

Planting Seeds of Hope



2014-2015
IMPACT REPORT



ONTARIO
ASSOCIATION OF
FOOD BANKS

Growing Together

Poverty is not only marked by material deprivation, but also by the toll the constant worry, fear and stress has on those experiencing it. It is a deeply complex social problem, and cannot be solved by any one person alone.

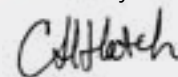
Yet together, there is something we can do about it. Every day, our network of 125 food banks lend a kind hand to hungry people in our province, providing emergency food and services to those who need it most. Through their work, they plant seeds of hope for a better future.

Our job is to support our members so they can better serve their clients. This past year, we have seen advances in our ability to acquire and distribute fresh and frozen food, adding chicken to our roster of milk, beef, eggs, pork and turkey. We are committed to cultivating relationships that make even greater improvements to the nutritional quality of the food we send to our members.

Looking to the future, our relationship with Link2Feed signals continued innovation in terms of data collection, research, and education about the root causes of hunger. In the words of Emily Branton, Link2Feed President, “you can’t end hunger if you don’t understand it.”

The generous support of our donors has been critical to this work. We are grateful for your past support, and look forward to continuing to make a difference in the lives of those who rely on food banks.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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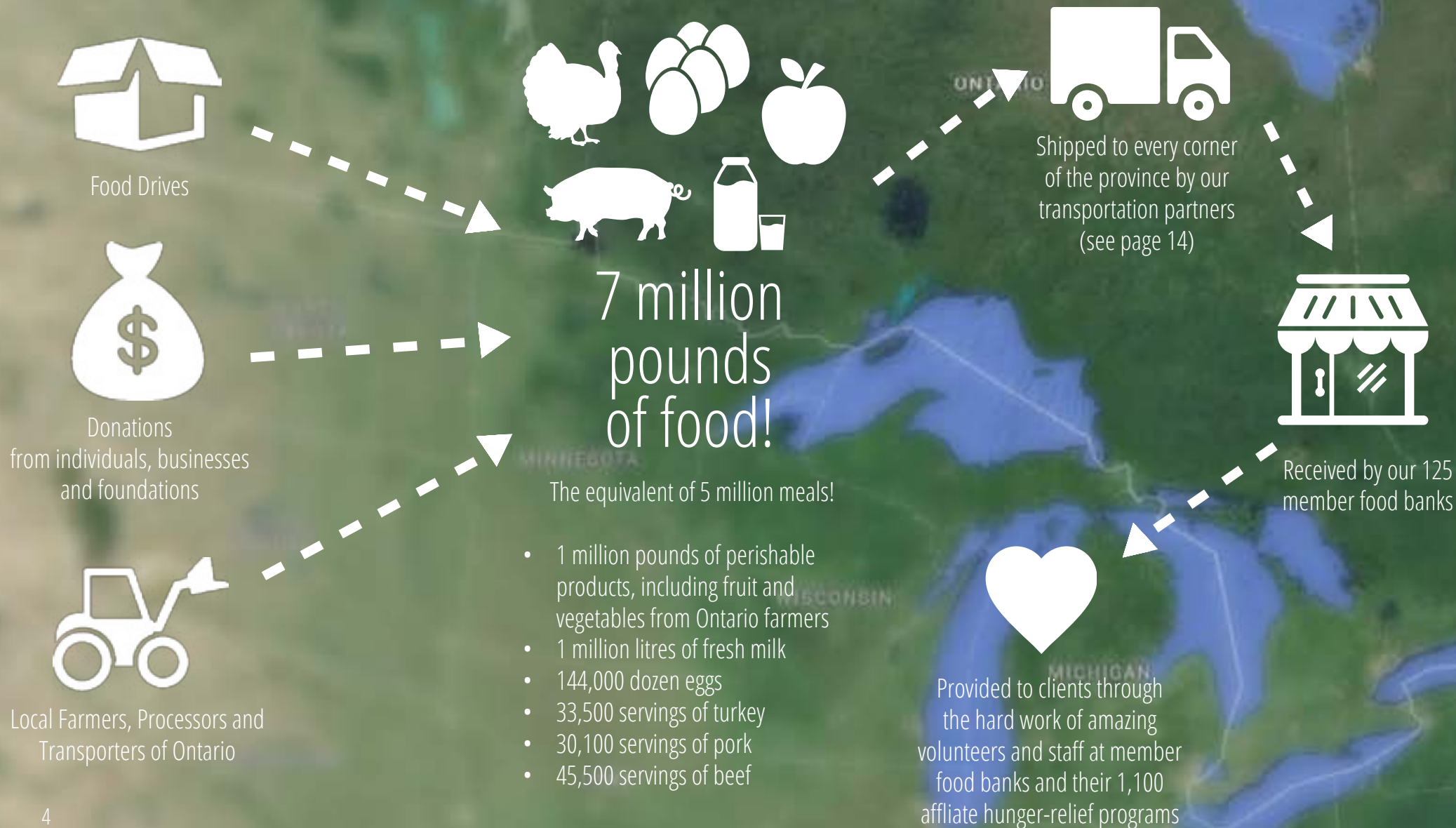
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5 Million Meals

