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PAID PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITY

MY SEAT AT THE TABLE

In 10 photos, express what hunger and poverty look like. A picture speaks a thousand words.

Participants are encouraged to use this as an opportunity to show and voice their concerns related to food access. All photos will be showcased at a grand unveiling.

10 photos with captions in exchange for a \$40 GROCERY STORE GIFT CARD



MY SEAT AT THE TABLE SCARBOROUGH SIGN LAUNCH

Feed Scarborough's My Seat at the Table Project invited residents, volunteers, and foodbank clients to show what hunger and poverty look like to them through a collection of photographs. These photographs will be displayed on the Scarborough sign which will be unveiled on Saturday December 4th at 12 noon at 3595 St. Clair Ave East. Everyone is invited to attend this unveiling ceremony. The sign will be available for the public to see at any time.



GET TO KNOW THE TEAM

Hello! My name is Julia Sabharwal. I started volunteering with Feed Scarborough in the fall of 2020. During that time and up until this point, I have helped with numerous projects that include: educational campaigns, community leaders, assisting with the in-person/online grocery store model handbook, volunteer coordination and the mobile farmer's market. In my spare time, I enjoy creating abstract art pieces that include magnets, wall art and home/office décor. Feed Scarborough does such amazing work for the Southwest Scarborough community and I am excited to be part of the team!



HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER

From October 29th to 30th, Feed Scarborough transformed our warehouse into a Spooooky Haunted House, pumpkin patch, vendor market and costume party. Although the weekend greeted us with not so nice weather with wind and rain, community members came out to have a spooky time full of fall and Halloween activities like the crowd favourite farm hoppers in the pumpkin patch. We would like to thank everyone involved that made this weekend such a success. Thank you volunteers, community members, vendors, and community partners!!

LEAVING THE TEAM

It was just over a year ago that Dawit first became a part of the Feed Scarborough family. After immigrating here from Ethiopia, Dawit (his wife and 2 kids) settled here in Southwest Scarborough. Dawit, who first joined Feed Scarborough as a client, was very interested in giving back and wanted to volunteer. Since the pandemic hit, Feed Scarborough has done nothing but continue to grow and we needed all the help we could get. From day one, Dawit has always come into work with a smile on his face, a burst of energy and eager to do whatever he can to help. This didn't go unnoticed, so when an unexpected opening came up for our Healthy Meal Coordinator, he was the first person we thought of. He accepted the position and very quickly became known as Mr. Meals to our team and the clients with whom he served each week. This past spring/summer Feed Scarborough launched another new program, our Mobile Market where we sold locally grown fruits and vegetables. Mr. Meals was now also Mr. Wheels. We always knew the Mobile Market was only temporary and so was Dawit's time with Feed Scarborough, but we didn't know they would end together. As Dawit closes his chapter with Feed Scarborough, we wish him all the best as he goes back to school to pursue his dreams and open a new chapter. Although his time with Feed Scarborough may be done, he will always be a part of the Feed Scarborough family. All the best Dawit!!



GARDEN SEASON CLOSURE

October has been quite a busy month for both of Feed Scarborough's gardens! At our Scarborough Art's Community Garden, the team was busy wrapping up the garden season. The last of the season's veggies were harvested, plants were uprooted and broken down and returned to the soil, and white clover was planted to supply nutrients into the soil during the winter. The Youth Leaders Garden Program was also wrapped up. With over 25 students who were able to engage with the garden, with each other and learn so much about the garden and gardening, the program was an amazing success! Thank you to Kelly Pollock, Azreen Sikder, Penny Ballagh and Margot Taylor, who were instrumental in running the youth program! A huge shout out also to our wonderful and dedicated Garden Maintenance Team at the Scarborough Art's Community Garden who came along the journey of our garden since it was just an idea, through to the completion of its first garden season. The team's support, hands-on work and recommendations made a huge difference in the garden and we hope to see many familiar youth and volunteer faces next year when we start the second garden season!

The Scarborough Urban Junction Farm had a successful harvest of amazing veggies and herbs! The harvest from the gardens have been shared with clients from our food banks and Healthy Meal Program, who have expressed how fresh and tasty the garden produce is. At the Scarborough Urban Junction Farm, we also held our Volunteer Appreciation Night and Donor Appreciation Night. Many guests attended and enjoyed the ambiance of the garden, especially the fairy lights and green space.

If you are interested in hosting your event at our garden and enjoy the ambience both in day time and under the lights, please contact us at info@feedscarborough.ca



THANKSGIVING TURKEY GIVE AWAY

Well another great Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway is in the books. With the help of Carol Foderick, a local realtor and huge supporter of Feed Scarborough and donations from the community, we hit our goal and were able to distribute 300 turkeys to families just in time for Thanksgiving weekend. Now, it's time to do it all over again, as we start preparing for the Holiday season that will be here before we know it. Gobble Gobble! 🦃

