# COVID-19 RESPONSE REPORT MARCH - JULY 2020



When the COVID-19 pandemic struck we knew our community was at significant risk.











### TO RESPOND, WE NEEDED TO RE-IMAGINE **HOW WE DELIVER PROGRAMMING**



9.200 TAKE-OUT



4,800 **PRODUCE** 



1,900 HOME **DELIVERIES** 





#### **MEALS & PRODUCE PACKS**

Generously portioned take-out meals provided twice a week and supplemented with fruits, vegetables, snacks and high protein groceries.

Our produce packs were purchased from the Mobile Food Market and Halifax Public Libraries provided snack kits and colouring pages for community members.

#### **COMMUNITY HUB**

We provided critical public health information to community members in our food packages and via displays in our windows. We also played an important role in spreading the word about the COVID-19 assessment centre once it opened in our neighbourhood.

#### **EMERGENCY SUPPLIES & COMFORT ITEMS**

We distributed cleaning supplies and filled weekly requests for diapers, formula, and feminine hygiene products, as well as craft kits for children.

We also partnered with the Art Bikers of the 4C Foundation to give out free art kits to all members of the community.

#### **PERSONAL OUTREACH**

Regular calls to community members and a staffed phone support line. All home visits with families were immediately switched to video or phone calls.

#### **ONLINE PROGRAMMING**

Story and Circle Time, interactive workshops for parents and caregivers, at-home container gardening, farm tours, cooking demos and more.

#### THE CANTEEN COMMUNITY **KITCHEN**



Thanks to our innovative partnership with The Canteen, we were able to meet the increased demand for meals during this critical period.

#### A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT **TO OUR NATIONAL PARTNER**



Thank you Community Food Centres Canada for supporting our COVID-19 response in such a significant way, as well as mobilizing to support and advocate for hundreds of other communities across Canada. We are truly grateful to be part of the good food movement.

.ove having a mea and produce delivered to me every Tuesday. It is always a wonderful meal and aives me somethina to look forward to during the pandemic. Thanks guys for the service.'

"Thank you for being there for us."

My 4-year old said "Thank you Maria for the bedtime stories," and he had the biggest smile

"The place looks wonderful, can't wait to get back and see it in person... and look no stairs!! Congrats on your, new space."



We delivered care packages including new North Grove t-shirts to community members and families.

## WE'RE UNDER ONE ROOF

(& WE HAVE A NEW NAME)

We were in the midst of construction and a move when the pandemic struck. Thankfully our new, fully accessible family programming space was almost complete and work was able to proceed, after adapting to new public health regulations. Our family programming team did an amazing job packing up their home of 14 years and setting up a new space, all while maintaining social distance.

# THANK YOU TO OUR **COVID-19 SUPPORTERS**



All of this was made possible thanks to the flexibility of our long-time funding partners.

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**NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES** 

**NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AUTHORITY** 

**PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA** 

**UNITED WAY HALIFAX** 



From delivery driving, to washing dishes, packing groceries & working on the farm, our staff team is working in completely new roles to support our community in new ways.









We have created and distributed out more than 1,400 children's craft kits to families.

And thank you to the funders and partners who've stepped up in this emergency to provide new funding or flexibility with current funding.

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