

# SECOND HARVEST TIMES



**Delivering fresh surplus food to those in need.**

## Volunteer of the Year

THE ANNUAL Second Harvest Volunteer Reception was on Thursday, May 3. It was an evening of fun and appreciation celebrating our long-serving volunteers. Second Harvest volunteers and staff gathered in the beautiful boardroom at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP and enjoyed delicious food and wine generously donated by Whole Foods Market, Pauline's Pastries and Churchill Cellars. Each guest received a bag filled with gifts courtesy of Unilever and Ferrero Canada.

Second Harvest Board President Cameron Bramwell presented this year's Golden Forks Award for Volunteer of the Year to Mohamed Rasheed. Mohamed has been volunteering for

Second Harvest for just over a year and has already logged 1,100 volunteer hours as a Driver's Assistant. Getting up before sunrise, Mohamed makes the trek to the Second Harvest Downsview warehouse 3 days a week while still maintaining a full-time job. Mohamed's dedication and enthusiasm to the job are evident to those around him. "He understands the agencies' needs and is so organized on the truck," says Ian Walker, a Second Harvest driver. "He's a big help and certainly makes our jobs easier."

Lunch Money Day Committee Chair Angelo Di Clemente took the podium to recognize several companies who had raised

20% or more this year for Lunch Money Day. Among these winners were Laura Colpitts from Rogers, Jackie Gray Moores and Bobbie McAdam from WSIB and Corus Entertainment represented by Randy Witten.

Executive Director Zoë Cormack Jones also gave a big thank you to all the volunteers in the room. She reminded everyone that without the hard work and dedication of over 1300 volunteers, Second Harvest would not be able to continue to provide over 13,000 meals every day to those in need.

*Photo - L to R:  
Cameron Bramwell, Mohamed Rasheed,  
Zoë Cormack Jones*



*Unfortunately,  
we've got to grow*

... for more details about our Expansion campaign, please see our Guest Editorial, written by Second Harvest's co-founders, Ina Andre and Joan Clayton.

Second Harvest's mission is to help feed hungry people by picking up and preparing excess fresh food and delivering it daily to social service agencies in Toronto. Our vision is that no one need ever go hungry in the communities we serve.

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# Guest editorial

## Ina Andre and Joan Clayton



*Ina Andre (r) and Joan Clayton making a delivery in the early days of Second Harvest.*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** In 1985, when we founded Second Harvest, we never imagined that hunger would still be a problem in our city 22 years later. The harsh reality is that hunger has increased dramatically in that time.

When we started picking up excess fresh food in the back of our hatchbacks, and delivering that food to a few shelters and drop-in centres, we were astonished by the positive reaction, both by food donors and financial supporters and of course the recipient agencies. We realized that we had stumbled upon a good idea – a common sense approach to hunger – and people in Toronto responded with great generosity.

We have since left Second Harvest in the hands of others, and the charity has grown remarkably over the years. Last year, Second Harvest collected and delivered almost 5,000,000 pounds of food to those in need.

Although Second Harvest was created as a temporary solution to hunger, the sad fact is that there will always be people who need help, and there will always be surplus food. Second Harvest has a waiting list of social service programs that are desperate for food support. There are children who are going hungry in our city, and in its present state, Second Harvest simply can not meet those needs.

In order to meet the growing need, Second Harvest must expand their warehouse, fridge and freezer space and office. Fortunately, the space next to their warehouse in Downsview has become available, and so Second Harvest will be renovating the space this fall. Second Harvest will need to raise about \$300,000 to cover those expenses.

You have shown such generosity in the past, and now Second Harvest needs your help again. Please show your support for this amazing charity, which provides fresh food for about 13,000 meals every day. The need is there; the food is there – with your help, we can meet that need.

**Ina Andre**

*Co-founder, Second Harvest*

**Joan Clayton**

*Co-founder, Second Harvest*

**If you would like to help us at this time by making a special donation to Second Harvest, please call us at 416-408-2594 or use the enclosed form. Thank you!**



# bits pieces

AS WE AT SECOND HARVEST start to move forward on our first expansion campaign, I am feeling conflicting emotions. There is a keen sense of sadness that a program like Second Harvest is necessary in a city as wealthy as Toronto. However, I feel very proud that we are so well respected in the community – by the agencies that rely on our deliveries, the food donors who entrust us with their product, the financial donors who know that we are a fiscally responsible charity, and by the hundreds of volunteers who spend their valuable time working with us.

