

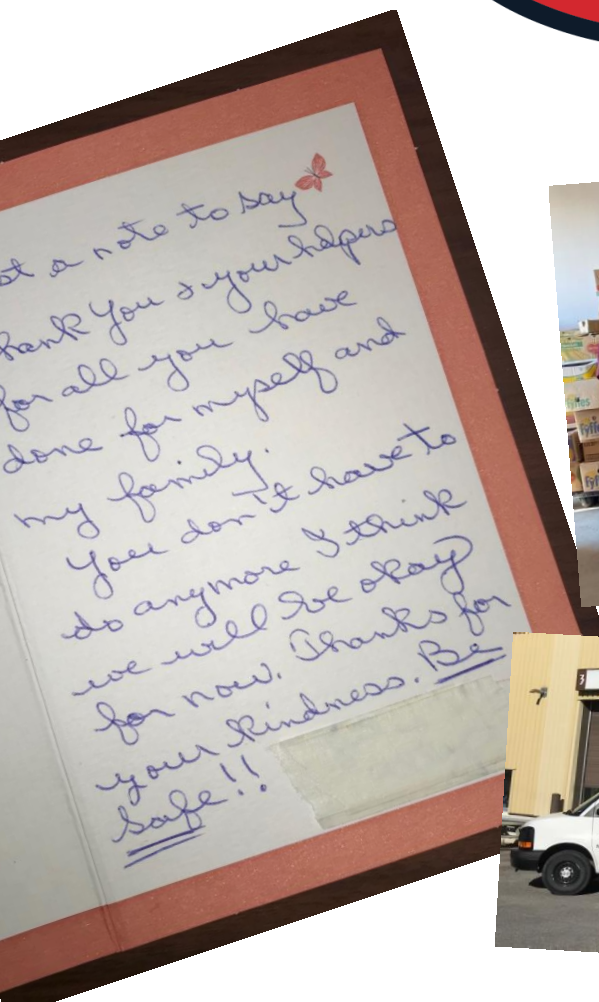


# Annual Report 2020-2021



## THE FOOD SHARING PROJECT

Providing healthy food to students.





# A message from the Chair

This year, the work of The Food Sharing Project continued to be driven by the COVID-19 Pandemic and its impact on students and their families. Schools opened in September 2020 and due to the heroic efforts of education staff, families and the community, stayed open until April 2021, when rising COVID-19 cases forced their closure. While schools were open, pandemic protocols restricted the food we could offer to single-serve, pre-packed items, with apples, oranges and bananas as the only fresh food options. While the food was nutritious, there wasn't much variety, and it just wasn't enough to fill a belly so a student could focus on the hard work of learning. As a result, in October 2020, our Board decided to resume the home delivery of food boxes to families. The theme of the food boxes was breakfast and lunch items to encourage students to eat before school and bring a lunch with them, with snacks still available at school.



As in the spring of 2020, the food boxes were tremendously appreciated by families and our dedicated group of volunteers ensured they were packed and delivered every second week. The silver lining to the pandemic at The Food Sharing Project has been the success of our home deliveries which allowed us to again provide a summer food program. This past summer, we supported 400 families with grocery store gift cards and food boxes and often heard how much of a difference it made for families. One mom asked me if she could spread the word through her "Mama network" about the summer program because "we all know who's hurting out there!". Our priority has always been to feed students...now we can say we do that whether they are at home or at school.

Other positive outcomes of the pandemic have been the opportunities to collaborate with food-providing agencies and the generosity and creativity of our donors. We are so grateful to the leadership provided by the United Way KFL&A for bringing agencies together and fostering the spirit of cooperation as we worked together to meet the tremendous needs of our community. Once again, The Food Sharing Project was a proud partner in the annual Backpack campaign which allowed 14,000 students to go back to school with a new backpack. Supporters of The Food Sharing Project were treated to the first-ever takeout Zal and Rose School Breakfasts and COBS Bakery put together an off-the-charts fundraiser through the sale of hot cross buns.



