Second Harvest Presentation
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Second Harvest rescues and delivers fresh, surplus food daily

Established in 1985, Second Harvest is the largest food rescue charity in Canada. Every day Second Harvest picks up food that would otherwise go to waste from grocery stores, manufacturers, distributors and farmers. That food is then delivered to our network of social service agencies, helping to feed people experiencing hunger across Toronto.
WHO WE SERVE
OUR MODEL

9.5 million lbs of food
- vegetables
- dairy
- meat
- bread

225 agencies
- meal programs
- food banks
- after school programs
- shelters / residences

420+ food donors
- grocery stores
- food manufacturers & distributors
- farmers
- hotels

25,000 Meals / Day
FOOD DELIVERED

Financial Donors
- individuals
- corporations
- foundations
- events & campaigns

Volunteers
- truck driver assistants
- warehouse food sorters
- event & office volunteers
- Board of Directors

130,000 people fed / month
- children & youth
- adults
- seniors
BENEFITS OF FOOD RESCUE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- Keeps good food out of landfill – 9.5 million pounds in 2016
- In 2016 we prevented 5.1 million pounds of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere
- Prevents resources such as water from going to waste – 8 billion liters in 2016

SOCIAL IMPACT

- Feed people experiencing hunger. With a full belly, kids can focus on school, adults can search for a job and seniors live active, healthy lives.
- People who struggle to afford food cost the health care system more – in some cases, more than twice as much than those who don’t. Our food deliveries provide people with the nutritious food they need to maintain a healthy lifestyle and prevent illness.¹
- For every $1 donated, Second Harvest provides over $5.00 of social benefit.²

Our food supports...

| 49 shelters/residence | 35 outreach programs | 154 meal & snack programs | 110 Food banks & supplementary food programs | 81 after-school & summer programs | 17 summer camps (Feeding Our Future) |

¹ Canadian Medical Association Journal ² Charity Intelligence, 2015
Tax credits for food producers, suppliers and retailers to donate unsold edible food.
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