

Impact Update



Hello,

It's been three months since our last update, and in that time Second Harvest has been busy: We've rescued more food than ever before, we've expanded into new communities across Canada and welcomed additional food donors to our organization.

Unfortunately, our continued growth is not an occasion for celebration but is instead a reflection of staggering food insecurity in Canada and an indication of just how much food continues to be wasted every year.

Since September 1, 2022, we've rescued 30.62 million lbs of food, and in the process, we've averted 98.87 million lbs of harmful greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere – that's equivalent to taking 13,740 cars off the road for a year! Without your support, none of this would be possible.

It's thanks to donors like you that we're able to improve access to nutrition for millions of Canadians and provide much-needed resources to the organizations that support them. You are an important stakeholder in the fight against food insecurity and climate change, and we're proud to have you by our side.

I encourage you to read through this short communication to see the impact of your support, hear from some of our non-profit partners and take a peek into the future.

Thank you for the continued support and your commitment to our vision of a future with *No Waste* and *No Hunger*!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Nikkel".

Lori Nikkel, CEO, Second Harvest



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September
2022 to
February
2023



30.62 million pounds
of food rescued

56% of the way towards our annual goal



87% of food rescued
was perishable



98.87 million pounds
of GHGs averted



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Holliston Pantry Is Feeding Our Future

Holliston Pantry, a 24/7 food cupboard, has been a huge benefit to the community of Saskatoon, Sask. Through Second Harvest's Food Rescue App, they receive readymade meals donated by local food businesses for their school breakfast program.

Second Harvest surveyed more than 1,300 organizations offering charitable food programs, including community food banks and school programs, and found that they expect to serve 60% more people this year, on top of the 134% increase in 2022. This isn't just alarming, it's unnecessary!

People are hungry, and families are feeling the strain to make ends meet. Nicole Ratzlaff from Holliston Pantry said their breakfast program "makes a huge difference to the kids being able to focus on school instead of hunger. Anything unused by the school gets put into the pantry for people to take!" With summer breaks right around the corner and rising grocery prices, your support matters now more than ever.

Thanks to our incredible Harvester community, we can continue to prevent surplus edible food from going to waste and get it on the tables and cafeterias of those who need it most. "Simply put, without food donations, kids would go hungry," Nicole explained. Thank you for helping feed our future, and not landfills.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Rescue Party

June 4, Meridian Hall

Toronto's most anticipated culinary event of the summer! Enjoy unlimited food and drink from the city's top chefs and restaurants and a special live performance from Sam Roberts. Tickets at therescueparty.ca.

The
Rescue
Party

Training and Education Webinar Series: Wasted Opportunity

June 20 and July 18

Dive into food loss and waste in the food industry and redefine the value of surplus edible food, which has the potential to feed millions of Canadians facing food insecurity.

Second Harvest Hero Truck Pull Challenge

September 12, Nathan Phillips Square

Put your strength and teamwork to the test in a one-of-a-kind race in support of food rescue.



Visit secondharvest.ca/event-calendar for more information on upcoming events and secondharvest.ca/fundraisers for more information on upcoming fundraisers and auctions.

