

Areas for Support

Growing Chefs! 2022-23 Food Education Projects Funding:

Our education projects are offered both in-person and virtually and fall into three categories: school programs, community programs and garden programs. Contributions in support of these programs help ensure that no child or family experiences financial barriers to accessing our programming.

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

Funding Goal: \$167,500

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 enterprise (The Beet School Lunch Program and Events at Headquarters) to entirely cover the organization's overhead and administrative costs. Contributions in support of our social enterprises will help support the full reopening of our Headquarters to in-person events in 2022-23.

Funding Goal: \$150,00



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The Community 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 expanding Community Hoophouse Project at The Grove and use existing communication and support channels within our organizations.

Cost per food box: \$35

Cost per family per year: \$1,000

Total Funding Goal: \$50,000

