



Annual Report

April 2016-March 2017

Highlights



President's Message

This is my third and final President's report. Looking back upon my time at RFSS, I can honestly say that this has been the best year yet.

The board of directors spent this year building the organization a strong foundation. We developed an ambitious strategic plan that consulted our community and stakeholders. We identified clear priorities and outlined key metrics to measure our success. This powerful document will direct our organization's focus for the next 3-5 years.

Thank you to our board, staff, and volunteers for your hard work and warm hearts. Special thanks to our Executive Director Anita for her fantastic work and the many hours she has put in during the two years she's been at RFSS. Thank you to our donors, supporters, and granting agencies. Your generosity made our work possible. Finally, thank you members for inspiring us and Richmond towards a robust food system.

On a personal note, serving as your president has been a joy and an honour. Thank you for entrusting me with this important work.

I look forward to seeing what RFSS accomplishes in the years to come!

Alex Nixon



Executive Director's Message

What an exciting year. Not only did we make significant strides to strengthen our organizations foundation, we accomplished a lot.

One of our biggest accomplishments was to help bring the Richmond Food Charter to Council, where it was endorsed unanimously. This important document represents the voices of hundreds of Richmond residents and many community organizations. It represents our shared values and commitments to a food secure community, and is something we can all be proud of.

We are so lucky here in Richmond to have some of the best soil in the world, and a great climate for food production. We continue to support and encourage local food production by publishing the Local Food Guide, supporting over 300 community garden plots at nine sites across the city, teaching people to grow and save their own seeds, and harvesting fruit that may otherwise go to waste and giving it to our neighbors in need.

With the Food Charter endorsed, and our strategic plan finalized, we are set to really accomplish great things in future.

I am so excited to work with the Richmond community towards a robust food system

Anita Georgy

Board of Directors

Alex Nixon	President	Gerry Mulholland	Director
Yan Lau	Vice President	Henry Yao	Director
Vivien Chow	Treasurer	Keefer Pelech	Director
Nikki Hollinson	Secretary	Tina Kim	Director
Brian To	Director	Willian Tsui	Director

Staff

Anita Georgy	Executive Director	Dave Thompson	Program Coordinator
Kelly Ding	Program Coordinator	Peta Williams	Office Coordinator
Mavis Tai	Community Program Assistant	Amy Norgaard	Program Coordinator
Audrey Tung	Community Program Assistant		

Accomplishments



3180 individuals
directly impacted



Engaged **450**
gardeners

11 workshops held
to educate the
community



Seed Library membership grew **125%**



243 meals served
to Richmond's
low-asset youth
over **76** program
sessions



1142 hours
donated by **96**
volunteers



105 donors
kindly supported
Richmond Eats:
the Local Eating
Challenge



5014 pounds of fruit recovered and
given to families in need



16 Youth Leaders
educated in food
security issues and
took action



50 people & **13**
organizations
endorsed The
Richmond Food
Charter



2778 followers
engaged on
social media

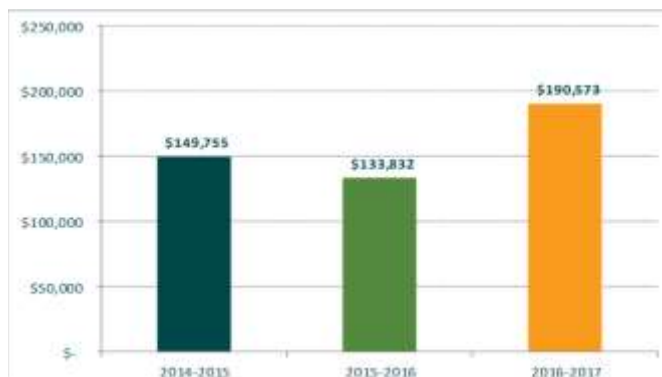
350 people
engaged at
World Food Day



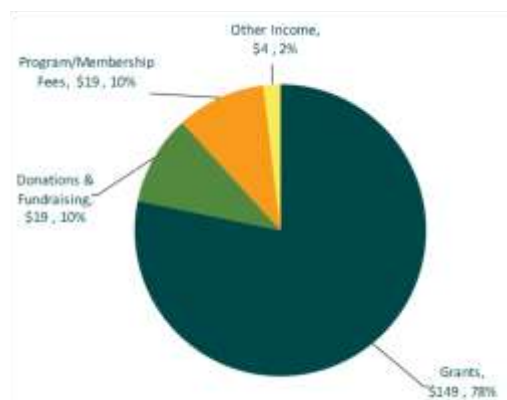
Financial Summary



Year Over Year Revenue



2016-2017 Revenue by Category (in 000's)