For those of you who attended Toronto Taste this year, you saw over 300 volunteers, wearing their black t-shirts, who hauled ice, cleared dirty dishes, poured water, sold raffle tickets, set up the event, and tore it down. The volunteers were led by a steering committee which was chaired by Anna Withrow and Tracy Wynne. With our small office staff, there is no way we could have pulled off an event of that size without all those volunteers.

We have volunteers who are helping us with our expansion campaign. So far, some of the companies that have signed up to donate

their time and services are Straticom Planning Associates, The Daniels Corporation, Project Control Group, Mulvey & Banani, The Mitchell Partnership Inc., and Halcrow Yolles.

We recently hosted a lovely “thank you” evening at the Fifth, where the superb wine was donated by Vineland Estates, Evian once again supported Second Harvest by contributing water, and the gifts for the guests were donated by our friends at Calphalon Culinary Center.

In June, we were the recipients once again of the Empty Plates fundraiser. Frith Manolson Bail, a long-time Second Harvest supporter, is a pottery teacher who asked her students to make plates for the fundraiser. Tickets were sold at \$50, and each guest received a delicious lunch, served on the hand-made plate of their choice, and then took the plate home as a souvenir. The event raised over \$1500 for Second Harvest, enough to fill many, many plates for Second Harvest recipients.

Finally, Wendy Riggins, who was our Volunteer Coordinator for the last five years, has retired to the balmy shores of

Collingwood. Although technically Wendy worked for Second Harvest on a part-time basis, I know that she put in many hours of her own time, essentially working as a volunteer, and for that she is appreciated. Deanna Rabinovitz stepped into Wendy’s shoes, in a temporary capacity, just before Lunch Money Day, and continued to do a superb job on Toronto Taste. I’m very pleased to welcome Ruth Zuchter, who is the new Volunteer Coordinator. Ruth comes to us with a wealth of experience in Sales and Marketing, and I’m confident that her people-skills and big picture thinking will serve Second Harvest well.

Second Harvest is indeed lucky to have so many fine people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and offer help where it’s needed. As this expansion begins, and we continue to grow, I am comforted by the fact that our volunteers continue to support us in so many ways. We couldn’t do this without you.

*Zoë Cormack Jones*

**Zoë Cormack Jones**  
Executive Director

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# Agency

# profile

## Sketch

AMONG THE HIGH-END RESTAURANTS AND posh clubs of the King Street West district is a hidden space of creativity, community and hope. One of Second Harvest's newest member agencies, Sketch is an art studio that creates opportunities for street youth to engage in the arts in a cross-discipline studio environment or in the community.

For over 10 years, Sketch has been providing art-making opportunities through expression and skills building for young people between the ages 15 to 29 that are street-involved, homeless or who are considered to be at-risk. Studio time, instructional workshops, exhibition and sale of artwork, and connections to apprenticeships in the arts industry are just some of the offerings that Sketch has for its participants.

But Sketch is not only a place for youth who are or want to be artists, it is also a place of welcome, and a relief from the pressures of street life. "This has been the one constant in a lot of our participants' lives," says Sonya Reynolds, Sketch's Program Administrator. Every week, Tuesday through Thursday, Sketch provides a hot meal and additional food

throughout the day for almost 150 street youth. Since Second Harvest has been delivering fresh food to Sketch, they have been able to provide better quality food for their participants. "It's been such a huge help," says Sonya. "Now we even have enough food that people can take some with them which means they are getting better nutrition when they're not here."

Sonya hopes that in the future, they will have even more healthy food options in the Free Food Cupboard and getting the community more involved through development of food-related programs where a volunteer or participant would create their own specialty food and teach others in their community.



*Left to right: Dewky (SKETCH participant), Chad Mohr (Operations Administrator) and Sonya Reynolds (Program Administrator).*



# Partners

ONE OF THE THREE GOALS of the strategic plan for Second Harvest is to build stronger partnerships in the community, whether it is with food or financial donors, volunteers, or other charities.

