

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In 2016, we shared a 4-year strategic plan with our cherished circle of supporters. We called it Seeding The Future of Food Rescue. In creating this visionary plan, we relied not only on the successes that defined our past, but also on the daily achievements that comprise our present, and on our aspirations for a sustainable future.

**Our past** is the keystone that guides and supports all that we do. Established by passionate, dedicated volunteers rescuing and delivering food in a hatchback, Second Harvest pioneered a clear and progressive roadmap for addressing the unrelenting challenge of food rescue in Toronto.

**Our present** is a daily reminder of how much we do. This year, we rescued and delivered 10.7 million pounds of fresh, nutritious food across the city — over half a million pounds more than projected. Supported by the commitment of 472 food donors, 1991 volunteers and nearly 10,000 financial and in-kind supporters, we were able to deliver enough food for over 250 agencies providing over 30,000 meals each day, all year round.

**Our future** is an opportunity to realize innovative and ambitious goals that will continue to prevent food loss and redirect surplus food to people who need it. We've increased our partnerships - 28 more this year alone — hundreds of community-based organizations doing vital work by providing essential meal programs, housing, educational opportunities and more to people in need across Toronto.

We're building global recognition as a thought leader in our areas of expertise. And, we're growing measurable awareness of our role in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

#### "The success of this past year inspires us to work harder for we know what is possible".

Our staff and volunteer team were able to deliver these achievements because of the tremendous support of our amazing donor community. With an incredible \$4.8 million in financial donations and \$1.8 million in gifts of products and services, we were able to keep fundraising and administration costs low, at 6% of our overall expenses.

We know there is great work to do. With over 375,000 children, adults and seniors in Toronto experiencing food insecurity, and visits to food banks in Toronto reaching almost 1 million visits, we must not stop. Our sustainability is a key ingredient to the sustainability of our agencies, the people they serve, and the health of this city.

On behalf of the board and the senior leadership team at Second Harvest, we thank you for being part of our past and our present, and we thank you for Seeding the Future with us.

- Tracy Wynne and Debra Lawson

## THIS PAST YEAR WAS ONE OF UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS.

When we launched Seeding the Future, we were fortunate to have the pledged support of one of our most long-standing and loyal donors, The Sprott Foundation. Imagine our heartfelt delight when two other partners joined us at the table with multi-year commitments. We are so grateful for the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and The Nikita Foundation. OTF's commitment to those we serve was demonstrated with a three-year grant to support costs related to increasing food rescue and expanding fundraising. The Nikita Foundation's commitment to our future underpins key ongoing costs to support core operations as well as essential growth across each area of our business. Year One of our plan heralded record-breaking fundraising and food raising milestones. With this success, we are confident that together with our donors we can meet our ambitious targets over the next three years:

Rescue more than 40 million pounds of good, surplus food that would otherwise go to waste, resulting in the distribution of over \$100 million worth of food to people experiencing hunger.

Prevent approximately 21 million pounds of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere.





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# DRIVE AWARENESS OF SECOND HARVEST AS BOTH ESSENTIAL SERVICE AND GLOBAL THOUGHT LEADER.

This past year, we expanded our knowledge through collaboration with like-minded partners by:

- Participating in the development of a Food Policy for Canada
- Co-presenting on the circular economy with the National Zero Waste Council
- Working with Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Ontario providing expertise to help decrease greenhouse gas emissions
- Participating at Harvard Law School, Food Policy Council

- Presenting at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation Conference
- Providing expertise to Environment and Climate
  Change Canada

Sharing global ideas and collaborating with experts in food rescue, food loss, food security, and environmental issues enables Second Harvest to access knowledge and experience as we continue to grow. The more we drive awareness of the issues and what we do, the more we collectively are able to alleviate hunger, to provide sustainable access to nutritious food, and to protect the environment in the process.

## **RESCUE 15 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD A YEAR.**

Last year was one of unprecedented success —This achievement was possible through the support of partners like Walmart. Since 2016, Walmart Canada has provided almost 570,000 pounds of surplus, nutrient-dense food to Second Harvest.



"Our strong partnership with Second Harvest helps ensure good food doesn't go to waste and instead, gets to those individuals in our communities who need it most. Recovering and rescuing food safely is an important part of reducing waste and supporting hunger relief in Canada. We thank Second Harvest for the important work they do each and every day in support of this mission."

Lee Tappenden, President and CEO Walmart Canada

We are also thrilled to announce the launch of FoodRescue.ca., a new digital platform for food rescue and delivery, made possible through a \$1.5 million US grant from the Walmart Foundation. This digital distribution channel will connect hundreds of community-based food donors with neighbouring agencies, with the goal of rescuing an additional 1 million pounds of food annually. This integrated web site will pilot in Toronto in early 2018.

### **DELIVER FOOD TO 280 AGENCIES.**

YAAACE (Youth Association for Academics, Athletics and Character Education), is one such partner agency, based in the Jane and Finch neighbourhood. With a mandate to offer accessible recreational opportunities alongside a regimented academic program, YAAACE strives to engage at-risk children and youth to maximize their potential, in a lowincome community strife with violence and a lack of hope. The small operations team works with a commendable group of basketball coaches and Toronto District School Board teachers who provide mentoring opportunities alongside their formal roles.

