



# ANNUAL REPORT

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2023 - 2024

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## About Us



Since 1985, North York Harvest Food Bank has been the primary food bank in northern Toronto, now seeing around 30,000 visits a month. We operate four community food spaces and provide direct delivery to over 200 food programs across Ontario to help our community.

**North York Harvest Food Bank nourishes more than bodies — it nurtures hope and belonging.**

At the heart of our mission is a client-centered approach that prioritizes dignity, fosters strong partnerships, and strengthens community connections. Guided by our core values and a commitment to continuous learning, our work addresses the root causes of food insecurity — poverty, systemic racism, and other forms of oppression.

**Together with our community, we are creating a future where everyone can meet their food needs in a way that is dignified and equitable.**

**Mission:** To engage our community in meeting the food needs of northern Toronto by providing dignified food assistance, education, focused advocacy and long-term food solutions.

**Vision:** A community where all members are able to meet their food needs.

### Values:



#### ***Access and Inclusion***

We strive to ensure that diverse members of our community have full, fair and unbiased access to our services and are included in decision-making.



#### ***Collaboration***

We are dedicated to understanding, learning from, and working cooperatively with community members.



#### ***Integrity***

We recognize the importance of being accountable and transparent in our actions and decision-making processes.



#### ***Excellence***

We strive for the highest quality in all our work and for the most effective use of our resources.



## Looking Ahead: A Message from our Board Chair



The solution to food insecurity isn't just about providing more food — it's about addressing the systemic barriers that make food banks necessary in the first place.

At North York Harvest, we've always understood this. That's why our work extends far beyond emergency food assistance. Together, we are building a future where dignity, equity, and opportunity are at the heart of everything we do.

This past year has tested our community in unprecedented ways. The affordability crisis has driven more people than ever to seek our support, while poverty, inequity, and systemic oppression remain pervasive challenges. Yet, amid these hardships, I have witnessed the extraordinary strength of our organization and the resilience of the people we serve.

We focus on both emergency food access and long-term solutions, building resilience and creating sustainable pathways for the future. Through innovative programs like Leadership in Logistics, we empower individuals to move from food insecurity to stability, securing meaningful employment and brighter futures.

As we look to the future, one of the most transformative steps we will take is the development of a new warehouse facility. This space will be much more than a building — it will be a hub of innovation, education, and empowerment. It will allow us to meet

growing demand with efficiency and dignity, while also creating opportunities to train volunteers, build partnerships, and expand programs that address the root causes of hunger.

As we approach our 40th anniversary in 2025, this milestone serves as a profound reminder of the journey we've undertaken and the progress we've made together. Our new facility will stand as a testament to our commitment to the community — a cornerstone of our vision for the future and a symbol of hope for the next 40 years.

We will continue to amplify the voices of those with lived experience, turning adversity into advocacy and driving change. North York Harvest is more than a food bank — we are a catalyst for community care, collaboration, and transformation. Our spaces are places of connection, opportunity, joy, and hope.

As Chair of the Board of Directors, I am profoundly inspired by all that we have accomplished together and energized by the possibilities ahead.

Together, we can create lasting change for our community today and for generations to come.



In gratitude,  
Christine Farrugia  
Chair, Board of Directors

## Reflecting on F24: A Message from our Executive Director



*"I am so happy to come to the community food space."*

This is a real quote from one of our food bank clients and initially, it might be hard to understand how that could possibly be true.

Our community, our city, and the entire food bank sector has been pushed to the brink amid a relentless battering of affordability issues — housing, food, and inflation — compounded by low wages and social assistance rates.

Over the past year, other food banks have had to cut back on essential services, reduce the amount of food they distribute, and slash their hours because they cannot withstand another record-breaking day.

At North York Harvest Food Bank we saw over 316,500 client visits this past year — nearly a 10% increase from the year prior.

In our 2024 Who's Hungry report, we revealed 1 in 10 Torontonians were turning to a food bank to meet their food needs. That fact should have shocked everyone, and caused all levels of government to spring into action and fix this crisis. It didn't.

Unsurprisingly, the report we released in November revealed the cost of that inaction: Another record-breaking year of food bank visits. Another year of our community having to come together and pick up the slack where public policy has continued to fail us all.

Through this lens it's hard to fathom there can be any joy at all.