Second Harvest is working hand-in-hand with food relief agencies in the city. The Executive Directors of Second Harvest, Daily Bread Food Bank, North York Harvest, The Stop, The Red Cross, and Food Share meet quarterly to discuss and problem-solve mutual challenges and issues. As well, staff from Daily Bread and North York Harvest work together on Second Harvest's Agency Relations Committee.

Twice a year, Second Harvest offers a one-day workshop to recipient agencies. In May, that workshop was held at College Street United Church. Over 80 agencies were involved, attending workshops like Nutrition, Advocacy, and Food Handling. During the lunch, Second Harvest's Agency Coordinator Beverley Bird spoke to a number of the food coordinators, who talked to her about the food that they get from Second Harvest.

Lina, who works at Evangel Hall said, "Second Harvest is such a blessing. We rely on you for meat, produce and beverages and it really helps with our budget."

Over the course of the year, Second Harvest staff gave advice to groups across the country (Victoria, Windsor, London, Ottawa) and around the world (Israel, England and Denmark) on how to start and run a food recovery program.

Last year Second Harvest had representation at both the Ontario Association of Food Banks' and the Canadian Association of Food Banks' Annual General Meetings.

Finally, America's Second Harvest is another good example of a solid partnership. Second Harvest staff calls them for advice, attend any pertinent conferences, and in August, Kate Ledgley, the Manager of Operations, will be spending two days learning from the Operations staff of City Harvest in New York.

Over the last 22 years, Second Harvest has forged many important partnerships, but there is always room for more.



IN ADDITION to being a Toronto Taste supporter since 2002, Sun Life Financial this year presented the first-ever Live Auction at Toronto Taste.

Even though two years ago their charitable focus changed to health, the enormous success of Taste has encouraged Sun Life Financial to make an exception for Second Harvest and continue their support of this event. "It must be one of the best fundraising events in the country," says Linda MacKenzie, Director of Philanthropy for Sun Life Financial. "It raises almost half a million dollars for a great cause." Having watched the event for

the last five years, MacKenzie comments that there's value at Toronto Taste for everyone involved. "Guests get to try little tastings from participating restaurants that they might not be familiar with, perhaps resulting in them patronizing these restaurants in the future."

Sun Life's generosity has reached many other charities such as The Reh-Fit Centre at the Manitoba Cardiac Institute, Entraide Grands Brûlés (Help for the Severely Burned) and Acadia University's SMILE Program (Sensory Motor Instructional Leadership Experience) which offers children with special needs the opportunity to enhance vital physical skills and motor patterns.

In Canada, Sun Life Financial is a leading financial services company by virtually any measure and has relationships with over six million Canadians. Without the help of Sun Life Financial, Toronto Taste could not generate the needed funds to help Second Harvest continue their work in providing approximately 13,000 meals to those in need in our city.

# TORONTO TASTE

ON A BEAUTIFUL SUNDAY IN JUNE, close to 2,000 people passed through the elegant doors of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre to partake in Toronto Taste, presented by the Daniels Corporation. Second Harvest's annual summer fundraising gala, now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, offered mouth-watering treats like Lobster Poached in Ice Wine, Pickled Wild Leeks, Raspberry Cream in Dark Chocolate Cups, and Pahari Chicken. The wine and beer flowed like water; the martinis were delicious; and the great coffee was the perfect ending to the evening. This year the launch of the Live Auction sponsored by Sun Life Financial proved extremely successful, raising \$18,000 for Second Harvest. The Silent Auction, which offered



items ranging from a Bosch dishwasher to fabulous All-Clad kitchen goodies, to a fun electric scooter, raised over \$33,000, and the Fine Wine Auction, featuring fantastic wine, raised about \$24,000.

And who were the lucky winners of the raffle? First prize, a 9-night deluxe air-inclusive luxury vacation package for two to Beijing, Xian and Shanghai presented by Tour East Holidays in partnership with United Airlines was won by Andrea Wahbe. Second prize, which was won by Jeff Kreklewich, was a \$4,000 shopping spree at the always-fantastic Williams-Sonoma. Third prize, a gorgeous Weber Genesis S-320 gas grill, was won by Lorraine Ramalho.



