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2021 HIGHLIGHTS AT THE FOOD SHARE

Feeding Possibilities! Grant

In October, 2021 we applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 under the Feeding Possibilities! Grant funded by Feed Ontario. These funds were used to install an air conditioning unit in the Food Share building which has reduced the internal temperature in the hot summer months, making a more safe and comfortable work environment for our volunteers and helping to prolong the lifetime of our walk-in freezer and refrigeration units. We would like to thank Feeding Possibility! for approving our application as this money was well used to improve our facility for the benefit of the entire community.

Food Banks Canada Grant

In the fall of 2021 we applied for and received a grant of \$5,700 from Food Banks Canada. These funds were designated specifically to purchase food for the Food Share and we purchased 1,805 pounds of various meats (ham, ground beef/pork, sausage, chicken legs) to provide to our clients. In particular, we purchased hams to provide in the Christmas baskets. Grants are a very important part of our fundraising and we are extremely gratefully for each one we receive as it ensures we are able to provide our clients with a variety of foods.

Stuff the Bus Campaign

Our 2021 Stuff the Bus Campaign was a huge success, stocking our shelves with a large variety of non-perishable items to support our clients. A big thank you goes out to Montgomery Bus Lines, Dean's Valu-Mart, Foodland (Wingham & Brussels) and all the other small businesses, bus drivers and volunteers who gave their time to collect the food and cash donations, unload the buses and restock the shelves at the Food Share. Many hands make light work and we always have an endless amount of support from the community for this event. We truly appreciate everyone's effort.





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CKNX Relief Truck

Every year the CKNX Relief Truck Campaign held in late November/early December is an important part of the Food Share's funding and helps to replenish the shelves. 2021 was no different and our community came through once again with donations of cash, non-perishable food items, household cleaning products and personal hygiene products. This campaign is so important in enabling us to provide our clients with not only a variety of healthy foods but also cleaning supplies and personal necessities. It is a huge effort to organize and staff for the week and we are never short of volunteers to help. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated once again to make this campaign a success!



Donations

It's impossible to list each and every individual or business who has made a donation to the Food Share in 2021, whether it be cash, food, cleaning supplies, beef/pork, etc. Donations come from every walk of life from small businesses, farmers, individuals and children who have given up their birthday/Christmas money/presents to give back. Every donation matters, none is too small and we appreciate each and every one. Thank you!

Wingham Community Garden & Orchard

We had a good harvest at the Wingham Community Garden and Orchard in 2021 with plenty of rain, heat and sunshine. A total of 1,540 lbs of fruit and vegetables were harvested for the North Huron Food Share in 2021. We had bumper crop of peaches this year with one tree producing 62 lbs of peaches. We received a lot of help from many people in the community. Amy Wright from Wright's Blooms and Kim Delaney from Hawthorn Farm started seeds for the cabbage, Kohlrabi, onions, tomatoes and watermelon. Amy Wright with the watermelon plants. Gerald Jefferson provided straw



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for mulching the garden. Barry's Auto Sales provided a pickup truck to transport the compost to the Township site. Ethan Gangl cut the grass at the orchard all summer. Simon De Boer provided the seed garlic to plant at the garden. Libro Credit Union provided a shed to store our tools and supplies as well as water for irrigating the garden. The Maitland Community Church provides the use of the land for the garden & orchard. Edgar's Feed and Seed provided the seed to use as a cover crop on the garden. The Wingham Community Garden and Orchard is truly a community effort!



Statistics

In 2020 we served 1,956 clients. In 2021 our numbers grew to 2,079. This shows that the need for our services is not declining and increased effort will be needed to continue providing the excellent service to our clients. The following communities are served by the North Huron Community Food Share:

North Huron Community Food Share Catchment Area	
Belgrave	Lucknow
Bluevale	Teeswater
Blyth	Walton
Brussels	Wingham
Fordwich	Wroxeter
Gorrie	