But there's a reason we call our food banks Community Food Spaces. Of course, people visit our programs because they are struggling to meet their basic food needs. They overcome their fears and

pervasive stigma to come through our doors and receive the dignified food support they deserve.

What is often lost about these spaces is that they offer more than essential food.

These are welcoming spaces where clients can connect with one another and build relationships with our volunteers and staff. It's where they can access wraparound supports for other vital resources like clothing and health services that improve their quality of life.

It's where individuals who are struggling to find decent work can enroll in our Leadership in Logistics program and achieve full-time employment, with benefits, and move away from food bank reliance.

It's also where community members, whose concerns are often ignored by those in power, can find platforms to use their voice for change.

So many in our city are struggling, deeply, I don't want to understate that.

But in the midst of all this, there is still joy to be found — rooted in community care and solidarity.



## Neighbours helping neighbours

This past year community care was critical.

A devastating flood hit our warehouse in July, causing thousands of dollars in damage and loss in over \$20,000 worth of essential perishable food meant to nourish our community. It was a tremendous blow at a time when, honestly, we were already struggling to keep our shelves full.

Yet the day after the flood, our phones were ringing off the hook — everyone was asking how they could help. People were showing up at our warehouse with carloads of food to ensure we could continue the vital work that supports nearly 30,000 client visits each month.

Nearly everyone in our city is feeling the affordability crisis to some degree. Household purchasing power is being squeezed and many donors aren't able to give as much to the causes they care about. That's what made

the overwhelming response to this disaster all the more incredible. Compassionate people stepping up any way they could to ensure we could continue serving our community. All of us taking care of each other during times of crisis.

Several of our partner agencies and countless neighbours were also reeling from the flood: displaced from their homes, property damage, loss of essential food and more. We knew it wasn't if we would flood again, but when, so we joined together to discuss long-term solutions and advocate for change.

In August 2024, the City of Toronto and the federal government announced an investment of \$323-million to bolster the Rockcliffe-Smythe area against future flooding — a significant victory for our community.

When we fight for our community we win, and that's why it's more important than ever that we do things differently as an organization.

This year we launched our Community Action Group, a unique platform that invites food bank clients to participate in advocacy initiatives and have their voices heard. By moving beyond the standard food bank model, we are creating spaces that fight systemic issues from the ground up for stronger communities and lasting change.

While providing emergency food support today, it is with an innovative and community-centric approach, fuelled by social enterprise, workforce development, and advocacy that, together, we can build a more inclusive and equitable community that works for everyone.

The spirit of food banks is neighbours helping neighbours, and this year has taught us that now, more than ever, we need to be connected with each other. Through this connection comes mutual care, collective action, long-term solutions and inevitably, joy.



Ryan Noble  
Executive Director



## Building a Community Where Everyone Can Meet Their Food Needs.

By addressing the root causes of food insecurity, we are committed to creating positive changes in the community, shifting mindsets about food insecurity, and contributing to a systemic shift toward a more equitable and generative economy.

Our work is driven by a multi-faceted approach that empowers individuals, supports a resilient network of agencies, and builds collective voice and economic power.

### Our efforts are focused on three key pillars:

#### 1. Food Access

We provide immediate food relief to ensure that everyone in our community can meet their food needs **barrier-free and without stigma**.

- ▶ Through **community-based food spaces, partnerships and programs**, we support individuals and families with dignified, accessible solutions tailored to their unique needs.
- ▶ Supporting a **resilient and coordinated network of agencies**, we unite efforts across the sector to strengthen our collective impact and **build economic power** within our broader community.

#### 2. Long-Term and Innovative Solutions

We prioritize diversified and sustainable approaches that break the cycle of poverty and empower individuals to build better futures.

- ▶ Initiatives such as Community and Wellness Markets, workforce development, menstrual product distribution, and training and education programs help address the root causes of poverty.
- ▶ Our innovative programs and partnerships not only support individuals but also create opportunities for economic mobility and a sustainable livelihood, contributing to a stronger, more self-reliant community.
- ▶ **FoodReach**, a social enterprise of North York Harvest, supplies consistent, quality, affordable food to charities and nonprofits across Ontario, helping them strengthen their impact.

#### 3. Advocacy for Systemic Change

We amplify the voices of our community members to **advocate for policy reforms** that address the underlying causes of food insecurity.

