

Program Summary

Community Food Hub

- 982 Good Food Boxes of fresh produce distributed, including our new premium local box that was available from July to November
- 909 breakfasts served at our weekly Tuesday drop-in
- The ABC (All Babies Count) group from Richmond Hill attended our Common Stock Community Kitchen program regularly with new and expecting young mothers.
- 182 people participated in our Community Kitchen lunch programs.

Urban Agriculture

- 231 garden plots in the Community Gardens in Aurora, Markham and Newmarket, and 22 new plots planned for the Newmarket Community Garden in 2015
- 6 new raised beds created at the Hesperus Village Seniors Home
- 11 trees registered in The Ripe Idea Neighbourhood Gleaning Program
- Supported 12 school and community gardens in partnership with Seeds for Change
- Over 30 vendors attended our second Annual York Region Seedy Saturday event at Vaughan City Hall

Food Policy – Education and Awareness

- Our most popular Food for Change event yet, Talking Trash, brought together approximately 70 new and existing partners to talk about food waste.
- Over 100 municipal facilities (e.g. community centres, libraries) in York Region were visited to understand what food options are available in public spaces.
- The Growing Good Food in York Region Report is an inventory of food growing in York Region, developed in partnership with York Region Public Health.
- Three experts presented on food insecurity in York Region at 'Have Food Banks Reached their Best Before Date?'

upStream Aquaponics

- About 13 volunteers have donated approximately 17 hours per week, assisting with fish feeding, daily site checks (water testing, etc.), site maintenance, seeding and harvesting
- People have travelled from as far away as Buffalo, Port Colbourne and Parry Sound to visit upStream to learn about aquaponics and how to build their own system
- upStream was awarded \$5000 in the CommunityBuild Mashup and engaged Waterfarmers Consultants to optimize production. Our produce is harvested weekly and distributed through sales at local offices, donated to food banks and used in YRFN meal programs.

York Region Food for Learning (2013 – 2014)

- There were 95 breakfast and 106 snack programs.
- 153 schools in York Region operated student nutrition programs.
- Over 3.3 million healthy breakfast and snacks were served to over 32,000 York Region students.
- Over 1,700 volunteers, including school staff, parents, community members and students supported York Region student nutrition programs.

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The Year in Review

York Region Food Network's programs and activities continue to grow and evolve. Through our strategic planning process we identified the need to *Build our Brand* through social media and presentations, highlighting our Network partners. *Build Organizational Security and Capacity* including strengthened fundraising capabilities and improved technical infrastructure. Finally, we will continue to *Build Programs, Partnerships and Collaborations* with individuals, groups, agencies, and corporations.

Volunteers are vital to all of our activities. They bring extensive commitment to everything from feeding Tilapia at upStream daily to cooking breakfast every week and preparing Good Food Boxes for distribution. We have corporate teams that help us in the community gardens and we have volunteers who ensure our events run smoothly. We are so humbled by the support we get. Thank you to each and every one of you who has worked with us this year.

Our appreciation is extended to our dedicated staff and Board of Directors for their energy and commitment to our vision of **Food for Health ... Food for All.**

Rebecca Kopel, Chair
Joan Stonehocker, Executive Director

At a Glance

	2014	2013
Total Assets	199,001	330,445
Current Liabilities	72,469	145,985
Net Assets	126,532	184,460
Total Revenue	385,075	440,150
Total Expenditures	443,003	447,842
Excess (Deficiency)	(57,928)	(7,692)

Complete Audited Financial Statements are available upon request

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Thank You

York Region Food Network would like to thank the more than 300 individual donors who supported our operations and administration. Without your support, day-to-day operations would be impossible.

We would also like to thank the following for their financial and in-kind support:

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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.