



Farm 2 Family

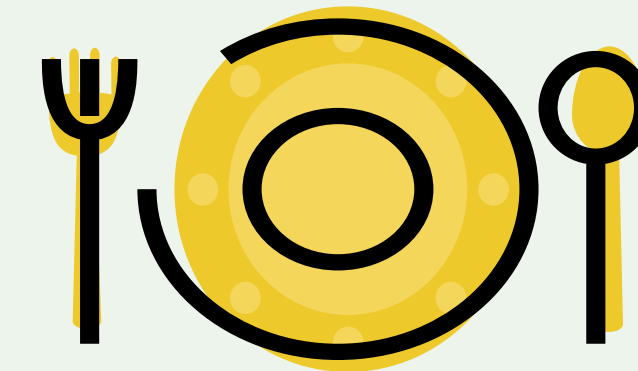
@ Ray-Cam Cooperative in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside



Did you know?

Ray-Cam Cooperative

Ray-Cam is the only non-profit Community Centre in Vancouver, and feeds 200 children multiple meals per day on a limited budget (2)



Community Food Security:
A situation in which all community residents obtain a safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system that maximizes self-reliance and social justice (1)

Farm2Family Program

Nutritious Produce

Farm2Family brings farmers' excess produce to Ray-Cam Cooperative to provide community members with access to more nutritious foods.



Long Term Vision

To set up a no-cost food store for community members, to improve community food security at Ray-Cam



Our Goal
To facilitate the donation of fresh foods to low income and food insecure households at Ray-Cam Coop



Nutrition Limitations

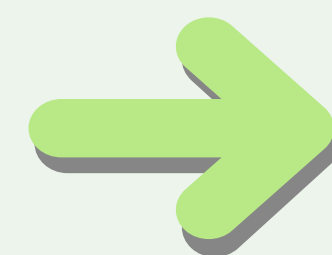
Those who rely on charitable food programs are often at risk for food insecurity and poor nutrition, since these programs have limitations in meeting nutritional needs. (3)

Our Approach



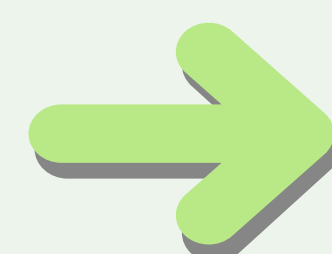
Vendor Outreach

Email outreach materials to 68 BC farms and food vendors



Initiating Partnerships

List of 6 farmers/vendors interested in donating fresh produce



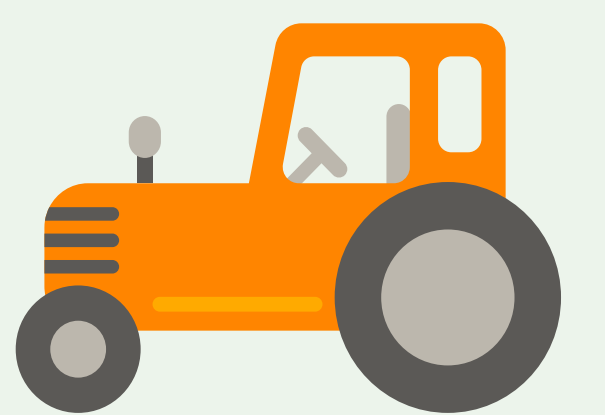
Preferences for "No-cost Food Store"

Summary of 10 community conversations indicating the need for and interest in the no-cost food store

What's Next?

Transportation

Coordinate methods of transporting food from farms and vendors to Ray-Cam



Opening No-Cost Food Store

Coordinating logistics and what's possible for the No-Cost Food Store



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