



 **NORTH YORK
HARVEST
FOOD BANK**

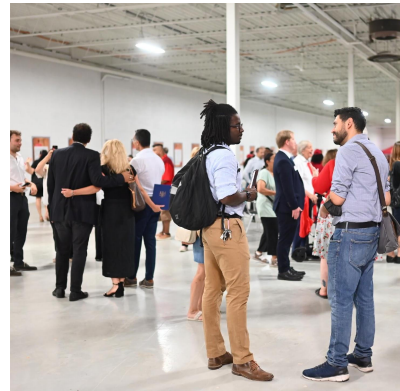
Gratitude Report



Celebrating 40 Years; A Milestone Anniversary!

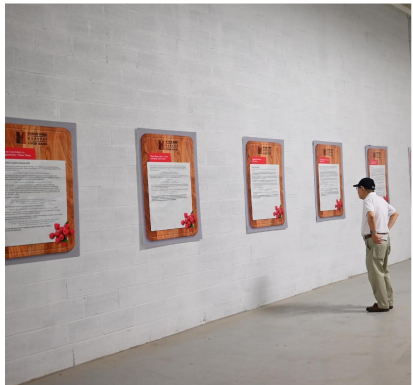
On August 8, 2025, we came together in our new warehouse, the future home of our Community Food Hub, to mark a historic milestone:

40 years of North York Harvest Food Bank's unwavering service to our community.



This milestone was more than a celebration. It was a chance to honour our journey, reflect on how far we've come, and look ahead to the future we are building.

Although the Hub will officially open in 2026, opening its doors for this occasion symbolized the bold new chapter we are beginning in the fight against hunger.



The Hub will be a place where food becomes hope, surplus becomes sustenance, skills become futures, and collaboration builds community wealth and drives systemic change.

One meal. One neighbour. One community at a time.

Food bank use has reached record highs!

It's an emergency declared by the City of Toronto and felt in every neighbourhood, every home, *every empty plate.*

**The need has never been greater...
we can't afford to wait.**

The Community Food Hub is our bold, self-sustaining solution; designed not only to fight hunger today, but to tackle the root causes of poverty and build a future where everyone in our community is able to meet their food needs.



Feeding The Community

The new Hub will get more food to more people, faster and fresher than ever before!



FOOD MANAGEMENT

The Hub is the central inventory for hundreds of smaller food banks and frontline community food programs, ensuring they have consistent access to the right food at the right time.



FOOD RESCUE

The Hub enables us to accept surplus food from farmers, manufacturers, and distributors, saving good food from waste and getting it to people who need it most.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

With greater efficiency, the Hub delivers to food banks, schools, student nutrition programs, shelters, drop-ins, and community kitchens ***reaching thousands of people in our community every single day.***

Building Long-Term Solutions

The Hub will create opportunities, strengthen partnerships and drive systemic change



SKILL DEVELOPMENT

More training and workforce development programs to help community members gain skills and secure stable, good-paying jobs.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Expansion of FoodReach, selling affordable food to nonprofits across Ontario. Proceeds reinvested into community programs and services.



INNOVATION HUB

A community-led centre for building strong partnerships that reduce hunger and poverty, with dignity and inclusion at the core.



The Need is Greater Than Ever

Food bank use is at record highs, making the Community Food Hub more urgent and impactful than ever before.



1 in 10 Torontonians rely on a Food Bank



1 in 3 have a long-term illness or disability



1 in 4 are children

223,427 clients served in 2022

291,725 clients served in 2023

316,681 clients served in 2024

Harvesting Strength Through Community

Every number tells a story of hope and community



171,681
individuals
served



1,239,601lbs
of food distributed
to our community



11 Graduates
from our Leadership in
Logistics program



36 Partner
agencies in our
distribution network



21 Markets
making produce
affordable for all



1,208 Orders
of food sold through
FoodReach



1,084 Volunteers
supported our operations



27 Advocacy Events
events were held including our
Get Out The Vote BBQ



thank you

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your generosity has fueled hope, dignity, and possibility for thousands of neighbours across our community.

The months ahead are among the most crucial for North York Harvest Food Bank, as demand continues to grow and more families turn to us for support.

Because of you, we can meet these challenges head-on, ensuring that nourishing food and long-term solutions remain within reach for everyone.

Together, we are not only feeding our community today, but also building a stronger, more equitable tomorrow.

