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Growing Chefs! 2021-22 Food Education Projects Funding:

Our education projects include three streams: virtual programs for schools, in-person programming at The Grove, and in-person school trips and family programming (when we are allowed to relaunch them)! We plan to deliver programming 3 to 4 days per week throughout the 2021-22 school year-a number equal to pre-pandemic days!

Interested in corporate sponsorship benefits for these projects? Our Sponsorship Benefits package outlines how we will recognize your business's contribution.

Funding Goal: \$135,000

Social Enterprise Enhancements Funding:

Help rebuild our social enterprise that provides our sustainable income! Pre-pandemic, Growing Chefs! Ontario generated enough revenue through our social enterprises (The Beet School Lunch Program and Events at Headquarters) to entirely cover the organization's overhead and administrative costs. With Headquarters still closed for in-person events and school lunch programs at a reduced capacity due to COVID restrictions, we need resources to work towards a full reopening in 2022.

Funding Goal: \$150,000



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The New Hoophouse Project Funding:

Community Food Box is a pay-it-forward Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Growing Chefs! Ontario's donors can "purchase" bi-monthly food boxes to be delivered at no cost to families who are food insecure. This is a partnership with the Ontario Student Nutrition Program South West Region (OSNP), which oversees breakfast, snack, and nutrition programs in over 480 schools in S.W. Ontario.

The OSNP will help to identify families to receive the food boxes. These families already have relationships with their schools and OSNP through school student nutrition programs. This creates a seamless access point without asking participating families to go through a new process or connect with another support agency while also reducing overhead and administrative costs for the project. The boxes will leverage existing resources like using fresh vegetables grown in our brand new Hoophouse at The Grove and use existing communication and support channels within our organizations.

Funding Goal: \$50,000