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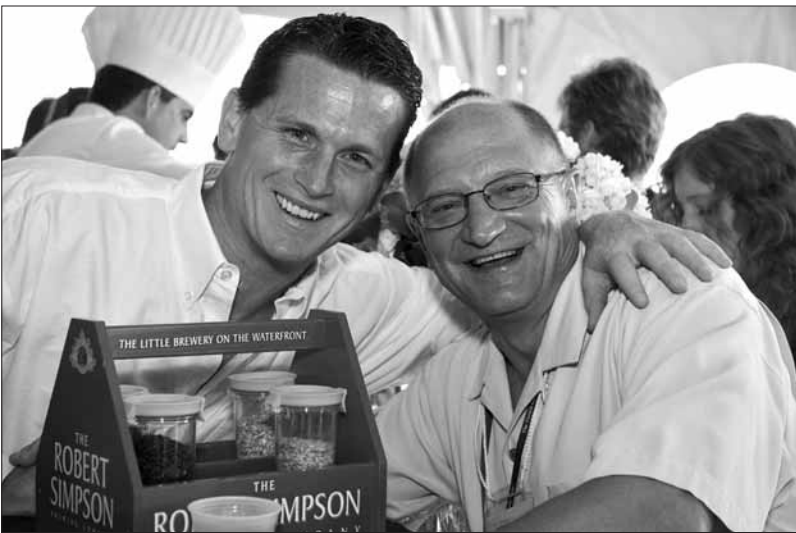
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# Food Donor

# profile

## Newman/Haas/Lanigan

FROM INTERNATIONAL food suppliers to local organic farmers, Second Harvest's food donors share a common vision to help in the fight against hunger. Though the majority of food donors come from the food sector, sometimes this vision reaches beyond this industry – far beyond.

Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing (formerly Newman/Haas) began when Paul Newman (yes, THAT Paul Newman) and Carl Haas, a businessman and race car driver from Chicago, joined forces for a Championship car team in 1983. Since their first season, they have collected many wins, poles and track records with talented drivers such as Mario and Michael Andretti, Paul Tracy and Paul Newman himself. Michael Lanigan became a partner in the team in 2007.

Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing has been donating fresh and prepared food to Second Harvest since 1987. Mary-Linn Murphy and her husband run the team's hospitality unit

and keep the team properly nourished to compete in the Grand Prix of Toronto every summer. Mary-Linn's belief that good food should not be wasted was what drove her to call Second Harvest in the first place. "To me, it's a horror to see people throw things out," describes Mary-Linn. "It's such a waste and Second Harvest is very helpful to come in and make sure it goes to those who need it." Steak, salmon fillets, pasta salad and fresh fruit are just some of the amazing foods Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing has donated.

Mary-Linn's belief has not gone unnoticed by other Champ car teams. Mary-Linn organizes the "Champ Car Drives Away Hunger" campaign, where all Champ car members donate the leftover prepared food from their banquets to Second Harvest in Toronto and help support other organizations such as Angel Harvest in California and the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps, Paul Newman's own charity.



## Capital One® Raises the Bar

FOR ONE WEEK IN MAY, Capital One issued a challenge to all employees and departments to see who could bring in the most food to donate to Second Harvest. When the week was up, Capital One employees had raised over 3,000 lbs of perishable and non-perishable food.

Capital One's support for Second Harvest has gone beyond food drives through their spon-

sorship of Toronto Taste, employees volunteering for food sorting this summer and the upcoming Turkey Drive in December, and their generous financial donation that will allow Second Harvest to purchase a much-needed truck this coming year.

Once again, Second Harvest is grateful for the support of food, funds and folks!