- ▶ By **shifting societal mindsets**, we foster a deeper understanding of food insecurity's root causes and advocate for meaningful change.

Our **Theory of Change** demonstrates how these interconnected efforts lead to meaningful and far-reaching results:

- ▶ Dignified food access for individuals and families.
- ▶ A stronger, more resilient community, organization and agency network.
- ▶ Empowered individuals who can develop sustainable livelihoods.
- ▶ A collective voice that drives systemic shifts toward equity and generative economic solutions.
- ▶ Positive changes in the community, fostering collaboration and resilience.

Through our commitment to these principles, we strive to build a community where **all individuals are able to meet their food needs and access the resources and support they need to thrive** — ensuring that food insecurity is not just alleviated but eliminated as a barrier to opportunity and well-being.

## FoodReach: Empowering Nonprofits, Supporting Communities



A social enterprise of North York Harvest Food Bank

### Driving Long-Term Solutions Through Social Enterprise

North York Harvest Food Bank is broadening its approach to food support by embracing social enterprise, merging traditional food aid with innovative, community-driven strategies. Proceeds generated from our social enterprise are reinvested into the food bank, directly supporting programs and services that help address food insecurity and uplift the community.

**FoodReach**, a social enterprise proudly powered by North York Harvest Food Bank, is transforming how nonprofits access affordable, high-quality food.

By providing cost-effective solutions, FoodReach not only helps organizations across Ontario meet the growing needs of their communities but also supports the vital work of North York Harvest Food Bank. Proceeds from FoodReach directly contribute to funding food bank operations, amplifying the impact of every purchase.

From daycares and shelters to school nutrition programs, after-school initiatives, and food banks, FoodReach enables a wide range of nonprofits to provide essential services while staying within their budgets.



Here's how FoodReach is making a difference:

- ▶ **Lowering Food Costs:** Providing access to a diverse selection of food products at wholesale rates, making nutritious food more affordable.
- ▶ **Long-Term Solution:** Our easy to use website and free delivery simplifies food purchasing and reduces barriers for community food programs.
- ▶ **Community Wealth Building:** We strengthen our local economies by supporting local suppliers and reinvesting proceeds into our community.

By reducing costs and improving access to high-quality products, FoodReach empowers organizations to expand their impact and better serve their communities. At the same time, the program supports the long-term sustainability of North York Harvest Food Bank, helping to build a more equitable and resilient food system — one delivery at a time.

Together, we're creating stronger communities, enabling nonprofits to thrive, and working toward a future where everyone can meet their food needs.

### FoodReach Stats:

# Deliveries	937
Non-Profit Clients	155

## Leadership in Logistics: Empowering Futures, Building Community



The Leadership in Logistics program is transforming lives in the North York community by tackling one of the root causes of food insecurity: unemployment and under-employment.

This innovative four-week program trains individuals in warehouse logistics and material handling, providing them with a pathway to secure, full-time employment with competitive wages and benefits.

The Leadership in Logistics program is about more than just employment; it's about empowerment, dignity, and long-term change. By equipping people with the tools they need to succeed, we're not just providing jobs — we're building a stronger, more cohesive community, one that can weather future challenges and create lasting opportunities for generations to come.

***“North York Harvest Food Bank is not just providing food; it is helping to solve the broader issues of hunger, poverty, and unemployment.”***

- Olusola, 2024 Graduate, Leadership in Logistics



### Innovation Award for Leadership in Logistics

The Leadership in Logistics program was recognized with an Innovation Award from Feed Ontario for its groundbreaking approach to tackling food insecurity and poverty.

This award celebrates the program's transformative impact on the North York community, highlighting its role in providing sustainable employment solutions and economic empowerment.

The recognition underscores the program's innovation, dedication to long-term change, and the significant contributions it makes to building a more resilient and inclusive community.



## Advocacy: Amplifying Community Voices and Driving Change



Together, we are not just addressing immediate food insecurity — we are creating lasting, systemic change that tackles the root causes of hunger and poverty.

North York Harvest Food Bank has been steadfast in its commitment to advocacy, listening to the needs of our community, and pushing for systemic change to address the root causes of food insecurity.

This year, we focused on building meaningful connections with the people we serve and empowering them to become the driving force behind the changes they want to see in their communities.



