

Program Summary

Community Food Hub

- 1107 breakfasts were served at our weekly Tuesday breakfast drop-in.
- 1395 Good Food Boxes of fresh produce were distributed.
- We engaged 72 seniors at three York Region residences in cooking programs.
- 147 people cooked and shared lunches in our community kitchen.
- 82 people attended skill building workshops.

Urban Agriculture

- We coordinated 253 garden plots in the allotment gardens in Aurora, Markham and Newmarket.
- 22 new plots in Newmarket reduced the waiting list by two years.
- 13 vendors attended the third Annual York Region Seedy Saturday at the Toronto Waldorf School, in partnership with The Village Market.
- We supported 11 school and community gardens through our Seeds for Change initiative.

Food Policy – Education and Awareness

- Our annual Food for Change event, Forking Good Ideas, took place in Newmarket with 110 people registered. This event inspired groups, individuals and organizations in all realms of food literacy, while also forging new connections.
- Market research was undertaken at City of Markham and Town of Aurora Recreation Facilities to understand if patrons were interested in purchasing healthier options in community spaces. Hundreds of patrons shared their food purchasing views with us.
- New partnerships were formed with Alexander Mackenzie High School and Healthy Kids Community Challenge Aurora.

At a Glance

	2015	2014
Total Assets	139,415	199,001
Current Liabilities	57,536	72,469
Net Assets	81,879	126,532
Total Revenue	308,496	385,075
Total Expenditures	353,148	443,003
Excess (Deficiency)	(44,652)	(57,928)

Complete Audited Financial Statements are available upon request



Food for health ... Food for all

The Year in Review

York Region Food Network is proud to be named a Good Food Organization. This is a project of Community Food Centres Canada that recognizes the benefits of shared knowledge and access to training and resources for organizations like ours that believe that good food has the power to build health while connecting and inspiring people to become engaged in issues that matter to them.

We said good bye to the Markham Community Garden after 22 successful seasons and are now working with the City of Markham to coordinate two new children's gardens. Our upStream aquaponics unit in Newmarket closed its doors in December after a great year of sharing hyper local produce, aquaponics knowledge and engagement opportunities with community members, growers, and schools. The legacy lives on as we grow fresh greens in the office with tilapia and gold fish.

Volunteers and community support are integral to the success of our programs and activities: from corporate teams gardening and building composters, to our talented breakfast cooks and Good Food Box sorters, the fundraising team, and our dedicated Board members. Partnerships and collaborations continue to enrich our activities.

We look forward to building and strengthening programs in 2016 as well as promoting healthy food system policies for the benefit of all York Region residents. We are excited to be on a journey to achieve **Food for health – Food for all.**

*Rebecca Kopel, Chair
Joan Stonehocker, Executive Director*

Thank You

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Annual General Report 2015



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York Region Food Network offers programs, raises awareness and promotes policy changes for increased access to affordable and nutritious food produced within a sustainable food system.