# Through the Drivers' Eyes

**SECOND HARVEST HAS 12 FULL- AND PART-TIME DRIVERS WHO, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, TRAVEL TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE CITY, PICKING UP FOOD DONATIONS, AND QUICKLY DELIVERING THAT FOOD TO 240 SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS. IN AN AROUND-THE-TABLE DISCUSSION WITH SOME OF THE DRIVERS, HERE'S WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOB.**



Some of the Second Harvest drivers (left to right): Dan Corcoran, Tom Montag, Matt van Elsen, Sami Abdurahim, Blayne Walker, Thomas Morrell, and Isaac Bissue.

*"I love places that will take anything, and you know it won't go to waste. If I have 2 boxes of lemons, the bigger food banks will take them, and I know they'll do something with all those lemons."*

*"There's a real sense of satisfaction going out with a full truck and coming back empty."*

*"Every day there's enough food to fill all those trucks. It's phenomenal, when you think about it."*

*"I think the chefs at Harvest Kitchens are magicians – we give them the raw products and they turn it into an amazing meal."*

*"We get to meet lots of different people from all walks of life. You see such a range of people – the donors, the agency folks, the volunteers."*

*"I'm amazed by the generosity of the food donors."*

*"I've built some nice friendships with the agency people."*

*"I like coming in in the morning and you don't know what's going to happen that day. You might be down a truck, you might be on a different route – it keeps the job interesting."*

*"The thank you's, and God Bless You's, and the gratitude."*

*"We've got a good group of drivers who are very flexible. We work as a team so you don't have to rely on any one person."*

*"I get to see parts of the city that I would never see. The insides of the warehouses and factories that aren't open to the public, and as soon as they see our green shirts, we're welcomed like V.I.P.s."*

*"I love it when someone – like a homeless guy – recognizes the truck and waves. Especially downtown, I figure we've probably fed him at some point."*

**LIKE ANY JOB, THERE ARE ALWAYS CHALLENGES, AND THE DRIVERS OFFERED SOME INSIGHTS INTO WHAT MAKES THEIR JOB DIFFICULT.**

*"It's physically and emotionally challenging."*

*"I hate it when you drop a box of tomatoes on your foot – so messy!"*

*"We go out in any weather. We love the sunny, dry days. The snow... not so much!"*

*"You just learn as you go. You learn the routes; you learn how to balance how much food to give each agency along the route."*

*"Because people are depending on us, sometimes they expect us there at exactly the same time every day. Hey, even the phone companies say they'll arrive between 8 and 8!"*

*"Sometimes you really have to be a salesman with the food. Explain to the agencies how to use a cactus pear, or blue cheese, or some other food that they may not know."*

# RBC Supporting Second Harvest



L to R: Stephen Voisin, Second Harvest Manager of Development Rachel Agnoluzzi, Jennifer Tory, Zoë Cormack Jones, and children from Alexandra Park.

WITH A GOAL to ensure that children throughout Toronto regularly receive fresh, wholesome food, despite their families' economic challenges, the RBC Foundation has generously donated \$20,000 to Second Harvest.

Second Harvest's Executive Director, Zoë Cormack Jones, is thrilled with the donation. "Every dollar we raise is enough to provide 3 meals, so with the generosity of the RBC Foundation, we can ensure that nutritious food for about 60,000 meals will be delivered to those most in need."

In an effort to see their dollars at work, Jennifer Tory, Regional President, Greater Toronto Region, and Stephen Voisin, Executive

Director, RBC Foundation rode on one of the Second Harvest trucks on June 18th, delivering food to some of the 240 social service programs that Second Harvest serves.

"I'm so glad we spent the morning with our Second Harvest driver, Blayne, delivering food to some of the Toronto-area community programs which RBC supports throughout the year. It was a great opportunity to see first-hand how Second Harvest and RBC can partner with local organizations to make a real difference in the lives of children and their families," said Tory.

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### Running for Second Harvest

What are you doing on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>? Running or walking in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, of course! You can support Second Harvest by participating in the 5k, half or full marathon and collecting pledges to fight hunger in our city. Make it a family affair – the 5k is open to all ages and abilities (wheel-chairs only, no strollers). If you can't make it the day of, consider sponsoring another Second Harvest runner. Last year the marathon raised \$13,000.

To register or if you have any questions, please contact Marnie at 416-408-2594 or email [marnies@secondharvest.ca](mailto:marnies@secondharvest.ca).

