

and 'in the field' harvest celebrations are some ways collaborating churches have put spirit into their growing projects.

How can we get started?

The community or growing project usually begins with an idea of one, or more people passionate about helping the hungry. A project committee with chairperson, secretary, treasure, publicity person, and crop or event manager keeps the project on track, and moving forward. CRWRC and CFGB are always ready to help you generate ideas or get your idea off the ground. With your best project idea selected draft a timeline, and you've laid the foundation for a successful growing or community project!

Who is Canadian Foodgrains Bank?

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 church-based agencies working to end hunger in developing countries by increasing and deepening the involvement of Canadians in efforts to end hunger. CFGB receives a 4:1 match from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), which includes funds raised through growing or community projects. CRWRC has been a CFGB member since 1983.



How does CRWRC provide hungry people with food?

CRWRC international relief staff works with local partners to distribute emergency food aid in times of disaster, such as drought, flood, and internal conflict. CRWRC's relief work provides seeds and tools to help farmers replant destroyed crops, while new agricultural farming techniques help farmers safeguard their existing crops, and secure food for the dry season.

In April 2008 the Canadian government changed aid policies that required food be shipped from Canada. Under new regulations food no longer needs to be shipped from Canada but can be purchased closer to where it is needed. In times of disaster it is often possible to purchase food in-country, which helps support the local economy, and reduces shipping costs. In cases where food is not available regionally food will be shipped from Canada.

Where can I get more information to start my CFGB growing, or community project?

CRWRC is here to help make your project a success. We can get you connected with a local CFGB project coordinator who can let you know who else is interested in growing food, or raising funds in your region.

Contact us at 1-800-730-3490, or visit us online at www.crwrc.org.



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What is a growing project?

A Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) growing project is a fun, and dynamic way for likeminded people to come together to help feed hungry people around the world.

After harvest the yield is donated to CFGB for international food aid, and agricultural development projects. Growing projects typically involve a group of passionate rural and urban people working together to farm a common plot of land.

What can we grow?

The choice is up to you! Wheat, canola, corn, barley, soybeans, peas, lentils, sweet corn, flax, forage, silage, and pumpkins are just some of the many different crops grown to raise money for Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Some wheat

crops are used directly as food aid, but most crops are sold locally to purchase food locally overseas. No matter what you grow your crop will help feed people in need.

What if we don't have access to farmland?

The good news is that no one needs acres of land to start a successful growing project. More and more urban dwellers are using their interests and imaginations to start “community projects” as a way to help people who hunger. While many community projects are not necessarily about growing food most incorporate a food theme. For example

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some groups knit pot scrubbers, and aprons to sell at their church bazaar. Youth groups can volunteer in an existing community garden, and then prepare a meal from the ingredients they harvest. Even summer concerts and fall fairs can be a great way to raise money for food.

Idea starters: Community Projects

The sky's the limit when it comes to CFGB community projects. Here are just a few ideas to spark some of your own:

- Outdoor folk and food festivals
- Small vegetable gardens
- Sewing or knitting projects
- Fasting for food aid fundraising events—go without to give to others
- Re-Use Sale and Bazaar—highlight the importance of reusing instead of throwing away
- Guest speakers' series, featuring activists, relief workers, and educators in food aid and security
- Sports tournaments
- Art show and sale
- Virtual community project—set up a CRWRC-CFGB cause page on Facebook; “grow food” online
- Pumpkin carving contest



What if we'd still like to get involved in a traditional growing project?

More urban churches are ‘twinning’ with rural churches on growing projects. The rural communities supply the land and machinery while urban dwellers fundraise for crop inputs. Increasing food and oil prices has increased the cost of seed and fertilizer making twinning important to the success of many growing projects. Working together also builds bridges of understanding and support across congregations. Shared worship services,

