for and to attend board meetings and participate in one of three standing committees. This will usually entail 7 board meetings in a calendar year plus committee meetings.

Number of open seats: 3

Duration of Term: 3 years per term, with a maximum of two terms totaling 6 years

Commencement Date: February 2020; please note that orientation, including introduction to the Board, will begin as early as December 2019.

At this time, we are seeking candidates with the following priority skills:

- **Experience working in or with government:** to provide strategic advice as the organization undertakes focused advocacy to affect long-term change relating to poverty and food security.
- **Understanding of poverty reduction and food security:** to contribute to the establishment of the effective policy directions that are informed by an understanding of the experience of poverty and food insecurity and the range of policies, programs, and organizations that address those conditions.



- **Experience or connection to food distribution:** to strengthen the organization's relationships and connections to food suppliers and enhance the organization's understanding of food distribution trends, opportunities and challenges.
- **Strategic planning:** to contribute to the Board's annual strategic planning process and to elevate the organization's strategic thinking with respect to achieving its mission.

We are also seeking candidates with some combination of the following:

- Previous board experience
- Direct connection to the North York Harvest catchment area
- Fundraising capacity

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit your resume by October 21, 2019 to Jordan Hill, Vice Chair of the Board, at jordan@northyorkharvest.com.