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# MUSTARD SEED STREET CHURCH

## ANNUAL REPORT

2021/2022

(YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022)

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# A YEAR OF GROWTH

nurturing faith, hope, & love

Dear Friends,

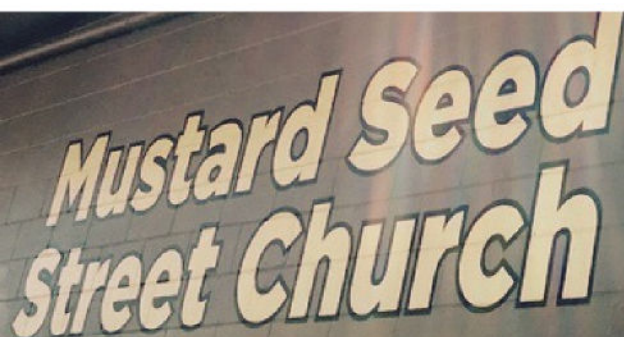
As this is my first Annual Report, I would like to introduce myself as the Mustard Seed Street Church's Senior Pastor and Executive Director. These past months have been an absolute pleasure as I have been able to join and lead the Seed team of dedicated staff and volunteers.

We have all had a year in which change has led to adaptation. For many of us, we have become the stay-at-home teachers of our children and the teleworking employees of businesses only minutes down the road. In short, even during times of chaos, we have learned to adapt and pivot. Likewise, we at The Mustard Seed have been adapting creatively as to how to best serve our Island community: who need our partnership now more than ever.

At our walk-in market style food bank, we have streamlined the process of safe food-giving. Even those who are immune compromised can feel safe knowing that all food we give out is behind protective glass: selected by our community members themselves and safely bagged by our team. Our Hospitality team continue to meet with members of our unhoused community day in and day out with hot coffee and take-out style hot lunches through our 'walk up' window. At the Food Security Distribution Centre, our team continues to rescue nearly 9,000lbs of fresh food per day, redistributing it to Victoria's hidden hungry. And even though the government has allowed churches to hold Sunday Services inside of our buildings, we are choosing the safer option to stay outside under heated tents as we meet every Sunday: masked and ready to engage in worship and service.

With gratitude

Rev. Stephen P. Bell,



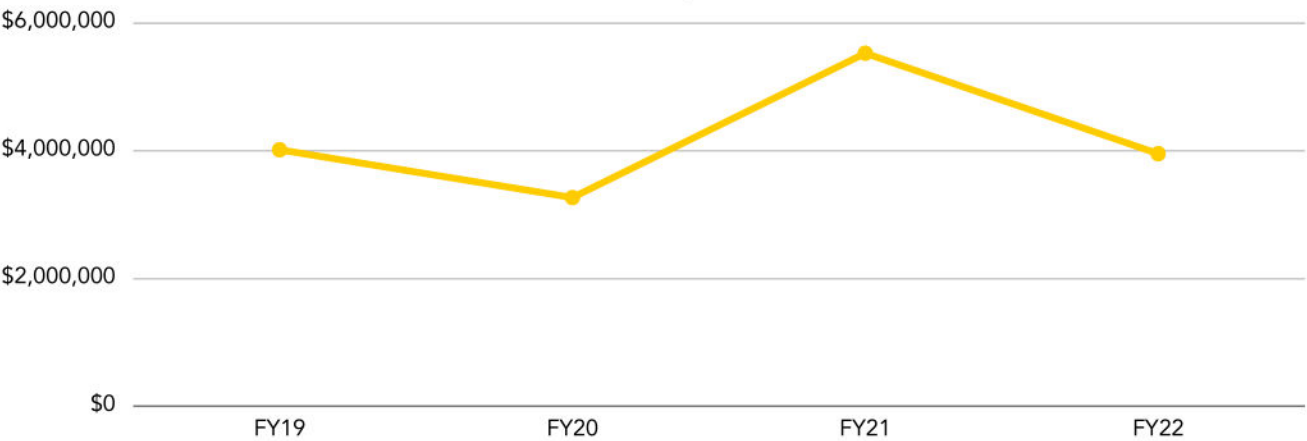
# FINANCES

## donor stewardship & community impact

Thanks to the amazing support of our individual, corporate, community, and public sector donors, we at the Mustard Seed have found ourselves able to weather the high degree of economic uncertainty brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, all while increasing our program output to meet the rise in community demand. Over the 2021-22 fiscal year (FY22), the gross revenue of the MSSC tallied at \$3,954,525, down 28.5% from FY21 but up 21% from the pre-pandemic baseline of FY20. Gross expenses for FY22 were \$3,318,531, resulting in an annual net income of \$638,494.