2016-2017 Expenses by Category (in 000's)



Donors (\$100+)

Alex Nixon	Candace Ng	Henry Yao	Melanie Beggs-Murray	Tricia Buemann
Amanda Chen	Celina Starnes	Jeff Redmond	Peta Williams	Vivien Chow
Ann Dauphinee	Chien Li Chang	Jiun-Ni Yao	Ron Chan	William Dunn
Anne Kang	Duane Elverum	Karen Dar-Woon	Shawn Routhier	Yan Lau
Arran Stephens	Erika Nixon	Marjorie Swann	Stephanie Dunn	
Brian Christiansen	Farouk Georgy	Mary McCulligh	Ted VanderWouden	

Thank you for your support!

Visionaries (\$29,000+)



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Supporters (\$1,000+)



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TD Friends of the Environment Foundation



Other Contributors





Community Garden Report November 2017



Richmond Food Security Society



Our vision: Healthy people,
community, and
environment

PRCS
Our mission: to inspire a
robust Richmond food
system through education,
advocacy and community
building initiatives



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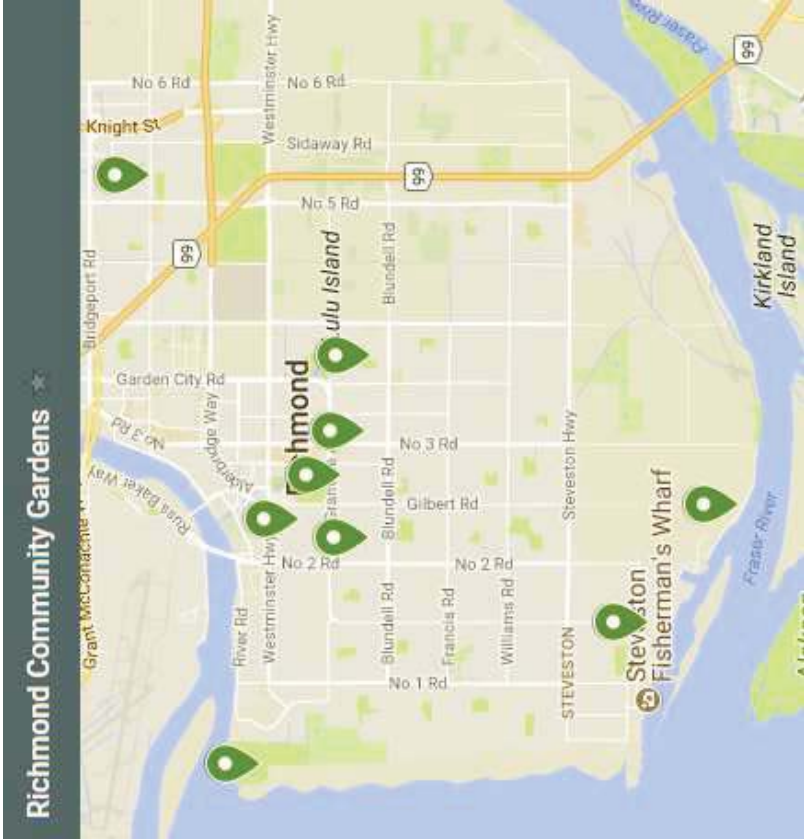
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Garden Sites



	# of Public Plots	# of Community Group Plots
Brighthouse	23	10
Garratt	15	5
General Currie	10	5
Robertson	41	0
King George	34	6
Paulik	24	0
Railway	64	10
Richmond High	12	10
Terra Nova	98	11
Total	321	57

Waitlist as of Nov 17, 2017: 262



"I am from China. By participating with the garden, I feel more mixed with Canadian culture."



Impact on Residents

- 96% have learned things that help them stay healthy
- 92% can better manage daily challenges
- *"We cherish the food we are having every day and eat healthy and produce less waste and compost. We recognized what we can do to help the planet we live in."*
- *"Gardening always gives us a greater feeling of health: fresh air, fresh food, sunlight, exercise. Being part of the gardens has helped us meet new people and learn new things about gardening."*
- *"The most beneficial thing for me is having a practical hobby that results in food I use all year long, since I grow mostly for the canning kettle, storage or continual production."*

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"I loved having my 4 year old discover how veggies grow."

