

Areas for Support

Food Education Program Funding:

In 2020, Growing Chefs! Ontario opened a new Food Education Centre at The Grove at the Western Fair District, equipped with a teaching kitchen, learning gardens, a heated greenhouse and an unheated hoop house. Each year, we welcome over 10,000 children to participate in school, community and public programs. Contributions in support of these programs help ensure that no child or family experiences financial barriers to accessing our programming. **Help us reach our funding goal this year!**

Funding Goal: \$530,500

Participant Goal: 10,000 ~ Average Cost Per Participant: \$53.05

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"My daughter absolutely loves this program. It is very child friendly, open and engaging, encourages growth and development of skills both in the kitchen and interpersonally with others as they learn during class and also encourages curiosity about food, culture, acceptance of new foods, tastes and textures and using your five senses. I absolutely love the program and feel so fortunate to have such a great opportunity for my child to grow and develop their love of food and cooking in my community." - Lisa R



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All Growing Chefs! Ontario food education programs provide hands-on experiential learning opportunities for children, designed to build cooking skills, food literacy and an understanding of food systems. **Funds raised will be used to subsidize programming costs, helping to address multi-year waitlists and an unprecedented demand for food education programs.** Below is some of the feedback we've received from families that attend our programs!

We definitely have the demand, so our next step is to establish ongoing, local, financial support to keep up with it! This will also help us establish that our program model can be used as a template to expand and improve food literacy programs in communities across the province.

"My child loves playing in the kitchen and is learning how to mix, cut and measure ingredients during these classes. I can say her participation in the classes has sparked a love for cooking and exploring different food combinations. The classes have also made her more adventurous in trying foods she didn't think she liked before. It's a win-win experience!" - Romina Y

