



FoodShare Toronto, Canada's original direct field to table non-profit Community Food Hub, is **looking for a new location as of September 2015**. Our programs concentrate in four key areas – schools, growing, cooking, and fresh produce – focusing efforts on the needs of low-income communities, schools, and marginalized populations following a food justice community development partnership model.

Benefits for Toronto

FoodShare could be an anchor tenant wherever it is situated stewarding positive community development and local employment, as well as attracting other food related organizations and businesses like Toronto's Food Incubator.

Supporting FoodShare's new location could fulfill the City of Toronto's commitment to the Toronto Kitchen Incubator and the Urban Agriculture Demonstration Hub, as a positive community centre helping to increase fresh produce access, creating school learning opportunities, and employment for more than 60 staff.



Location and Accessibility Requirements

FoodShare's current location (90 Croatia Street, Toronto) is in walking distance to 2 subway stations, (Dufferin and Landsdowne) and is less than a 10 minute drive from the Ontario Food Terminal.

To be highest benefit to the hundreds of visitors from schools and communities who come to FoodShare to participate in programs, volunteer, and learn, FoodShare's location must prioritize proximity to public transit, major roadways, and a barrier-free facility.

Space Requirements

FoodShare is looking for **40,000 sq. ft. of indoor space** for its **Community Food Hub** to accommodate its warehouse with loading docks (20,000 sq. ft.), an industrial kitchen and venue space (10,000 sq. ft.), office, program, meeting and storage space (10,000 sq. ft.).

The Hub requires an additional **20,000 sq. ft of outdoor space** for its gardens, compost area, and loading docks.

We hope you will find the information in this Prospectus useful in helping us assess plans for the location of FoodShare's Community Food Hub. For more information please contact:

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Community Food Hub

FoodShare's Community Food Hub brings together 4 program areas in a dynamic space for learning and community development. As we evaluate plans for relocation, the unique spatial needs of each program must be considered to determine the best approach to housing all programs.



Fresh Produce

Access to fresh vegetables and fruit through our Community Food Hub.

FEATURES

- Current warehouse or space that could be made into a warehouse with loading docks
- 20,000 sq. ft



Schools

The strategic centre of a healthy future through healthy food in schools and food literacy education.

FEATURES

- Program and education space



Cooking

Food skills for empowerment, health and choice.

FEATURES

- Industrial Kitchen
- Kitchen Incubator/Teaching Kitchen



Growing

Supporting food growing, composting, and urban agriculture initiatives and demonstrations across the city as learning hubs.

FEATURES

- Outdoor or rooftop space for urban agriculture, composting, and demonstration garden



ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACTS

In 2012, organizational impacts included:

- 765,178 lbs of affordable fresh vegetables and fruit reached 32,660 families delivered through 38,922 Good Food Boxes at 220 Community drop-offs across Toronto.
- 500,000 lbs of affordable fresh vegetables and fruit were delivered to the remote First Nation community of Fort Albany along the James Bay Coast of Ontario – all of this healthy food came through FoodShare's Community Food Hub.
- 144,000 students enjoyed a healthy meal every school day through over 700 universal Student Nutrition Programs, delivered in partnership with school boards, Toronto Public Health and community agencies; 228 of these programs sourced affordable and fresh vegetables and fruit directly from FoodShare.
- 4,680 students participated in hands-on food literacy activities and workshops, and over 500 teachers and community leaders learned from and used our resources and lesson plans.
- 1,200 lbs of fresh vegetables and fruit were harvested at the school Market Garden at Bendale Business and Technical Institute, and we installed a 1,000 gallon aquaponics system in the school's green industries classroom, engaging 75 students in horticulture, business and culinary arts.
- 10,600 nutritious affordable meals were served through our Good Food Café healthy school cafeteria.
- 22,000 kg of organic waste were diverted from landfills creating 10,000 kg of the city's best compost.
- 5,391 volunteers and 12,116 supporters participated to make our vision and mission real.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Depending on the location(s) that FoodShare facilities are situated in, the organization could bring additional place-based features to the community including:

- Kitchen Incubator
- Farmer's Market
- Community Food Hub
- Urban Agriculture Demonstration Site
- Healthy Restaurant

About FoodShare Toronto

FoodShare Toronto is a non-profit community organization whose vision is Good Healthy Food for All.

Founded in 1985 to address hunger in our communities, FoodShare takes a unique long-term approach to hunger and food issues. We work to empower individuals, families and communities through food-based initiatives, while at the same time advocating for the broader public policies needed to ensure that everyone has adequate access to sustainably produced, Good Healthy Food. Working from field to table, we focus on the entire system that puts food on our tables: from the growing, processing and distribution of food to its purchasing, cooking and consumption.

FoodShare is Canada's largest community food security organization, recognized as an important innovator of effective programs that have been reproduced all across Canada. We facilitate empowerment and community development from the ground up, cultivating awareness, building citizenship and enhancing individual and community participation, all the while striving to improve access to good healthy food.

Since its earliest years, FoodShare has recognized that partnerships and advocacy make us stronger and amplify the effects of our work. We pioneer by illustrating what is possible, creating empowering tools and replicable, scalable solution programs to combat universal food problems, then we mentor communities in adapting and growing these solutions. We apply our program models to the direct needs of low-income communities in Toronto, implementing these solutions universally, to remove stigma and because we believe in universal access to Good, Healthy Food for All. FoodShare's community development partnership model means that our work is leveraged exponentially, garnering impacts that reach far beyond Toronto and even Canada.

Our programs focus on four key areas – fresh produce, schools, cooking, and growing – to address and promote social justice through food justice, reaching over 159,000 children and adults per month in Toronto.

These programs include Student Nutrition, Field to Table Schools, the Good Food Café, Focus on Food youth internships, the Good Food Box, Mobile and Good Food Markets, Fresh Bulk Produce for Schools and Community Groups, Baby and Toddler Nutrition, Community Kitchens, Field to Table Catering, the FoodLink Hotline, Power Soups, School Grown, Community Gardens, Composting, Beekeeping and Urban Agriculture.

A long-term multi-faceted approach through innovation and community development for maximum impact

FoodShare pioneers by creating empowering tools and scalable solutions, sharing freely these resources in an open source approach. Our staff work to support and mentor communities in drawing on their own strengths to adapt and grow solutions. This community development partnership model means that our work is leveraged exponentially, garnering impacts that grow as information and skills are adapted and passed along to others and ensuring that each dollar we invest in our programs multiplies, impacting the greatest number of people, providing tools and support that continue giving.

Long-term Vision of ending hunger by ensuring that everyone has access to affordable healthy culturally appropriate food.

Universal Programs help everyone overcome hurdles to “say yes to healthy food,” removing stigma for those who benefit most deeply.

Community Development Partnership Model supports communities with information and tools to honour neighbourhood leadership and strength to adapt and grow.

Social Enterprise Programs pay farmers fairly making high-quality fresh vegetables and fruit, and home cooked meals accessible to all.