Partner and Community Groups



- Schools: Brighthouse, General Currie, and Richmond High
- VCH/ Garratt Wellness Centre
- Richmond Society for Community Living
- Pathways Clubhouse



"I cherish the land and the food products I grow ... an amazing feeling."

Financials: 2016/2017 Fiscal Year



Revenues		
BC Gaming		\$10,000
ECO Canada - hiring incentive for youth		\$5,000
Food Banks Canada - Supporting Vulnerable Gardeners		\$3,000
Garden Plot Fees		\$19,025
Richmond Community Foundation - Tools		\$8,500
Vancouver Coastal Health - Web integrated database		\$10,000
Vancouver Foundation - Addressing garden theft project		\$10,000
Total Revenues		\$66,415
Expenses		
Garden plot subsidies for individuals		\$740
Insurance		\$1,100
Office supplies (including computer)		\$750
Phone		\$350
Program expenses		\$2,350
Software set up		\$2,250
Software ongoing costs		\$900
Staff wages		\$48,585
Tools		\$8,500
Total Expenses		\$66,415
Balance		\$0

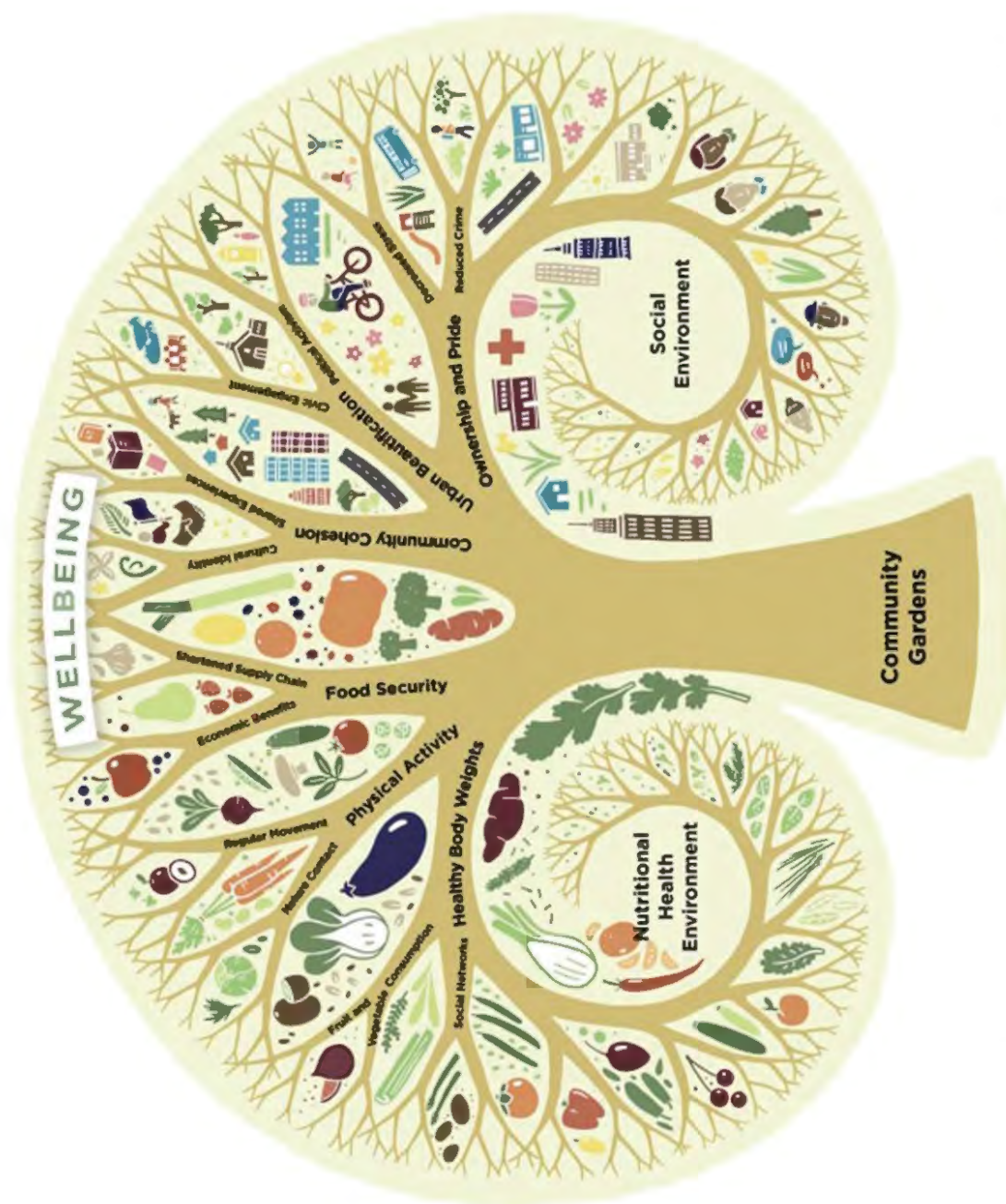


"I really value the abundant, fresh, healthy food for my family."

Food Security Continuum



"I learned sustainable and organic gardening where very little gets wasted."





Community Gardens

"One of the biggest joys of being involved at the garden is learning from each other, helping, and sharing. The garden allows me to be engaged with people outside my normal sphere in a whole new way."

- Railway gardener

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About Community Gardens

Richmond is home to over 300 community garden plots in parks and schoolyards throughout the city. The gardens provide fresh produce for garden members and are a gathering space for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Community garden plots are rented on a yearly basis by individual Richmond residents to grow food for their families. Gardeners invest their personal time and money to produce this food. All of the produce grown is for them to enjoy.

If you are a guest in the garden, please take only pictures, and leave only footprints



Neighbourhood Food Access

