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Hadih House Community Kitchen

Prince George BC, on the traditional and unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation

Carney Hill Neighbourhood Centre Society



Who We Are

Carney Hill Neighbourhood Centre (CHNC) in Prince George provides programs and services that support connection and wellbeing. Its Carney Hill Childcare Centre offers 95 low-barrier childcare spaces for children ages 30 months to 13 years, while Hadih House is a drop-in hub serving up to 1,000 monthly visitors with food, clothing, resources, and community programs.



Project Overview

Using the Rapid Stimulus Grant, we planned a phased project to build a multi-use community kitchen at Hadih House. With limited local food access, the kitchen will support our programs and be available to others. Funding will guide community engagement, structural planning, and a detailed renovation and implementation plan.

Key Highlights

The Rapid Stimulus Grant enabled meaningful progress toward a community kitchen, including hiring a Community Development Coordinator, consulting over 400 residents, engaging a contractor for designs and budgets, and partnering with UBC/ UNBC students. The project has strengthened community connections, built trust, highlighted food security needs, and garnered volunteer interest.



Stories of Impact

To the surveyed community, a Community Kitchen means a welcoming space for connection, learning, and nourishment. It represents survival, entrepreneurship, and helping others while sharing good energy and good food. People envision family nights, bannock circles, food preservation, and safety. They see an open space for cooking, baking, and making healthy choices together.

Next Steps

The project is moving from planning to implementation, securing capital funding for a community kitchen. Our Community Development Coordinator fosters partnerships with contractors, the City, and local organizations. Building on strong community engagement, we will involve members through volunteering and input, aiming for a sustainable kitchen that enhances food security and connection.

Stages of Food Systems Transformation



Seeding

- Create spaces and opportunities for communities to gather
- Build skills, competencies and leadership
- Engage in critical reflection



Germinating

- Strengthen networks and coalition building
- Foster equitable relationships and collaboration
- Create processes for accountability and transparency



Rooting

- Facilitate mutual knowledge and resources sharing
- Stimulate co-creation of knowledge
- Leverage community leaders and assets



Growing

- Engage in transformative collective action projects
- Engage in transdisciplinary action research
- Strengthen social movements

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