### Community Town Halls: A Platform for Voices

In 2024, we hosted a series of community advocacy group town halls across North York. These gatherings provided a space for local residents to share their stories, voice their concerns, and offer insights on how food insecurity impacts their lives. Our Community Engagement team listened attentively and learned from the lived experiences of individuals who face the challenges of hunger, housing instability, and poverty.



### Raise the Rates Coalition: A Powerful Call for Change

One of the standout moments of our advocacy efforts this year was the launch of the Raise the Rates Coalition, calling on the provincial government to double social assistance rates. Our community advocate, Daffodil Davis, played a pivotal role, delivering an unforgettable speech that highlighted the urgent need to increase social assistance rates.

Daffodil's personal story, grounded in her experience with North York Harvest, resonated deeply with everyone in the room. Her powerful words captured the essence of what so many in our community face: "This room may be empty, but our food banks are full." Daffodil's poignant response to a journalist's question about the sparse media presence highlighted the reality that while the issue may not always receive the attention it deserves, the need for food banks is greater than ever.

## Our Impact

*"It's not just about feeding us; it's about restoring our dignity, offering compassion, and giving us hope for a better future."*

– Olusola, Client

*"I like so much this food bank. Thank you so much for your help. It's very nice. Because I'm not working, the welfare doesn't give anything. My fridge is often empty. I am very, very thankful. Thank you so much for your help. I want you to know how thankful I am. I love this food bank and your help. Thank you, truly."*

– Mila, Client

*"Having food helps so much, and I am so happy to come to the community food space. It's almost my birthday, and you here is like my birthday present. Thank you for all your help."*

– Lyudmila, Client

*"Thank you sincerely for your referral to the Furniture Bank. It truly means so much to me. I love my comfortable couch, bed, mattress and all the furniture items I got there. I will treasure your support forever, and may God truly bless you."*

– Christelle, Client

*"This is great, thank you so much! I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your kindness and support during this challenging time."*

– Aldara, Client



*"Like most Ukrainians, we lived very well in our country, not needing anything. Everything was abundant. No one expected*

*a full-scale invasion... It's very scary to be in another country without even being able to provide ourselves with food. So we are extremely grateful to the food bank for providing us with such support. Thanks to this, we can be sure that we won't die of hunger. Thank you for such valuable assistance and the opportunity to feel support, that we are not alone here, and there are people who care about us."*

– Diana, Client





North York Harvest Food Bank Community  
Food Spaces and Warehouse

- North York Harvest Food Bank Partner Agencies  
– 4 Red Dots aren't on the map, they  
are shelters with confidential locations

## Our Impact:

- ▶ **316,681** people served
- ▶ **44%** were first time clients
- ▶ **1 in 10** Torontonians rely on food banks
- ▶ **1 in 4** are children (27%)
- ▶ **1 in 10** are seniors (12%)
- ▶ **1 in 3** are living with long-term disability or illness
- ▶ **Over 1 million people** in Ontario visited a food bank in the last year
- ▶ North York Harvest Food Bank supports **nearly 30,000 clients** every month

*"Your willingness to share resources to help me find a job, access clothing, and other necessities has been incredibly helpful and uplifting for me. It's not just the practical help you've given, but the genuine care and thoughtfulness you've shown that truly means a lot to me."*

– Armant, Client

*"Thank you for being such a generous and compassionate person. Your support has made a significant difference, and I am truly grateful for all that you've done."*

– Ruby, Client

*"I can pay my electricity bill and my rent bill and put money on my laundry card without starving for the month, or without worry that I cannot buy a bread or a carton of eggs, or a bag of milk for the month."*

– Frank, Client

*"I don't know what I would have done if I didn't have access to this program, food-wise, I would have been a mess. I would have been hungry a lot of days."*

– Hamid, Client

*"What an awesome morning today at North York Harvest. Such a great staff. Now, there may be food shortages around the world and we may not always get what we want - but we definitely get what we need."*



## Community and Wellness Market – Bringing Freshness to the Forefront



North York Harvest Food Bank Community and Wellness Markets initiative brought fresh, affordable produce directly to the communities we serve.

