

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BC FOOD SYSTEMS NETWORK

If you agree with our mission and principles below, complete this form and send to us with a cheque or money order made payable to "Tides Canada Initiatives Society – BCFSN" (see below for suggested dues).

OUR MISSION

To work together to eliminate hunger and create food security for all residents of British Columbia.

OUR PRINCIPLES

Food security requires a sustainable food system in which:

- everyone is able to acquire, in a dignified manner, adequate quantity and quality of personally acceptable food;
• people are able to earn a living wage by growing, producing, processing, handling, retailing and serving food;
• the quality of land, air and water, the well-being of animals, and the integrity of plants and seeds are maintained and enhanced for future generations; and
• food is recognized as the basis of health and celebrated as central to family, community and cultural integrity.

We recognize that food is essential to life and is therefore a human right. It is also a gift from the Creator so that both the food and its sources must be honoured.

We encourage initiatives to reclaim local ownership of

community food systems and develop food self-reliance by sharing food, information, skills, and resources.

We develop and advocate policies to redesign food and related systems that contribute to hunger or are unsustainable. This includes food production, processing, transport or retail; it also includes health, welfare, education, institutions, economics, and trade.

We work to ensure that the voices of grassroots organizations and marginalized groups are heard in the process of policy formation at all levels.

We link provincially, nationally and internationally with organizations and networks committed to the same goals. Our network therefore includes people who experience hunger and food insecurity, who produce food, who work to protect the environment, and who develop policy frameworks that foster food security for the whole population.

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BC FOOD SYSTEMS NETWORK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational affiliation(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Your role in the organization(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If this is an organizational membership, how large is the organization/network: \_\_\_\_\_

Your involvement in community food security: \_\_\_\_\_

By checking this box, I give my permission for BCFSN to add me to the membership email list.

[ ] I support the mission and principles of the BC Food Systems Network.

Annual dues (please check the one which applies)

[ ] Fixed income: \$5 - \$25

[ ] Individual: \$30 - \$50

[ ] NGO, non-profit: \$50 - \$100

[ ] Government, industry: \$250 - \$500

[ ] Sustaining member: \$500+

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Mail this completed form to: BC Food Systems Network, Tides Canada 400-163 W Hastings St., Vancouver, BC V6B 1H5