How do we get food out to our network to feed the 375,000 people who visit our food banks every month?



“The Ontario Association of Food Banks takes its mission seriously – and that makes food banks across Ontario stronger for it, with better access to more nutritious food. Their hard work and dedication has meant that we were able to send out more fresh and healthy food this year – including eggs, milk and meat – out to our member agencies across Toronto and to families that are struggling to put food on the table. Milk is one of the most-needed food items that our member agencies request and they look forward to the weekly deliveries of fresh milk that we’re now able to provide thanks to the provincial partnerships the OAFB has developed. But the biggest and best part about being a member of the OAFB is that they are our partners in the fight against hunger.”

Gail Nyberg, Executive Director,
Daily Bread Food Bank, Toronto,
Ontario



Nurturing Change

Nearly 60% of the Ontario food bank network offers additional programming beyond emergency food support, including:

- Community Kitchens
- Community Gardens
- Nutrition Education
- Training and Apprenticeship Programs
- Budgeting and Home Economics Workshops
- Employment Assistance and Job Fairs
- Support for Children, New Mothers and Pregnant Women
- Housing and Shelter Support
- Heat and Hydro/Utility Support

Cataloguing Hunger

The OAFB *Hunger Report* details the annual findings of the Food Banks Canada's March Hunger Count, a survey of food bank use and hunger across the country.

This year's report revealed some alarming numbers: over 375,000 Ontarians are accessing food banks monthly in our province and more than 30% of these clients are children. Perhaps most surprisingly, this year revealed a 20% spike in the number of people accessing a food bank for the very first time in their entire lives.

The OAFB and our member food banks are working hard to develop long-term solutions that address the root causes of hunger and make the food bank use history.

To download a copy of the 2014 Hunger Report, please visit oafb.ca/hungerreport2014

2015 Conference

The OAFB Annual Conference provides direct and affiliate members of the food bank network with essential training in client services, safe food handling, community engagement, and non-profit management.

How does this impact our food banks?

- More fresh, local food available
- More fresh protein, such as eggs, turkey and chicken
- More volunteers engaging in community service
- More time-efficient client service and greater client care
- More cost and time-efficient food distribution to all corners of the province

There is no doubt the food bank network is changing. With the launch of the Link2Feed client intake system, a collective focus on fresh food programs, and new partnerships province-wide, our network is growing and adapting to the demands of the sector and of our clients and partners each and every day.

Following Changes with the



We believe that you can't end hunger if you don't understand it.

Real-time data is critical to making a lasting social impact in the food banking sector. The OAFB has become the global leader in this movement with their provincial roll-out of Link2Feed - the first of its kind anywhere in the world. The efforts of the OAFB and their network will improve the lives of Ontarians for years to come by using data to not only understand but also address the root causes of hunger.

-- Emily Branton, President, Link2Feed



Link2Feed

The first phase of the Link2Feed roll-out came to a successful conclusion this year. The Link2Feed client in-take system is now being utilized by all 125 direct member agencies, and 1,100 affiliates, across the province.

Through this program, the OAFB is able to track real-time data on food bank use and client statistics on an ongoing basis. This provides the OAFB with the information needed to equitably distribute fresh and non-perishable food to its member agencies, develop new and innovative programs that address client and community needs, as well as effectively advocate on behalf of food bank clients in Ontario.

