



## Central Food Network

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Ontario Trillium Foundation Powers Emergency Preparedness at CFN**

**WILBERFORCE, Ontario** – Central Food Network now has back-up power for its fresh and frozen food storage system as a result of receiving an \$11,300 Capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2019. The funds were used to buy and install a brand-new generator to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of nutritious foods to economically vulnerable individuals.

“Improving infrastructure is critical to ensure food security for our vulnerable populations especially during such unprecedented times,” said Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock. “The Central Food Network and the food banks it supports are a large part of our communities and this funding will help our community members feel confident they are able to receive help when they need it even in an emergency situation.”

The intent behind the installation of the generator was to enable the agency to continue emergency food service operations in the event of a community-wide emergency, as well as to protect perishable food supplies against local power outages.

“We are so very pleased to have this support from OTF to build up our preparedness,” said Tina Jackson, Executive Director for Central Food Network. “On average, 170 people rely on us for a portion of their food needs every month. This investment is a critical part of ensuring we can weather any storm and continue to meet the needs of our community as an essential service.”

Central Food Network is celebrating its fifth year of addressing hunger and heat-insecurity through the distribution of food, fuel and supports to people in need. It brings together the Highlands East Food Hub (formerly the Wilberforce Food Bank), Cardiff Community Food Bank, the Highlands East Community Cooks and Heat Bank Haliburton County. Central Food Network is a registered charity based in the Municipality of Highlands East.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$115 million to 644 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario. [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca)

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