Since 2015, Second Harvest has provided almost 18,000 pounds of food to support YAAACE's weekend academic tutoring and recreational basketball program that serves over 200 youth weekly, as well as lunches for its summer camps, through Sodexo Foundation's Feeding Our Future Program. YAAACE is one of several Second Harvest recipient agencies who are working with our new pick-up program to help optimize food delivery.



"Through Second Harvest's support, we are able to offer attractive programming – for these youth to be here for 2 hours of academic tutoring and 2 hours of basketball on a Saturday, we have to be able to provide a meal."

Marina Nguyen, Administrator, YAACE

"YAAACE is a safe haven for kids in this community – they don't have many options here. They need us to be there for them, to support them, otherwise they'll just get lost in the system."

## NOURISH AN ADDITIONAL 40,000 TORONTONIANS EXPERIENCING HUNGER.

For more than 18 years, Second Harvest has worked with Brimley Acres, a supportive housing and independent living home for seniors, to provide fresh, nutritious food for its weekly food bank.

Seniors' food bank usage has increased by nearly 27% across Toronto since 2016. Food insecurity for this demographic is a growing issue, due to fixed incomes, increased medical expenses and health issues, and decreased mobility and special dietary needs.

Every other week, Second Harvest delivers enough dairy, fresh produce, grains, and meat for up to 70 residents who access the program, located in the heart of Scarborough.

Notes Inez Goodman, 81, Food Bank Coordinator, "We get every little thing: fruits, milk, yogurt, even turkeys around the holidays."

To date, Second Harvest has provided almost 565,000 pounds of healthy food for Brimley Acres.



"Support from the government as a senior barely covers our rent – and rent keeps going up and up. It would be tough to get by if we weren't receiving the food support from Second Harvest."

Inez Goodman, Food Bank Coordinator, Brimley Acres with Pilar Ballungay.

## POSITIONED FOR FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY.

The sustainability of our organization is essential. Our social service network needs us. Vulnerable people in Toronto need us. And we will not fail them. It is unfathomable that \$31 billion worth of food goes to waste in our country while people struggle to put healthy food on the table. Our strength is in understanding how to get the food, and where to deliver it, efficiently and effectively.

Second Harvest's capacity to rescue and deliver food has nearly reached its limit in our current space, and we must find a new

home in the coming years. Seeding the Future will expand to include the capital funding we'll need to help us secure new premises. We will work with our valued partners to ensure our sustainability for the people who need us most.

You are at the heart of Second Harvest's service to the community. Your continued commitment to addressing food insecurity is fundamental as we embark on the next phase of our journey. Thank you for your support and your future partnership!

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### To the Members,

#### Second Harvest Food Support Committee

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Second Harvest Food Support Committee which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2017, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the organization derives revenue from donation and fundraising revenue, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization, and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation and fundraising revenue and excess of revenue over expenses for the year for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, current assets as at August 31, 2017 and 2016, and net assets as at September 1, 2016 and 2015 and August 31, 2017 and 2016.

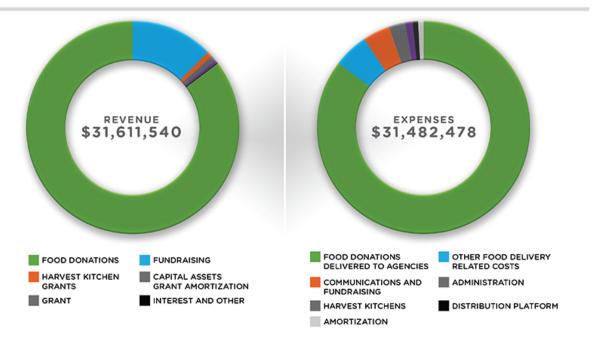
#### Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Second Harvest Food Support Committee as at August 31, 2017, and the results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### Cowperthwaite Mehta

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Chartered Accountants Licensed Public Accountants October 30, 2017 Toronto, Ontario



## SECOND HARVEST FOOD SUPPORT COMMITTEE

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT AUGUST 31, 2017	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 1,809,740	\$ 804,253
Short term investments	1,046,355	34,093
Accounts receivable	100,893	169,179
Prepaid expenses	 33,355	38,930
	2,990,343	1,046,455
Capital assets	611,151	653,130
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,601,494	\$ 1,699,585
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 230,227	\$ 136,773
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenue	\$ 230,227 1,836,544	\$ 136,773
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#### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

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	2017	2016
REVENUE		
Food donations	\$ 26,875,000	\$ 23,696,000
Fundraising	3,984,890	3,291,946
Harvest Kitchens grants	284,734	229,000
Capital assets grant amortization	251,151	216,600
Grant	190,888	
Gain on sale of trucks		11,500
Interest and other	 24,877	21,105
	31,611,540	27,466,151
EXPENSES		
Food recovery and delivery		
Food donations delivered to agencies	26,875,000	23,696,000
Other food delivery related costs	1,706,597	1,442,334
Communications and fundraising	1,286,843	1,155,917
Administration	753,283	660,147
Harvest Kitchens	418,664	381,021
Distribution platform	190,888	
Amortization	 251,203	197,385
	31,482,478	27,532,804
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 129,062	\$ (66,653)
Net assets, beginning of year	 718,890	785,543
Net assets, end of year	 847,952	718,890



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