Phase two of this program will include increased data collection and analysis, detailed reporting, and the development of programs that address the root-causes of hunger in our province.

Finances

REVENUE 2014/2015

Total: \$19,783,897

Food and Gifts in Kind.....	\$17,518,431
Food Drives.....	\$1,361,293
Food Program.....	\$266,105
Donations and Grant.....	\$416,121
Conference Fees.....	\$94,398
Membership Dues & Programs.....	\$113,414
Interest and other.....	\$14,135

EXPENDITURES 2014/2015

Total: \$19,910,844

Food & Distribution.....	\$17,621,769
Member Services & Programs.....	\$1,763,057
Administration.....	\$526,018

This financial summary is extracted from our 2014-15 Audited Financial Statements. These statements can be viewed on our website at www.oafb.ca

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When I started donating to organizations, it was strictly on an international level. But the more that I heard about the hardships of the people in my community, the more I wanted to make a difference locally. I'm lucky enough to have a good job, but there are many people in Ontario who aren't so lucky: they have lost their jobs or are underemployed, and greatly benefit from donations to help them meet the needs of their family. Families need to be able to access available resources to ensure their children are successful and their basic needs are met. I chose to become a monthly donor to the Ontario Association of Food Banks because it uses my donation to aid the marginalized members of our community. I feel privileged to be able to contribute in this way.

Bertha Cummins, monthly donor

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How does your dollar grow?

At OAFB we work hard to ensure that every donation received is spent on food and distribution. As a result, 97% of our funding goes directly to our food programs and member services.

For every dollar donated to us, we can acquire and distribute eight dollars' worth of food!

For every dollar we spent in 2014-15, 88 cents were spent directly on food and distribution. Only three cents were spent on administration, and the remaining nine cents were used for our member programs and services.

We do not receive any government funding and therefore rely entirely on the support of our individual donors, foundations and corporate partners – like you!

To make a donation, please call **416-656-4100** or visit our website at oafb.ca/donate

Our Network of Good Samaritans

Acton Acton Foodshare
Ailsa Craig Ailsa Craig & Area Food Bank
Alexandria St. Vincent-de-Paul Food Bank
Alliston The Good Shepherd Food Bank
Bancroft North Hastings Community Cupboard
Barrie Barrie Food Bank
Barry's Bay Madawaska Valley Food Bank
Beamsville Community Care of West Niagara
Belleville Gleaners Food Bank
Belleville Quinte Region Food Share Shelter - Gleaners
Blenheim The Salvation Army (Blenheim)
Blind River Blind River Emergency Food Bank Inc.
Bobcaygeon Bobcaygeon Helps Food Bank
Bolton Caledon Community Services
Brampton The Salvation Army Brampton Food Bank
Brantford Community Resource Service
Brockville Operation Harvest Sharing
Burk's Falls Burk's Falls & District Food Bank
Burlington Partnership West Family Support Network
Caledonia Caledonia & District Food Bank
Cambridge Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank
Campbellford Campbellford Warkworth Fare Share Food Bank
Cardiff Cardiff Community Food Bank
Carleton Place Lanark County Food Bank
Cayuga Cayuga Food Bank
Chatham Chatham Outreach for Hunger
Cobalt Cobalt, Coleman, Latchford and Area Food Bank
Cobourg Northumberland County Fare Share
Cobourg Food 4 All Northumberland
Cochrane Cochrane Food Bank Inc.
Collingwood The Salvation Army Food Bank
Cornwall Centre Agape Centre
Dunnville Salvation Army Dunnville, Community & Family Services
Eganville Eganville & District Community Food Bank

