

NO WASTE.



NO HUNGER.

Second Harvest

Presentation

Commission for Environmental Cooperation

March 1st, 2017

ABOUT US

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



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

225
agencies

- > meal programs
- > food banks
- > after school programs
- > shelters / residences



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)

POLICY & GOVERNMENT ACTION

FEDERAL



PROVINCIAL



MUNICIPAL



TAX CREDITS

Tax credits for food producers, suppliers and retailers to donate unsold edible food.



Waste Reduction



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