Set up during the warm months, our Community and Wellness Markets quickly became hubs of activity and connection. From young families picking out ripe tomatoes to seniors enjoying a friendly chat under the sun, the markets were more than just a place to buy food — they were a space to build community.

Our Markets have shown us what's possible when we listen to the needs of our community and work together to create solutions. They represent the essence of North York Harvest Food Bank's mission — not just meeting immediate food needs, but building pathways toward long-term food security and community resilience.



### Breaking Barriers: The Power of Access to Menstrual Products

North York Harvest Food Bank, in partnership with Food Banks Canada, took a bold step to tackle a frequently overlooked aspect of food insecurity: the lack of access to essential hygiene products. Among the most critical were menstrual products — items vital for health, dignity, and full participation in daily life.

We believe no one should have to choose between basic necessities. By addressing menstrual health needs, we are not just distributing products — we are restoring dignity, breaking down barriers, and fostering a community where everyone can thrive.



### Building Resilience: A Community-Driven Response to Flooding

This summer, severe floods and power outages deeply affected our warehouse and our community. North York Harvest Food Bank partnered with local organizations to advocate for flood relief and support, demonstrating the power of collective advocacy.

These efforts resulted in a remarkable \$323 million investment from the Federal Government and the City of Toronto to address flooding in Toronto's most vulnerable neighbourhoods. This milestone showcases how working together can lead to transformative solutions, building resilient infrastructure and ensuring a stronger, safer future for everyone.

## Veronica's Story: Navigating Life on ODSP

Living on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) is a constant struggle for Veronica. She lives in a two-bedroom apartment with her mother and son, balancing the responsibilities of supporting an intergenerational household while facing mounting financial challenges.

"I've been on the waiting list for affordable housing for years," she shares. "It's hard when you have to come to the food bank – and many other little things. It's hard for low-income people. It's hard." Rising costs for essentials like food and medication only add to the burden.



### Health challenges have compounded Veronica's difficulties

After undergoing three surgeries, she turned to the food bank for support. "I'm still feeling pain," she explains. "I don't know how soon I can access medical care. I always have to pay for medication, but ODSP doesn't cover it."

For Veronica, the food bank has been a critical source of relief, offering more than just groceries. "Food banks are doing their best," she says. "I'm happier and more comfortable now, sometimes. I need you to know – it's not only about food. We need to put out the word to help people."

Through the support of donors and community members, North York Harvest Food Bank provides vital assistance to individuals like Veronica, helping to alleviate the pressures of poverty and create pathways toward a more secure future.

Veronica's story is a powerful reminder of the resilience of those we serve and the collective responsibility to address the root causes of food insecurity.

### Beyond the Numbers: The Realities of Living on ODSP

The 2024 Who's Hungry report sheds light on the financial struggles of those on the Ontario Disability Support Program, which provides only \$1,368 per month for a single individual, resulting in twice the likelihood of poverty for people with disabilities.

## A New Warehouse for a Stronger, More Resilient Future

North York Harvest Food Bank has been serving the community since 1985. We've built a model for food access, poverty reduction, and innovative solutions towards a future where everyone is able to meet their food needs.

**The time has come for us to invest in a new warehouse facility — one that can support the increasing demands of our programs and enable us to continue nourishing our community for years to come.**

### Challenges in Our Current Warehouse

With our lease expiring, North York Harvest Food Bank faces an urgent need to secure a sustainable, long-term home to meet the growing demands of our community.

While our current warehouse has served us for years, it is now strained beyond capacity and struggling with significant challenges, including:



- ▶ **Broken Freezer and Insufficient Refrigeration:** The limited and aging refrigeration units hinder our ability to store perishable food safely and meet the rising demand for fresh, nutritious options.
- ▶ **Inadequate Dry Storage Space:** The lack of sufficient dry storage limits the volume of food we can accept, store, and distribute, reducing our ability to support the community effectively.
- ▶ **Flooding Loading Docks:** Heavy rain floods our loading docks, creating unsafe and inefficient conditions for food deliveries. This not only delays critical food access but has also forced us to turn away valuable incoming food donations.
- ▶ **Leaky Roof and Indoor Rain:** Our aging roof has deteriorated to the point where water leaks inside the warehouse, putting food and resources at risk.

These pressing issues compromise our ability to operate at full capacity and respond to the increasing demand for our services. To ensure that we can continue to serve our community and support innovative, sustainable food programs, we need a new facility that reflects the high standards our community deserves.