MSSC Revenue by Fiscal Year



## HOSPITALITY



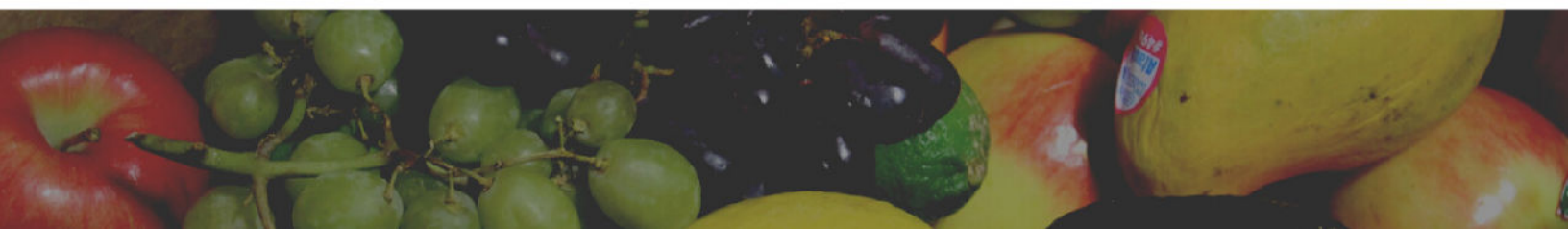
Despite the profound impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, our [Hospitality Programming](#) has faithfully provided a range of essential services to some of Victoria's most vulnerable residents. Through an adapted format - one where community members are served outside and through our chapel doors - we have provided our street community with an average of 2,500 meals, 4,300 cups of coffee, and 500 clothing items per month. More concretely, through March 2022 (our baseline tracking month for the next fiscal year), we provided 3,039 meals, 4,587 cups of coffee, and 546 clothing items to those in need.

## FOOD BANK

Over the last year, our client-choice model [Food Bank](#) experienced 13,806 individual visits, serving approximately 2,850 unique households of 1 to 8+ persons. The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to hold significant weight throughout the year, necessitating the continued operations of an adapted delivery model to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers, and community members. This has been highlighted by the operation of a food distribution circuit in the foyer of our guest services department.

## FOOD RESCUE

Throughout the 2021-22 fiscal year, operations at the [Food Security Distribution Centre](#) have continued to expand. A record 2.1 million pounds of food was rescued from local grocers this past year, subsequently being cleaned, gleaned, and redistributed to 45,000 food insecure individuals through our 60+ partner agencies of the Food Share Network.



## FAMILY SUPPORTS

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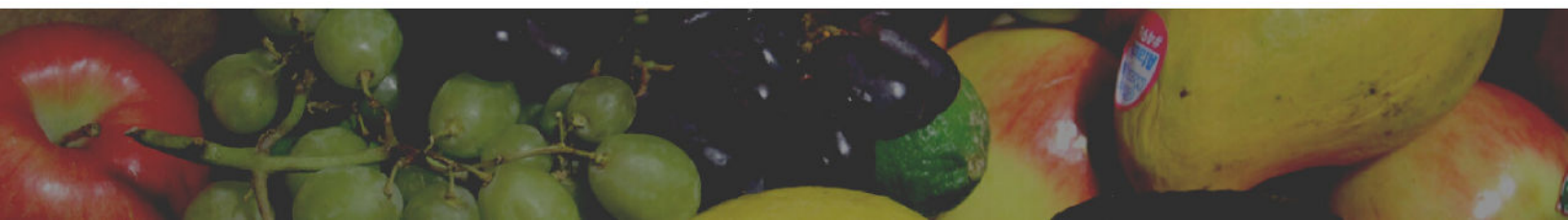
With the strains of the pandemic continuing throughout the year, our family support programming has worked to provide critical assistance to families in need. Most significantly, through our annual [Fair Start for Kids program](#), 500 grade-tailored back-to-school kits were distributed to children ages 5-17 in August 2021, including school supplies, a pair of shoes, and grocery gift cards. During the holiday season, we distributed 1,200 [Christmas hampers](#) (filled with food, toys, and other essentials) to 700 singles, 300 families, and 200 couples & multi-adult families.



## HOPE FARM HEALING CENTRE

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This past October, we launched an exciting new initiative at [Hope Farm Healing Centre](#). Supported by the Province of British Columbia, a pilot Community and Employer Partnerships (CEP) project will operate to provide individuals with disabilities, addictions issues, and barriers to employment with agricultural-sector skills training. Launched in October 2021, this 48 week program - centered around therapeutic garden work - will provide a healing environment for 6 participants as they learn new skills and focus on their recovery.

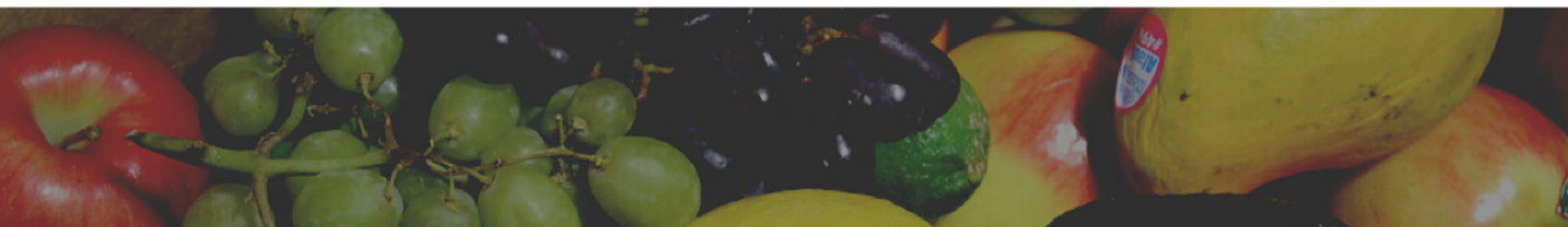


# OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to all of our individual, corporate, and public sector donors who have supported our work over the past year. We'd also like to recognize the amazing contribution of our participating grocery partners who have donated food to support our operations. Thank you for helping us to positively impact over 50,000 individuals across Southern Vancouver Island!



A full list of our corporate supporters & grocery partners can be found on [our website](#).



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The Mustard Seed Street Church is a proud member of Food Banks Canada, Food Banks BC, the Food Share Network, and the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada.

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