

JAN & FEB 2020



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Fund & Food Drive

March 16 - April 17

North York Harvest's annual Spring Fund & Food Drive will be kicking off soon. We're always looking for more supporters to help raise funds.

The Great Spring Sort Challenge

March 17 - April 30

As an initiative to get our corporate partners involved in creating positive change, the challenge will pit teams against each other to see who can sort the most food in 60 minutes.

Learn more about these initiatives on our website and see how you can make an immediate difference..

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

What an incredible journey serving on the North York Harvest board for the past six years. I am extremely proud of the growth our organization has achieved. As my chairmanship comes to an end, I want to commend our Board, and with the guidance of the staff led by our Executive Director Ryan Noble, for tackling challenges so we can remain relevant with our mission while keeping pace with rising needs in our community.

With emergency food support as our core service, North York Harvest has demonstrated an innate ability to think outside the box. For instance, our community programs enable our clients, especially newcomers and isolated seniors, to build their network of support. With innovative use of our resources and network, we are able to serve those in need beyond our catchment. Through our delivery program, more than 1,800 children across the city receive their nutritious snacks.

Whatever North York Harvest has accomplished, it's all because of the selfless contributions by our donors, advocates, volunteers and staff. Without their support, we would not be able to continue the quality programs that help so many.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as the Chair of the Board. I have learned and experienced much. Although I am handing over the torch, my commitment to this organization and food security will continue.



Josh Neubauer
Chair

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Make a donation on our website to provide immediate food assistance for our community.

Run a food drive this spring to help us collect funds and food for people in need.

Become a volunteer and support our operations so we can get food out to people in need.

Visit our website to learn more!



GROWING OUR COMMUNITIES

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY FOR THE FIRST GREAT SPRING SORT CHALLENGE!



As an organization, North York Harvest takes great pride in maximizing donors' support to serve our community. In fact, 73% of our resources in the past year went directly to food distribution and community programs, resulting in 24,000 receiving support through our network of 40 member agencies.

Not funded by the government, our operation relies solely on compassionate individuals, community and religious organizations, foundations and businesses. Their generosity allows us to meet the growing demand, and we've responded by expanding our corporate sort program to ensure our partners can continue playing a key role in helping our community.

The North York Harvest "Great Spring Sort Challenge" is our newest undertaking to influence and effect positive change. Building off the success of our "Sort & Learn" workshops, the challenge encourages groups to see who can sort the most food in 60 minutes in a friendly competition. Groups are also able to raise additional funds and food to help their overall team score.

The Great Spring Sort Challenge will run from March 17 through April 30, with the winning team announced at the end. The winner will be highlighted in both North York Harvest's social media and summer newsletter. However, the real prize is knowing that you are helping our organization accomplish what we need to do - get food out to those who need it most.

Please join teams from Honda Canada, Chronicle Wealth, Hain-Celestial Canada, Mulholland Ross, Herjavec Group, Eckler Ltd., and more for the Great Spring Sort Challenge. These groups were so enthusiastic about the challenge that we've decided to run it again during our Fall and Winter food drives.

We can't thank these teams enough for jumping on this initiative to help our community! If your organization is interested in being a part of this challenge, please visit our website to reserve a spot for your team:

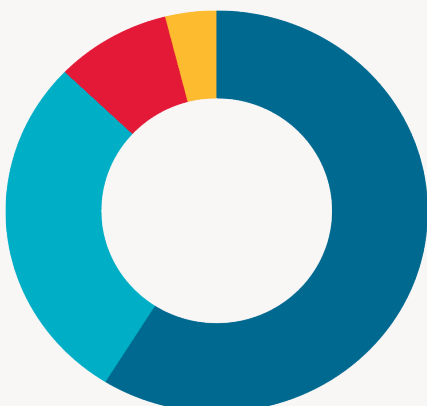
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WINTER FOOD DRIVE WRAP UP: YOUR IMPACT

Please take a moment to see the impact of your incredible support during our winter food drive.

Who Your Support Helped

Donations allow us to provide healthy food and support to those who need it most.



Adults 59%
Children 28%
Seniors 9%
Infants 4%



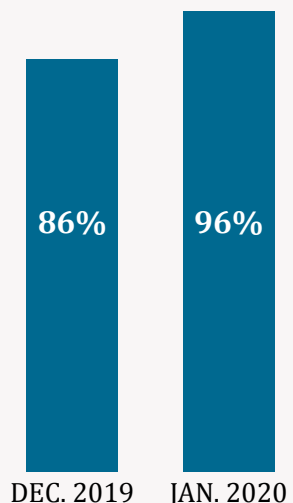
169 Community Food Drives came out and supported people in need over the holidays.



\$851,580.60* in food was raised by our community during our winter drive.

Fill Rate

The percentage of needed food that we were able to distribute to our food spaces.



*Based on the national value for donated food from Food Banks Canada.