If you are not a registered gardener, please do not remove produce from the gardens. Every year, gardeners are heartbroken and frustrated when their carefully tended produce goes missing.

We know that accessing fresh produce can be a challenge for city residents. If you, a family member, or friend don't have enough food, please see our Affordable Food Map.

If you witness theft or vandalism in the gardens, report to the RCMP (604-278-1212) and fill out our Garden Theft Report form online.

Roles and Responsibilities



RFSS: provides liability insurance, maintains gardener waitlist, allocates plots, supplies shared tools, liaises between City and gardeners

Gardeners: maintain individual plot and common spaces, steward soil, supply seeds and plants, follow all garden rules

City of Richmond: provides land, water, tool sheds, mulch, and green bins

Richmond Food Security Society

RFSS is a non-profit organization who manages Richmond's community gardens in partnership with the City of Richmond. Our mission is to inspire a robust Richmond food system through education, advocacy, and community building initiatives.

For more information, contact us:

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[richmondfoodsecurity.org](https://www.richmondfoodsecurity.org)



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社區園圃

“置身園圃之中，最大的快樂就是可以彼此學習、互相幫助、共同分享。園圃讓我們能夠以一種全新的方式，在日常空間之外與人溝通。” Railway 園圃耕種者

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關於社區園圃

列治文全市擁有 300 多個社區園圃，遍及公園、校園等。園圃這樣的綠色空間為耕種者提供新鮮的果蔬，並為年齡、能力和背景不一樣的人們營造社交互動的空間。

社區園圃由列治文市民個人按年度租賃，用以為他們的家庭種植食物。耕種者為種出自己的食物投入了他們個人的時間和金錢。他們可以享用收穫到的所有果蔬。



如果您是園圃的訪客，請您拍照留念
“只取美景，唯留足跡。”

社區中獲取食物的途徑

如果您還不是一名登記的耕種者，請不要從園圃中帶走果蔬。每一年，耕種者都因為自己悉心栽培的果蔬消失不見而傷心難過。我們知道市民們常難以獲取新鮮的果蔬。如果您及家人或是朋友未能獲取足夠的食物，請上網查詢我們的《可負擔食物地圖》。

如果您在園圃看到偷盜或破壞公物行為，請向皇家騎警 (604-278-1212) 報案，並上網填報我們的《園圃偷盜報告》表格。

角色與責任



RFSS：提供責任保險、管理耕種者輪候名單、分配地塊、供應共用工具，以及在市政府與耕種者之間協調

耕種者：維護個人地塊與公共空間、看護土壤、供應種子，並遵守 RFSS 種植規範

列治文市：提供土地、水、工具房、覆蓋物以及綠色垃圾箱

列治文食品安全協會 (RFSS)

RFSS 是一個非營利性組織，與列治文市一起合作，管理列治文的社區園圃。我們的使命是通過教育、宣傳以及帶動社區建設，促進列治文食品體系蓬勃發展。

如需更多信息，請聯係我們：

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