

Building Partnerships

with local businesses and organizations can increase the sustainability of your program.

Here is a list of where to look for partnerships and the types of support commonly offered:

Grocery Stores and Distributors provide discounts, gift cards, supplies at cost, storage space, notification of sales or free delivery. If a grocer is aware of being your primary food source, they may also donate food for meals or fundraisers.

Unions provide financial or food donations, particularly if any of your students have parents who are union members.

Fire Department/Police/RCMP units can be invited to volunteer at your program. This works well if they are already active in your school in community liaison roles or in prevention programs.

Businesses such as banks, credit unions, retailers, insurance brokers and utility companies often have a community engagement mandate. They may provide financial donations, ask their customers to donate or supply volunteers for special events.

High Schools assist students in earning school credit through volunteer involvement, making them a great source of volunteers.

Service Clubs provide volunteers or financial support. Try Kinsmen/ Kinettes Clubs, Optimist Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Eagles, Elks, Knights of Columbus, Lions Clubs, etc.

Faith Groups are often interested in engaging with their surrounding community. They are a source of volunteers and financial support.

Community Groups such as sports teams or Creative Retirement are often willing to make reciprocal arrangements. For example, if a sports team uses school facilities for a tournament, they can provide supplies or volunteer time in exchange.



Good Food and Healthy Living For Everyone!

Sharing food skills and nutrition knowledge with your community can help address food insecurity and barriers to student success in the long-term.

Include families, parents and students in your program; ask them for help with planning, shopping, ordering, preparation, clean-up, creating posters and more.

