

# BRING HOME THE KITCHEN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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Did you know that our new location doesn't have a kitchen yet? Our organization couldn't afford all of our renovations at once, so the project was divided into two phases: phase 1 brought the facility up to code and Saanich bylaws and set us up for the most basic operations. Phase 2 includes the commercial kitchen, important accessibility upgrades, and improved space for programs.

Our current layout and designation with Island Health significantly limits our programs and services. What we are permitted to prepare in the facility now is further hampered by cooking equipment that is not functional, as well as no exhaust or fire suppression systems. Our new location was always meant to be a place where members could: cook together in-person again, learn new skills that help to make the most of a limited budget, and share community meals together while reducing social isolation. It would also help to open doors for new income opportunities for our organization as a means of investing in our organizations long-term sustainability.

Online programs are great, but they alone can't replace the positive impact that comes from learning and cooking alongside your peers, or the nourishment that comes from sharing a healthy meal with friends at the dining table. Building community around healthy food means spending quality time together, both in the kitchen and around the dining table! With a functional commercial kitchen of our own, we could do so much more to serve our community. It's time to bring The Kitchen home and bring the Cook back in Cook, Grow, Share and Connect!

- + A commercial kitchen
- + Accessibility improvements
- + Improve pantry area
- + Increase office space









# Your donation will make such a difference in our community.

### RETURN OF IN-PERSON COOKING AND FOOD SKILLS PROGRAMS

Building skills and cooking meals together is where the magic happens at The Kitchen. We have not been able to cook in-person together since 2020 due to covid-19 and our subsequent move!

## CREATING LEADERSHIP AND WORKPLACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS

Offering workplace training, and leadership opportunities that build employment skills and help to raise income levels among our members.

### COMMUNITY MEALS TO ADDRESS SOCIAL ISOLATION AND IMPROVE HEALTH

Community meals create opportunities for people to share meals together while increasing access to nutritious food, and reducing social isolation.

# THROUGH RENTALS THE COMMERCIAL KITCHEN WILL PROVIDE ONGOING OPERATIONAL INCOME

Accessible, affordable commercial kitchen spaces are in high-demand in Victoria. Through rental partnerships with small-businesses and community groups, the commercial kitchen's positive impact will create a new income streams to support The Kitchen's programs while becoming a resource for the broader community.

# COMMERCIALLY PRODUCE IN-HOUSE FOR OUR PANTRY PROGRAM AND RAISE REVENUE

Having a commercial kitchen means that we will be able to distribute foods through the Pantry Program that are processed in-house. This will allow us to meet more of our own program needs while helping to reduce food waste. It will also open doors to new income streams such as creating value-added product for sale!









We set out with a target of \$387,000, and we have now achieved over 65% of our goal. Let's work together to propel us beyond the finish line! Your support can make all the difference.

Building a commercial kitchen, and indeed any renovations, carries a substantial price tag - a burden heightened by inflation that continues to amplify expenses.

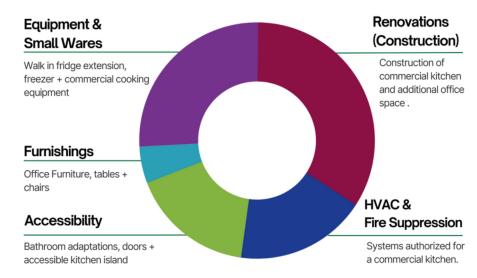
The accompanying chart illustrates precisely how funds will be channeled to various areas.

While our foremost focus is on establishing a commercial kitchen, the enhancements we plan for The Kitchen will go far beyond. These upgrades will amplify our organization's capacity to serve the growing need in our community, bolster accessibility, and pave the way for greater access to healthy food and the most invaluable resource of all -a supportive community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

Embrace our Capital Campaign, and you become a catalyst for self-empowerment. Your support will ignite a transformative chain reaction, enabling the people we serve and (our organization itself!) to embark on a journey of self-sufficiency, resilience and growth.

### Capital Campaign

**Budget Breakdown** 



"I feel so uplifted and boosted with every visit and interaction. Shelbourne Community Kitchen feels like home."

Y.B. - Participant

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