When people are hungry, nothing else matters...
Everything starts with food

#### Milton

# **Neighbour Satisfaction & Impact**



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At Food for Life, we Rescue Food and Impact Lives. We believe that everyone deserves access to fresh, nutritious food and that quality surplus food should be shared—not wasted. By supporting over 90 programs across Halton and Hamilton, we're committed to making this vision a reality. In Milton, we provide healthy fresh food weekly to 418 households through offering a variety of program types where neighbours can choose from fresh food options like fruits and vegetables, meat, meat alternatives, and dairy. Recent 2024 Satisfaction and Impact surveys highlight the meaningful difference our programs are making in Milton. Beyond meeting food access needs, our programs positively impact lives by supporting improved food security outcomes, better health and wellbeing, enhanced financial stability, and so much more! Through fresh food access and community connections, we help neighbours build resilience and improve their overall quality of life.

## **Program Satisfaction Highlights**

\*Percent of Surveyed Milton Neighbours who responded as either 'Very satisfied' or 'Satisfied' to the below prompts in December 2024



"The partnership supports our goals of feeding tummies and souls at the same time. Food for Life offers us opportunities to increase the intake of healthy food while decreasing loneliness. Thank you all for your passion and commitment to our neighbours." – Grace Church, Milton



"I am very thankful to Food for Life for helping families who are refugees and are finding it very difficult to manage given the increased cost for groceries." - Milton neighbour

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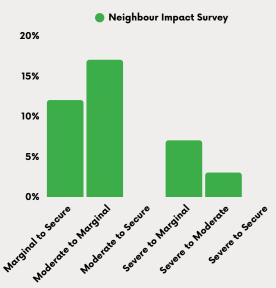


Fig. 1: Level of Food Security Improvement **Food for Life Milton Programs** October 2024

\*Data represents household-level changes

>1 in 3 (39%) of our Milton neighbours who responded to our Neighbour Impact Survey reported improvements in their household's food security status since accessing our programs (Fig. 1)

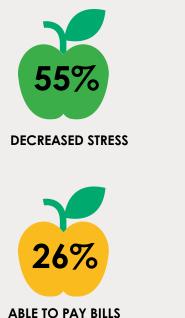
- Food security increased by 12% with neighbours experiencing fewer worries about food access
- Marginal food insecurity increased by 24% as neighbours previously experiencing severer forms of insecurity moved towards improvement
- Moderate food insecurity decreased by 17%, reducing reliance on low-cost foods and skipping meals
- Severe food insecurity decreased by 10%, alleviating extreme shortages and days without food
- 59% reported experiencing dietary improvements including eating more fresh foods, eating more frequently, and eating balanced meals

"I can now eat vegetables that I need for my health and still buy other food items for my family. I don't need to go without as much now."

- Milton neighbour

# Transformative Impact: Health, Financial, & Social Wellbeing Change

\*Percent of Surveyed Milton Neighbours who self-reported the following health, financial, and social wellbeing impacts in October 2024



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