



qajuqturvik community food centre
centre communautaire d'alimentation qajuqturvik
ᑭᐱᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ ᑭᐱᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ ᑭᐱᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

TABLED SEPTEMBER 25, 2021



www.qajuqturvik.ca

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been another challenging year for our communities; however, I believe that the shared resilience demonstrated by so many should be a source of collective celebration. I would like to thank our staff, board, donors, partners, and volunteers for their unwavering support throughout this difficult year. Despite the disruptions and restrictions QCFC faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, we successfully introduced new programs that helped us to better support our community. I commend our staff for QCFC's successes this year, as they are a testament to the team's dedication, perseverance, and willingness to tackle new challenges during this global period of unpredictability.

I firmly believe that powerful changes can occur in the face of challenges. While our space saw fewer visitors we were able to move forward with many overdue renovations and program developments—including the development of our new Peer Advocacy Program. These changes will benefit our community for many years to come. Our partnership with Community Food Centres Canada opened many new doors that allowed us to engage with the community in new ways, such as the delivery of grocery cards to low-income households during the onset of the pandemic.

As we look ahead, it's important to reflect on how far QCFC has come in such a short time. When I joined the board in 2015 it was a small, volunteer-run organization with a daily meal service. A few short years later, QCFC has a strong team of talented staff, a wide array of impactful community programs, and a large presence in national conversations about food security in the North. So many of you have been integral to this growth and I hope that you will continue to connect with and support QCFC, as I know I will. I look forward to the upcoming year and to QCFC once again being a place to gather, learn, and grow.

As I will no longer be continuing as President, I would like to thank everyone that I have worked with and met through the years at the QCFC.

Stay safe, and be well.

Nakurmiik,



AMELIA RAJALA

President



Board of Directors

(as of March 31)

Amelia Rajala
president

Beth Kotierk
vice-president

Ratidzo Chikari
secretary-treasurer

Lihua Huang
director

Kimberly White
director

Jane Tagak
director

PROGRAMS





IMPACT

The year 2020-21 marked a year of resiliency, adaptability, and community solidarity at QCFC. We saw the demand for our food access programs dramatically rise and fall, depending on the income supports available to our community members affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this unpredictability and a few local lockdowns, we continued to prepare and serve **20,000 meals**, and at the start of the pandemic we distributed \$150,000 in **grocery gift cards** to low-income households in Iqaluit.

During the brief periods of time when we could welcome the community into the space, our pre-employment skills **training program** had over 20 participants and our **Kids' Cooking Club** saw 24 participants. We were also a strong voice in the **media** to bring attention to the pandemic's affects on our community.

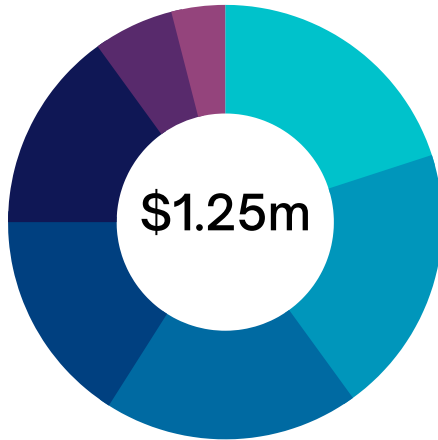
Throughout this particularly trying year we continued to assist local **shelters** and **food banks** with their food access programming, particularly with **country food** and fresh produce. We also increased our delivery of the **healthy food box** to a weekly distribution, reaching an average of 65 households per week.

We hired a **Peer Advocacy Coordinator** to support community members as they navigated the systemic barriers that were often exemplified during the pandemic. We also introduced our **Women's Support Circle**, made for Inuit women, by Inuit women. We began offering **FoodFit**, a new program developed by Community Food Centres Canada, to teach at-risk youth important culinary skills.

Moving forward we are working towards introducing an affordable country food market, establishing a dedicated peer advocacy office, and expanding into on-the-land youth programs. We are also increasing our support for local harvesters by including more country food in our programs, with over 3500 kilograms of **country food** purchased this year alone.

During a time of immense crisis around the world and in our own community, we saw the demand for our programming increase. Due to the unwavering dedication of our nine full-time staff and numerous support staff, program participants, and volunteers, we were not only able to meet this demand but we saw our programs expand in response. To our fellow Iqalummiut: we hope to be able to safely welcome you back at QCFC to share a good meal and many new stories very soon.

FINANCES

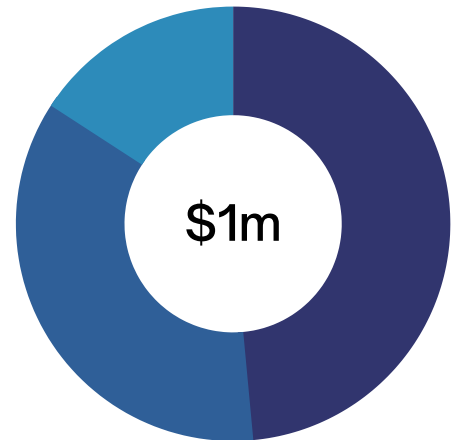


Revenues

- Community Food Centres Canada
- Fundraising & Donations
- Government of Canada
- City of Iqaluit
- Makigiaqta Inuit Training Corporation
- Government of Nunavut
- Rentals

Expenses

- Wages & Benefits
- Food, Supplies & Freight
- Administration & Overhead



SUPPORTERS



community food centres
CANADA good food is just the beginning



LPRAGSIC Makigiaqta
ΔΔΔΔ ΔΔΔΔΔΔΔΔΔΔ ΔΔΔΔΔΔ
Inuit Ayaihajotighatigot Corporationkonggit
Inuit Training Corporation



The Diocese of the Arctic

Canada



Arctic Co-operatives Limited

Government of Nunavut
Baffin Island Cannery Ltd.

Baffinland
300+ individual and corporate donors