Elliot Lake Elliot Lake Emergency Food Bank Inc.
Erin East Wellington Community Services
Fergus Centre Wellington Food Bank
Fonthill Pelham Cares Inc
Fort Erie The Salvation Army Fort Erie
Gananoque Gananoque & District Food Bank
Georgetown Georgetown Bread Basket
Goderich St. Vincent de Paul
Grimsby Grimsby Benevolent Fund Food Bank
Guelph Guelph Food Bank
Hamilton Hamilton Food Share
Hanover The Salvation Army
Hastings Hastings & Roseneath Ministerial Food Bank
Havelock Havelock & Community Food Bank
Hawkesbury Hawkesbury Food Bank
Ingersoll The Salvation Army Ingersoll
Jarvis Jarvis Caring Cupboard
Kanata Kanata Food Cupboard
Kingston Partners in Mission Food Bank
Kitchener The Food Bank of Waterloo Region
Lake St. Peter Word of Life Outreach
Lanark Lanark Highlands Food Pantry
Lindsay Kawartha Lakes Food Source
Listowel The Salvation Army Community & Family Services
London London Food Bank
L'Orignal Banque Alimentaire de L'Orignal
Mattawa Mattawa and Area Food Bank
Meaford Golden Town Outreach
Midland The Salvation Army - Midland
Mindemoya Manitoulin Family Resources
Minden Minden Food Bank
Mississauga The Mississauga Food Bank
Mount Forest Community Pantry
Mountain House of Lazarus
Napanee The Napanee Salvation Army Food Bank
New Liskeard The Salvation Army

Newcastle Clarington East Food Bank
Newmarket Newmarket Food Pantry
Niagara Falls Project S.H.A.R.E
North Bay North Bay Food Bank
North York North York Harvest Food Bank
Norwich The Salvation Army Family Services & Food Bank
Norwood Asphodel Norwood Ministerial Food Bank
Orangeville Orangeville Food Bank
Orillia The Sharing Place
Oshawa Feed the Need in Durham
Ottawa Ottawa Food Bank
Owen Sound The Salvation Army Community and Family Services
Palmerston Palmerston Food Bank
Paris The Salvation Army - Brantford & Paris
Parry Sound Harvest Share Community Food Bank
Perth The Good Food Bank
Peterborough Kawartha Food Share
Port Colbourne Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre
Port Elgin Salvation Army Community & Family Services
Prescott Food For All Food Bank
Renfrew Renfrew & District Food Bank
Richmond Hill LifeCorps Food Share
Ridgetown Ridgetown Salvation Army Family Services
Sarnia Inn of the Good Shepherd
Sault Ste Marie The Salvation Army Community & Family Services
Seeley's Bay R.O.L.L. Aid Centre
Sharbot Lake North Frontenac Food Bank
Simcoe Simcoe Caring Cupboard
Smiths Falls Smiths Falls Community Food Bank
Smithville West Lincoln Community Care
South River Good Happenings Food Bank
St. Catharines Community Care St. Catharines & Thorold
St. Thomas St. Thomas Elgin Food Bank
Stirling Stirling and Area Christian Community Care

Stratford Stratford House of Blessing
Sudbury Banque D'Aliments Sudbury Food Bank
Sunderland Brock Community Food Bank
Sydenham Southern Frontenac Community Services
Thunder Bay Regional Food Distribution Association
Tillsonburg Helping Hand Food Bank
Toronto Daily Bread Food Bank
Trenton Trenton Care and Share Food Bank
Uxbridge Uxbridge Loaves and Fishes Food Bank
Walkerton Walkerton & District Food Bank
Wallaceburg Wallaceburg Salvation Army Family Services
Warkworth 7 Hills Community Pantry
Wasaga Beach Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank
Waterdown Food with Grace - Waterdown Food Bank
Waterford Waterford and District Food Cupboard
Welland The Hope Centre
Warton The Salvation Army
Winchester Dundas County Food Bank
Windsor Windsor & Essex County Food Bank Association
Wingham North Huron Community Foodshare
Woodstock The Salvation Army Emergency Housing Community & Family Services
Zurich Blessings Community Store & Food Bank

Delivering Hope

This year, the OAFB moved 7 million pounds of food across Ontario to members in 125 communities. As our province is roughly three times the size of Germany, this isn't an easy task! This is why we are so grateful to the transportation companies who partner with us to send food to every corner of Ontario.

To the drivers and staff of Erb Transport, Trucks for Change, Challenger Motor Freight, Kriska Transportation, Meyers Transportation, McGill Transportation, Harland Veinotte Transport, Conray Diamond, Pro North, and CN Rail - we couldn't do what we do without your help.

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