

# Mt. Pleasant Legion #177

## ● Branch of Potential ●

### Community Partner



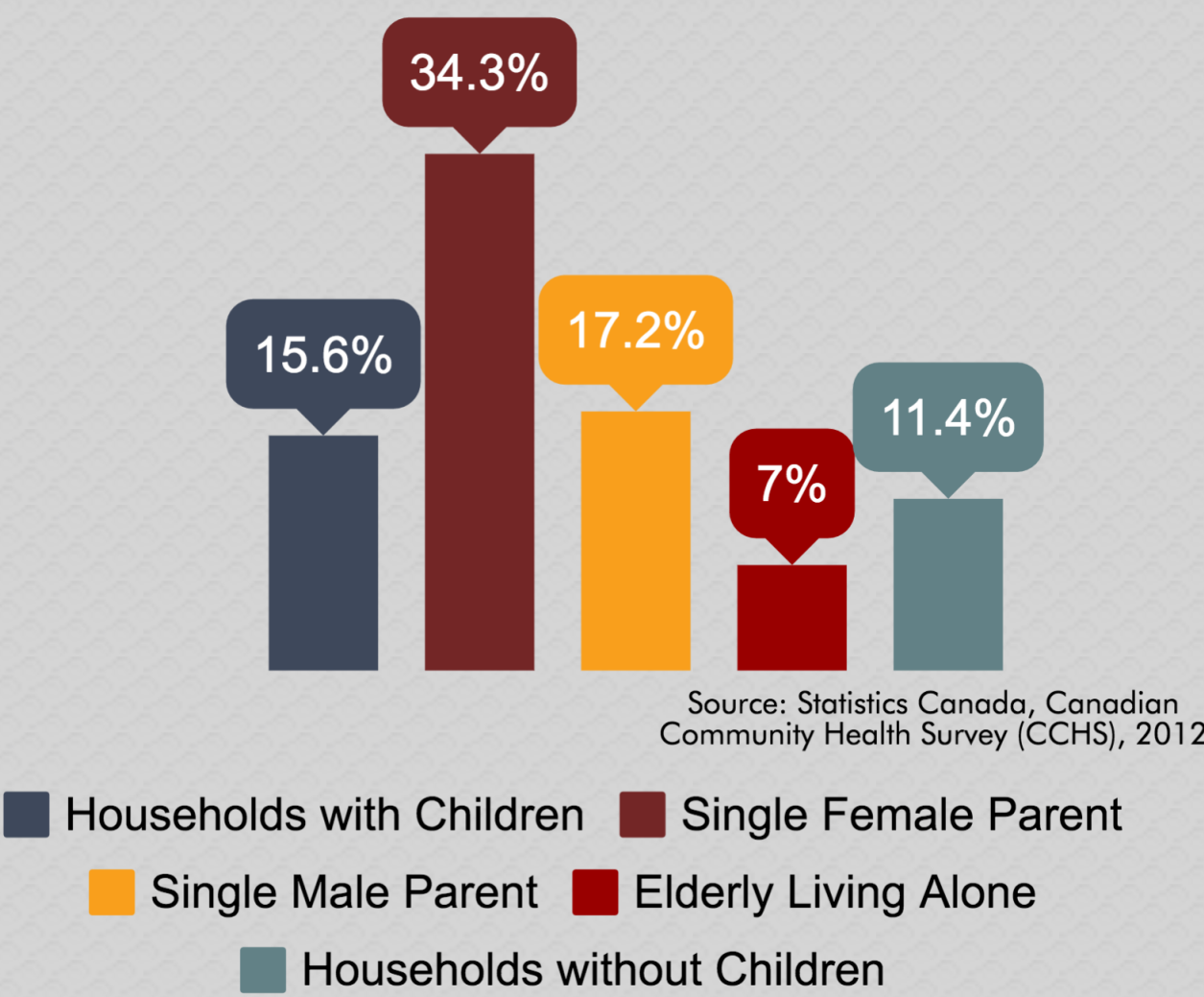
Increase in food assets by 2020  
- Vancouver Food Strategy (1)



Is there potential for Legions with commercialized kitchens to serve the broader community as food assets?

### Why Does it Matter?

Food Insecure Households



### Mt. Pleasant Legion



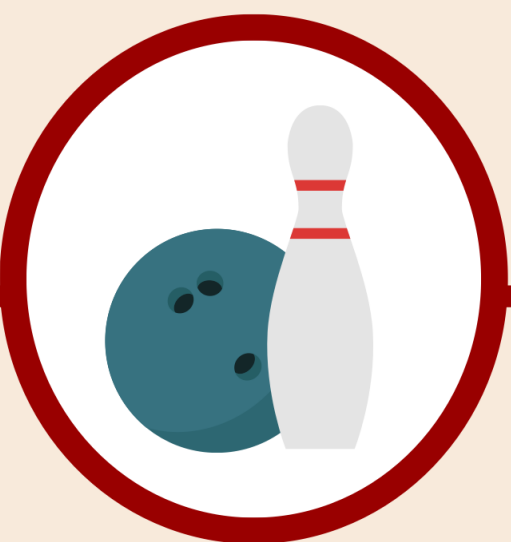
■ Current Membership (9.09%)  
■ Historical Membership (90.91%)



Gathering space and resource centre to veterans and members, focusing on "representation, advocacy, and financial assistance" (2)

### Our Findings

Due to scheduling conflicts we were not able to conduct interviews, and only have informal observations for results



### Implications

"Community kitchens [...] help address food security concerns [...] by empowering individuals to enhance their own food security and by contributing to the community's capacity to feed itself." (3)

#### Kitchen Space

Complete kitchen with full catering facilities that are rarely used.

#### Banquet Events

Accommodates up to 110 guests for senior banquets.

#### Social Space

Weekly bowling programs with coffee & tea.

#### Support Network

Volunteer opportunities and community for local seniors.

### Takeaways

#### #1 Make Connections

- ❖ Mt. Pleasant Legion is a close-knit community
- ❖ Pre-existing community partners for facilitation
- ❖ Be aware of important events for scheduling

#### #2 Establish Trust

- ❖ Small staff and member base requires commitment
- ❖ Relationships must have clear benefit for Legion
- ❖ Trust needed for successful partnership

#### #3 Strengthen Roots

- ❖ Build upon existing community partnerships
- ❖ Optimize current food-related Legion initiatives
- ❖ Well-established partners add to inclusive community

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