### Need a Speaker?

Talks can range from 10 minutes to an hour, and can be geared to any age group. We can cover the basics of how Second Harvest operates, to education and awareness about hunger issues in our community. Please call Abby at 416-408-2594.

### 'Dis and Data

In May, Second Harvest switched its database system to a new program, SAGE FR100. In the process, there have been a few "hiccups". If there is something wrong with your address or information, please send an email to [tanyap@secondharvest.ca](mailto:tanyap@secondharvest.ca) or call Tanya at 416-408-2594. Thank you!

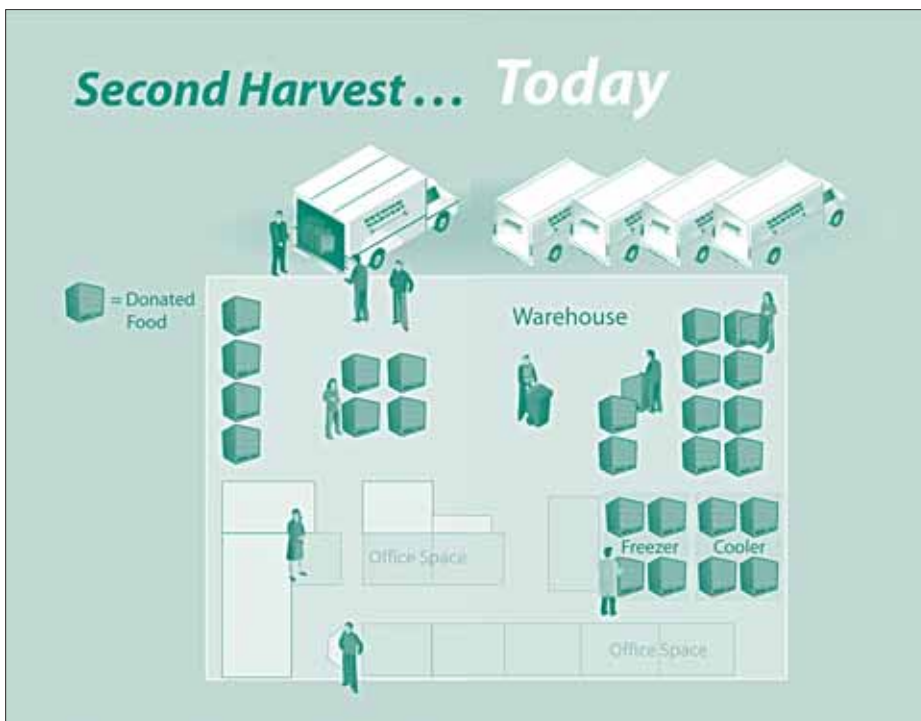
### Think about Second Harvest this summer...

Planning a BBQ? How about adding a charitable component? Ask your guests to make a donation (financial or non-perishable item) for Second Harvest. Or, how about an old-fashioned bake sale/lemon-aid stand? Get your kids involved so that they learn about Second Harvest. Or convince your colleagues that summer is a great time to do an office yard sale, with proceeds going to Second Harvest. The sky's the limit and Second Harvest appreciates anything you can do to help!



