

# 2024 Impact Report



# YARD GARDEN HARVEST PROJECT



# ABOUT THE YARD GARDENS



**The Yard Gardens is a community food security project of Little Mountain Neighbourhood House. We are a group of dedicated volunteers and one coordinator who grow food in yards generously shared by Riley Park neighbours. Our produce supplements food from the Vancouver Food Bank, local farmers and businesses in Little Mountain's Food Distribution program that serves individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.**



# SUMMARY OF HARVESTS

Every week from the months of May- December Yard Garden Volunteers Harvest fresh produce for Little Mountain Neighbourhood Houses Food Distribution Program.

The amount of food donated in 2024 is equivalent to 1595 meals, valued at \$6741



**870**

**Kilograms  
of Food Harvested**

**28**

**Weeks of  
Harvest**

**21**

**Different Crops  
Harvested**

**31**

**Kg's harvested  
per week**

# 2024 FOOD PREFERENCE SURVEY

The LMNH Food Hub aims to reduce food insecurity and increase access to healthy food in a way that promotes dignity, equity and respect. To better serve our Food Distribution Participants and provide healthy, culturally appropriate, fresh produce, we conduct a yearly survey to discover their favourite vegetables and grow food in the Yard Gardens based on the results.



CHOY SUM



BROCCOLI



CARROTS



BEANS



CAULIFLOWER



DAIKON

**VEGETABLES  
REQUESTED  
FOR 2024**



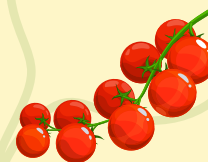
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CHERRY  
TOMATOES



# SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION SPACE

In 2024, five residence of the Little Mountain/Riley Park Neighbourhood kindly donated their front and back yards to our program. In return for sharing their lawns, we provide them with a share of weekly produce

**253**

m2 in  
Production

**44**

Vegetables  
Beds

**6**

Different  
Yards

# VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

**Along with donating food, the Yard Gardens also provides an opportunity for volunteers to learn and practice sustainable food production! Volunteers are hands on through every process from seeding, transplanting, pest and nutrient management, trellis building, pruning, weeding and harvesting!**



# SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT



**804**

**Volunteer  
Hours**

**64**

**Volunteers**

**94**

**Volunteer  
Shifts**

**7**

**Volunteer  
Appreciation  
Events**

# VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**After another wonderful growing season we asked Yard Garden Volunteers about their experience:**

*"I love this program. It got me outside in the sunshine to do something good for my community. Everyone I volunteered with was so nice"*

**87%**  
**of those surveyed felt like they had gained enough skills to grow their own food!**

*"I was happy to have such opportunities to plant vegetables especially in urban areas, knowing more people is a bonus for me! Thanks everything from Yard Garden"*

*"Volunteering at the yard gardens was an awesome experience, it was just the community-based activity I was looking for after moving to Vancouver. It was a very welcoming environment- I learned lots of new things and had a great time"*





**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS,  
PARTNERS, VOLUNTEERS,  
HOMEOWNERS AND  
SUPPORTERS FOR A WONDERFUL  
GROWING SEASON!**



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