



United Way
Sault Ste. Marie &
Algoma District

United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District is addressing the root causes of poverty, working with multiple community partners on strategies which reduce the impact of low income on the health and well-being of individuals and families in our community.

United Way is focusing on three of the priority community issues and their respective outcomes as identified in the SSM Poverty Reduction Strategic Action Plan: Essential Services, Workforce Entry and Food Security.

Food Security

Food security exists when all people, at all times, have both physical and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active health life.

Food Security Outcomes:

- Members of community will have increased knowledge of food security issues
- Increased availability of healthy foods in SSM & Algoma District
- Members of community will make better choices regarding healthy eating

United Way has established **Harvest Algoma** to deliver on the Food Security outcomes.



- The primary objectives of the **Harvest Algoma** are:
 - to work to increase local food production and capacity (more gardens and more gardeners);
 - support emergency food providers and supplementary meal programs (e.g. Meals On Wheels, school-based meal programs);
 - empower people to reduce poverty by creating food-related jobs and businesses.
- **Harvest Algoma's** focus is across the Algoma District as we are working with the North Channel Poverty Reduction Network to develop similar food security infrastructure in the district.
- **Harvest Algoma** has 3 component parts:
 - Food Resource Centre (see description below)
 - Social Enterprise Development Centre (will follow in 2019)
 - Christmas Cheer Partnership and Remakery (will follow in 2019)

Harvest Algoma - Food Resource Centre will...

- Receive rescued food and locally grown/harvested food and distribute food to emergency food distribution centres.
- Operate a community kitchen to process food, conduct food related courses and support food products social enterprises.
- Support supplementary meal programs (e.g. Meals on Wheels, school based meal programs etc.).
- Increase and support community gardens and local markets.

The first phase of Harvest Algoma is the establishment of a Food Resource Centre (FRC) .

The Food Resource Centre opened its doors in the old Croatian Hall on July 16, 2018.

Location and Contact information:

- 446 Second Line East, Sault Ste Marie, ON., P6B 4K1
- Phone number: 705-253-0273
- Mike Delfre: Director of Operations- ext. 202
- Jessica Laidley: Food Resource Centre Coordinator- ext. 200
- Hours of Operation; Mon-Fri 8:30 -4:30
- Other hours by appointment - for food donations, access to kitchen, group tours etc.
- An official opening of the Food Resource Centre is planned for mid September

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