



the local
community food centre

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The Local Community Food Centre (“The Local”) uses healthy food to bring people together.

The Local empowers those with barriers to accessing and benefiting from good healthy food by offering opportunities to cook, grow, share, and advocate for good food for everyone in our community. We approach the problems of poverty and food insecurity as justice issues rather than acts of charity, knowing that access to good food is central to health and should be treated as a basic right. Our programs empower people to advocate for themselves and assist them in building kitchen and gardening skills that help alleviate their food insecurity in a dignified and non-stigmatizing way. While our emphasis is on empowering our low-income neighbours, we welcome the whole community to access our services and programs to promote connectedness and enhance belonging as we work together to build a stronger, more resilient community for us all.

Our current Executive Director (“ED”) is leaving, after 7 years of leadership in which The Local developed from a small agency to Canada’s only stand alone community food centre. It is within this context that The Local invites applications for the full-time position of Executive Director.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the ED is responsible for the strategic leadership of The Local through supporting its operations, programs, strategic direction, and board governance. Externally, the ED is involved in developing and supporting cross-sectoral partnerships and networks to build a healthier, more inclusive city.

As the ideal candidate, you are knowledgeable about food security, poverty reduction, social justice, and food system change.

You are a mission-driven, collaborative and inspiring leader with a commitment to quality programs. You have experience working at the management level with a voluntary Board of Directors, have strong financial management skills, that include working with multiple funders, and have extensive knowledge and experience in creating funding proposals, grant applications and fundraising. Creating and monitoring yearly budgets within the confines of available resources will be a key function of the role. Your experience also includes managing a staff team and human resource matters.

Candidates must have a commitment to, and demonstrable understanding of, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion frameworks, and the ability to operationalize anti-oppressive practices in an organization. You have strong written and verbal communication skills and have the comfort and fluency to manage donor, partner, staff and media relations.

To apply or explore this impactful leadership opportunity with The Local, please submit a comprehensive resume along with a cover letter in confidence to deblock@stratfordlawyers.com.

Salary Range: Commensurate with experience plus a comprehensive benefits package.

The Local welcomes and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including, but not limited to women, Indigenous persons, racialized persons, persons with disabilities and persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.