### A Vision for the Future: Nourishing Our Community for Years to Come

North York Harvest Food Bank's vision for a new facility goes beyond just a building. It's about creating a space that can grow and evolve with the changing needs of the community. This new facility will be a hub of innovation, collaboration, and learning — a place where food security programs can flourish, and where organizations from across the globe can look to us as a model for their own work.

Our vision is clear: we aim to create a **best-in-class food facility and community hub** that will serve as a standard for food programs on a local, national, and international scale. This building will not just be a place where food is stored — it will be a place where people are empowered, where knowledge is shared, and where lasting change happens.



### What We Need:

- ▶ **More Loading Docks:** To handle the growing volume needed to meet the demand of the community, we need additional loading docks to ensure smooth and efficient operations.
- ▶ **Larger Cold Storage:** As demand for perishable food continues to rise, we need more cold storage capacity to ensure that food stays fresh and safe for distribution.
- ▶ **Dry Storage:** We need more dry storage space to manage non-perishable food items and other essential supplies.
- ▶ **Volunteer Space:** Our volunteers are at the heart of our operations, and we need a dedicated, welcoming space for them to train, collaborate, and contribute to our mission.

### Beyond the Building: A Hub of Education and Innovation

This new warehouse will be much more than a place to store food. It will serve as a centre of education and innovation:

- ▶ It will **train and empower** staff, volunteers, community members and clients with a variety of skills including: food safety, culinary skills, and food preparation, building community and creating sustainable solutions.
- ▶ It will be a **space for knowledge sharing**, bringing together thought leaders, changemakers, and experts to create deeper social, economic, and environmental impacts in the fight against hunger.
- ▶ It will be a **model for replication**, offering organizations from around the world a standard they can adopt to develop or enhance their own food programs, employment training programs, develop innovative social enterprises and long-term solutions addressing food insecurity.



Our new warehouse will help us deliver on our mission and vision, providing a place that nourishes not just the body, but the mind, heart, and spirit of our community.

**Together we are creating  
a community where everyone  
can meet their food needs.**

## Our Network of Frontline Service Agencies



As the primary distribution hub for northern Toronto, North York Harvest Food Bank collaborates with a diverse network of frontline service agencies to deliver essential food support, transformative programming, and vital resources to our community.

This strong partnership network expands our reach, ensuring that every generous food donation is efficiently distributed to those who need it. By working together, we provide dignified assistance, meaningful programs, and critical connections to additional services that address the broader needs of our community.

United by a shared vision of a community where all members can meet their food needs, our network magnifies the impact of every contribution, fostering lasting, positive change in the lives of those we serve.

ANIDA (All Nations International Development Agency)

Apostles Continuation Church of Canada

Canadian Red Cross Mobile Food Bank

Centre for Spanish Speaking Peoples

Community Share Food Bank, Inc.

Delta Family Resource Centre

Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women

Ernestine's Women's Shelter

Eva's Initiatives

Falstaff Food Bank

Horizons for Youth

Jane Finch Community Ministry

Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre

Mount Zion Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church

North York Community House

North York YMCA

Rexdale Women's Centre

Room to Grow Food Bank

Seneca Student Federation Incorporated

Sick Kids Centre for Community Mental Health

Society for the Living Food Bank

St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club

St. Philip Neri's Table

St. Stephen's Anglican Church

St. Thomas Aquinas Food Bank

Syme-Woolner Neighbourhood and Family Centre

Thistletown Food Bank

Tobermory Food Bank

Trethewey Tenant Group

Unison Health and Community Services

Weston Area Emergency Support (WAES)

Weston King Neighbourhood Centre

York Federation of Students

York University-Glendon Women and Trans Centre

Youth Without Shelter



## Community at Its Best: Rebuilding St. Philip Neri's Table After the Flood

In July, the devastating flooding that swept through Toronto caused significant challenges for many in our community, including St. Philip Neri's Table. Operating out of a west-end church, this vital community resource serves individuals and families weekly, providing nutritious groceries to those facing food insecurity.

The floodwaters inundated their basement pantry, resulting in the loss of an enormous amount of food — an immense setback for an organization that is a lifeline for so many.