There is no doubt that it takes a community to feed a child; a community of amazing donors, volunteers, Board members and staff. We know that the impacts of the pandemic will be with us for a long while and I am confident that this community will continue to ensure that The Food Sharing Project can provide nutritious food for students so they can take advantage of everything that school offers them.

Warmly,  
*Brenda Moore*  
Chair, Board of Directors



# A week at a glance

**5+ tonnes of food packed in 2 hours by 10 warehouse volunteers – about 400 boxes of food...*every week*.**

**7500+ meals served at 86 schools...*every week*.**

**1000+ volunteer hours of school staff, students and community members to provide snacks and meals...*every week*.**

**600+ kilometres driven, to deliver food right to school doors...*every week*.**

**350+ families received food boxes, packed and delivered by 25 volunteers...*every week*.**

**\$4,500+ donated by individuals, families and local businesses...*every week*.**



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## Paul Harris Award – Rotary's highest honour

The Food Sharing Project received a special *Paul Harris Certificate of Appreciation* in March 2021, for exemplifying Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" through the work of providing healthy food to students at school.





# Financial Statements

## Statement of Financial Position as at August 31, 2021

<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets incl. Cash	\$ 590,196
Investments	\$ 710,179
Equipment less Depreciation	\$ 109,719
	\$ 1,410,094
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities incl. Deferred Rev.	\$ 100,889
Deferred Capital Contributions	\$ 3,000
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Internally Restricted	\$ 1,199,486
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 106,719
	\$ 1,410,094

### Financial highlights and notes

- Additional grants were received from federal and provincial governments, the United Way and the Community Foundation, to help with increased costs and COVID support to reach families in need.
- Over \$360,000 was donated or raised by others for The Food Sharing Project, including a generous bequest of over \$200,000 that will be retained for future use.
- Food expenses include over \$100,000 that was delivered to families in need, beyond in-school meal programs.

## Statement of Operations Year Ended August 31, 2021

<b>Revenues</b>	
Grants	\$ 891,798
Donations	\$ 339,208
Investment income (net)	\$ 80,305
Special events and other	\$ 25,790
Other incl deferred contributions	\$ 6,000
	\$ 1,343,101
<b>Expenses</b>	
Food	\$ 482,338
Salaries and benefits	\$ 146,364
Summer Program	\$ 99,807
Milk	\$ 41,468
Amortization	\$ 33,469
Rent	\$ 26,974
Delivery	\$ 17,520
Professional Fees	\$ 15,194
Office and administration	\$ 13,180
Vehicle and travel	\$ 11,441
Equipment and repairs	\$ 5,794
Board insurance	\$ 5,151
Utilities	\$ 4,624
Paper products	\$ 4,012
Repairs and maintenance	\$ 3,276
Subcontracts	\$ 2,166
Telephone	\$ 1,643
Fundraising and special events	\$ 300
Professional development	\$ 31
	\$ 914,752
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 428,349





# Appreciation

We are thankful to our many donors and partners who helped us get healthy food to students at school, and to families at home, during 2020-2021. Whether it was by providing funding, providing volunteers, or providing logistical support, we are truly grateful!



**United Way**  
Member Agency



**Community Foundation**  
for Kingston & Area



## A special gift from the Limestone Learning Foundation

When LLF's typical school grants were on hold as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation made the decision to award its largest ever grant of \$100,000 to The Food Sharing Project, to support increased food needs at schools and families in need. A generous gift with a huge impact for students!



## Faroldi Cereal Drive

November 2020 marked the 5<sup>th</sup> year that the Faroldi family has been organizing their annual cereal drive, in memory of Brady Faroldi, a teacher candidate who so passionately supported the breakfast program at his school placement.

Thousands of boxes of cereal were received and used for school nutrition programs – a savings of over \$4000 to The Food Sharing Project.



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