# Hunger is on the Rise

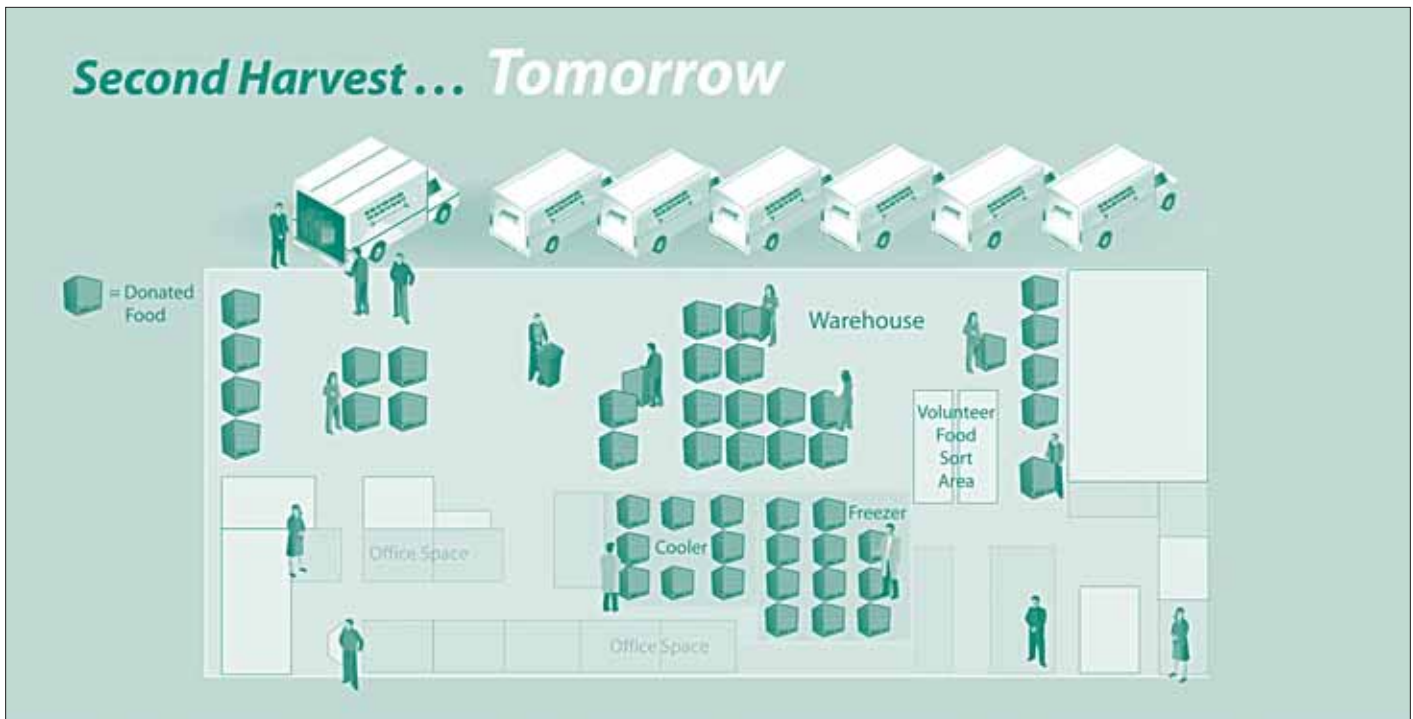
## Second Harvest... Today



SECOND HARVEST has reached capacity at our current location, and we need to expand.

With your support, we could increase our fridge and freezer space to take more fresh food donations, and have more volunteers in our warehouse to help keep our overhead costs low. Your support will help us to deliver more food to feed people in need.

## Second Harvest... Tomorrow



# Food for Thought

## WHAT DOES THE WORD "GROWTH" MEAN TO YOU?

If you're a gardener, growth can be great if you're cultivating vegetables, or not-so-great, if you're losing the battle with weeds.

If you're a parent, growth is a bittersweet feeling. It's wonderful to see your children grow up, but sometimes you wish they could stay innocent babies forever.

If you work in the for-profit world, a company's growth is celebrated. But for a non-profit organization, growth is often tinged with sadness.

This city is growing. We can see it in positive ways – with the renovations of the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum and the Opera House. The cultural landscape

of Toronto has never been healthier. The housing market continues to boom, particularly with high-end condominiums. People flock to the city, excited and optimistic about the growth.

The growth of Second Harvest is also a reality of the expansion of the city. There are too many people in our city who are struggling and need our food deliveries. We have 28 social service programs that are on our waiting list, desperate for fresh food. Our growth means that we will be able to remove those names from our waiting list, but we can predict that the growth will continue.

When Second Harvest commits to delivering food on a regular basis to an agency, it means that the agency can then re-direct

their dollars to their programs. These programs might be educating teen mothers, helping homeless people find housing, providing counseling for people with substance abuse problems, or helping kids with their homework in an after-school program.

We are grateful that we have supporters who are able to think long-term about this growth, and see that although this expansion will cost over a quarter of a million dollars, the new space will enable Second Harvest to continue to provide sustenance for those most in need in our city.



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