North York Harvest Food Bank stepped in to provide urgent support, purchasing new shelving that enabled St. Philip Neri's Table to safely store and organize food donations in a manner better equipped to withstand future challenges.

We are proud to support this vital frontline program and our member agencies year-round, ensuring they have the resources needed to serve their communities effectively. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to assist St. Philip Neri's Table during their time of need, reaffirming our shared vision of a community where everyone can meet their food needs.



*"I started coming to the food bank a few months ago. I didn't know a thing exist. It didn't in my home country. This is the girl that talks to me. She speaks my language and she always helps me. It helps so much. She makes me so joyful! I understand some things when I come here, and yes, everyone tries to help. But she understands all of me. Thank God for her help. Thank you for listening to me."*

— Najia, Client



## Financial Statements: 2023 - 2024

*For the year ended August 31, 2024*

### North York Harvest Food Bank Statement of Financial Position

August 31	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 1,782,515	\$ 895,029
Short-term investments (Note 3)	1,086,035	1,040,121
Receivables	233,860	160,635
Prepaid expenses	72,410	109,533
	<b>3,174,820</b>	<b>2,205,318</b>
<b>Capital assets</b> (Note 4)	<b>576,383</b>	<b>514,707</b>
	<b>\$ 3,751,203</b>	<b>\$ 2,720,025</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 418,891	\$ 261,467
Food vouchers payable	216,138	—
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	622,650	458,242
Current portion of obligations under capital leases (Note 6)	20,184	19,051
	<b>1,277,863</b>	<b>738,760</b>

#### Obligations under capital leases (Note 6) Deferred capital contributions (Note 7)

	<b>15,445</b>	<b>35,629</b>
	<b>442,476</b>	<b>391,219</b>
	<b>1,735,784</b>	<b>1,165,608</b>

#### Net assets

Community Capacity Building Fund	200,000	200,000
Contingency Fund	810,000	810,000
Infrastructure Fund	461,002	—
Unrestricted	544,417	544,417
	<b>2,015,419</b>	<b>1,554,417</b>
	<b>\$ 3,751,203</b>	<b>\$ 2,720,025</b>

### North York Harvest Food Bank Statement of Operations

For the year ended August 31	2024	2023
<b>Revenue</b>		
Individual donations	\$ 1,547,499	\$ 1,228,544
Services	1,740,911	1,127,036
Foundation donations	1,227,906	1,116,909
Community donations	1,195,826	859,353
Government grants	943,239	480,776
Corporate donations	429,588	366,791
Interest and other income	378,275	224,160
Special event donations	135,597	139,632
	<b>7,598,841</b>	<b>5,543,201</b>

#### Expenditures (Note 9)

Food distribution operation	2,229,079	1,710,966
Community food banks and programs	2,658,459	1,670,244
Food distribution - food and gift card purchases	1,038,328	1,114,516
Fundraising	867,665	675,446
Administration	344,308	338,314
	<b>7,137,839</b>	<b>5,509,486</b>

#### Excess of revenue over expenditures from operations

461,002 33,715

Less: Grants to member agencies

— 100,000

#### Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures

\$ 461,002 \$ (66,285)





## North York Harvest Food Bank Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended August 31

2024

2023

### Cash was provided by (used in)

#### Operating activities

Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ 461,002	\$ (66,285)
Adjustments required to reconcile excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures with net cash provided by operating activities		
Amortization of capital assets	126,687	108,516
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(96,083)	(77,651)
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Receivables	(73,225)	(18,528)
Prepaid expenses	37,123	93,227
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	157,424	(57,446)
Food vouchers payable	216,138	—
Deferred revenue	164,408	(128,310)
	<b>993,474</b>	<b>(146,477)</b>

#### Investing activities

Purchase of capital assets	(188,363)	(176,740)
Purchase of short-term investments	(45,914)	(232,604)
	<b>(234,277)</b>	<b>(409,344)</b>

#### Financing activities

Capital contributions received	147,340	155,550
Payments of obligations under capital leases	(19,051)	(18,743)
Proceeds of obligation under capital lease	—	16,255
	<b>128,289</b>	<b>153,062</b>

#### Increase (decrease) in cash during the year

**887,486** (402,759)

Cash, beginning of year

**895,029** 1,297,788

Cash, end of year

**\$ 1,782,515** \$ 895,029

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