

Rooted in Resilience

This past year has been one of great challenges and amazing accomplishments. As Co-Chair of the Board, I would like to share some highlights.

In early 2025, our neighbour, Norm Edelman, generously contributed six garden boxes to our inventory. Thank you Norm.

With leadership from Tina Lirette, co-chair, we significantly updated, improved and enhanced our policies. While this job never ends, it is on a smoother road than it has ever been. A monumental task well done!

We welcomed two new Board members, Raymond Simoni and Grant Elliot, who bring knowledge in financial systems and management. Sadly, we will say goodbye to Sarah Dobell and myself, P'nina Shames. Thank you, Sarah, for all your hard work and thank you, NCFC, for the privilege of serving an outstanding organization.

We were sad to accept the resignation of Executive Director, Alex Hawes. Her time with NCFC saw growth, new partnerships, solidifying of our programs, and a deep commitment to food security. We also accepted the resignation of employee Andrew Creighton. We wish them both the very best in their new endeavours.

We are fortunate to have attracted our new Executive Director, Gord Androsoff, who comes from Saskatchewan, and brings a background in non profits, food security and program development. We also welcome in a new role, Monica Ruiz, as Operations Manager.

Finally, I would like to thank staff, volunteers, donors and fellow Board members, without whom, we would be here, but so much smaller than we are now. The future is bright.

BOARD CO-CHAIR

P'nina Shames





7,576
*total program
 participant visits*

2,100
total volunteer hours

7,254
meals were served

592
*food boxes delivered through
 our Good Food Drop program*

312
*individuals on average supported
 each month through the Good Food
 Bank (roughly 134 households)*

5,806
bags of groceries given out

1,613 lbs
*of fresh produce harvested
 from our gardens*

Year in Review

This year we focused on strengthening the foundations that sustain our work — financial stability, building systems, and expanded staff capacity.

Since the launch of the Gathering Table in March, we have served thousands of meals through a mix of onsite dining, take-home offerings, and Good Food Bank lunches. The No Cook program has been instrumental in expanding access to low-barrier, ready-to-eat options through partnerships with the Nelson Committee on Homelessness (NCOH), Ankors and the Drop-in Centre.

The Good Food Bank continued operating market-style, serving many households including new community members, and distributing thousands of grocery bags. To reduce access barriers, the Good Food Drop Program delivered regular food boxes to households facing transportation and health challenges.

Our Food Skills initiatives offered multiple multi-week programs and community workshops focused on building confidence and skills for preparing healthy food. Garden projects expanded with new raised beds and improved composting systems, producing fresh, locally grown produce to support our programming. These efforts were supported by a dedicated volunteer team donating significant time.

In partnership with Elka Root Farm Conservation Society, we launched a community food box initiative to provide fresh, certified organic food to large families, women-led households, and pregnant people, improving food security and nutrition for those facing adversity.

We hosted free tax clinics through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, helping many households file their taxes and access returns. Through our partnership with the BC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Coupon Program, we distributed coupons to community members facing barriers to fresh, nutritious food, enabling purchases of locally produced vegetables, fruit, eggs, dairy, and more.

“Thank you for the phenomenal holiday dinner you and your team put on! I really appreciate all you do!”

COMMUNITY MEAL GUEST



Our new garden boxes donated by our neighbour Norm Edelman.



Volunteers ready to serve dinner at a Gathering Table community meal.



Food ready to be delivered for our Good Food Drop and No Cook programs.

“I have learned so much. This is the first time I used an oven and now I am excited to bake at home.”

FOOD SKILLS PARTICIPANT



Growing with Right to Food

We are proud to be part of Right to Food (formerly Community Food Centres Canada), a national network working to transform how Canada addresses food insecurity through a dignity-first approach.

Right to Food partners with Community Food Centres across the country — providing funding, training, and opportunities for shared learning, while advancing policy change so everyone can access good food. Together, we believe food is never just food. It’s about dignity, health, and connection. Founded in 2012 as Community Food Centres Canada, Right to Food continues to work alongside communities to strengthen local programs and build a more just food system.

Learn more at righttofood.ca.

OUR VISION

A thriving community where people come together around good food for all.

OUR MISSION

To create opportunities for people facing adversity to share, connect and advocate around good food.

A Huge Thanks!

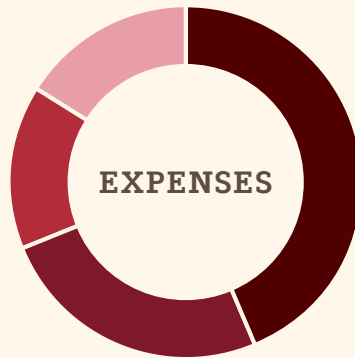
We couldn't have delivered our programs this year without the incredible support of our community—thank you. To our dedicated volunteers, whose thousands of hours of time, care, and energy are the backbone of our work, we are deeply grateful. We also extend our sincere thanks to more than 500 individual donors, our generous partners—including Right To Food Canada—and the schools and volunteer groups who helped keep our shelves stocked. We are especially thankful to our local farmers, backyard growers, and producers, whose fresh food brought nourishment and abundance to our tables. To our Board of Directors, thank you for your leadership, and to our participants, who inspire us every day with the power of community. Here's to another year of connection and good food. Due to space constraints, only major donors and funders are listed here.

Donors and funders

- » Right to Food
- » Columbia Basin Trust
- » CNOOC Petroleum North America
- » Food Banks BC
- » D-Pace
- » Nelson & District Credit Union
- » BC Association of Community Response Networks
- » Rotary Club of Nelson Daybreak
- » Societa Italo Canadese di Nelson
- » Sysco
- » Wildlife Genetics International
- » Osprey Foundation
- » Hume Hotel
- » Kootenay Co-op
- » United Way BC
- » West Kootenay Motorcycle Association
- » Kootenay Tamil Kitchen
- » Province of BC
- » Govt of Canada
- » Silverking Tofu
- » Bent Plow Farm
- » Crooked Horn Farm
- » Scoop Excavating
- » Mark Cherry
- » Harrop Procter Forest Products
- » Tandoori Grill
- » Linden Lane Farms
- » Elk Root Conservation Society
- » Oso Negro

Financial Snapshot

Fiscal Year // November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025



Revenues

- Donations 51.1%
- Govt Grants 28.4%
- Grants Foundations & Private 18.1%
- Capital Contributions recognized 2.3%
- Interest income .1%

Expenses

- Programs 25.3%
- Staffing 43.8%
- Operations 15%
- Amortization 15%
- Bank charges and interest .9%

Current Staff

Gord Androsoff, Executive Director
Monica Ruiz, Operations Manager
Rae McBurney, Good Food Bank Coordinator
Rosemary Fabius, Community Navigator & Volunteer Coordinator
Ainsleah Hastings, Community Chef & Kitchen Coordinator
Emil Fischer, Garden Coordinator
Bee Stevens, Food Skills Coordinator (on leave)
Keiko Lee-Hem, Interim Food Skills Coordinator
Maureen Albersworth, Kitchen Assistant

NELSON

COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

A Right To Food Partner

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Nelson Community Food Centre acknowledges our respect for, and deep gratitude to, all the ancestors and keepers of the land on whose unceded traditional territories we are honoured to live, cook, play and work.