CONNECTIONS NORTH YORK H A R V E S T FOOD BANK

Embracing Community

The height of summer means that most people are dreaming of blue skies, vacations, and barbecues but here at NYF, we're putting our energy into connecting with our network and this month we're sharing their wonderful stories with you.



50/50 Raffle Draw

Our 50/50 Raffle ended on June 10 with a delightful surprise. We are always astounded (new word) when the community comes together to support a worthy imitative, and it is not different with our 50/50 raffle



draw. Our winner was on a lucky streak and not only won our early bird draw, but the grand prize as well.

Carrie, the winner of the June 50/50 Raffle Draw, gave us a heartwarming surprise when we contacted her to let her know she won the grand prize draw,

"This is a great cause and I am grateful for all the work North York Harvest does to make this a better community and look after people in need. Because of this I will be donating back \$2,500 to this great and worthy cause!"

It is supporters like Carrie that really show the giving and generous spirit of our community. The 50/50 Raffle Draw supports our Agency Network Empowerment fund, which helps our member agencies sustain their services. Support of this draw enables our agency networks to purchase the things they need to support the community.

Our Summer 50/50 Raffle Draw has begun! Visit <u>https://www.northyork5050.ca</u> and make it a win for you and the community!

Metro Donation

Earlier this summer, 15 local Metro stores banded together to help NYH fundraise during their spring campaign. Together, they donated \$65,000 to us.

Collaboration and partnership are what makes a community strong and Metro is one such example. Metro has worked with NYH over the years, from monetary contributions to making improvements to their donation hampers, enabling community members to receive the products that are most in need, such as canned tomatoes, canned fish, beans & lentils, cooking oil and more. This collaboration has helped Metro provide more suitable options to those in the community.

A big thank you to Metro again for working with us to support our network.





Deliveries and Pick-Ups

North York Harvest Food Bank doesn't only provide food to those in the community, but all sorts of necessities as well. In the month of June, we provided menstrual and hygiene related items and brought fresh produce into our community food spaces. So far, we have served 688 services and programs this month, ranging from Food **Banks to Member Agencies** to childcare services. These deliveries and pick-ups are a crucial part of the framework that exists in the North York

Did You Know

Older adults make up **12%** of all community members visiting our community food spaces in the past year.

community, and we update the week's deliveries and pick-ups on social media at the end of every week. You can find the latest update <u>here</u>.



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