



**CUMBERLAND  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS  
SOCIETY**

**NOURISH. CONNECT. THRIVE.**

## Our Year at a Glance 2024- 2025

### Strengthening Food Security

At CCSS, we believe everyone—regardless of background, income, or circumstance—deserves reliable access to nourishing food. Through our Food Access Programs, we are working to build a stronger, more food-secure community.

For 25 years, our **Healthy Food Program** has provided breakfast, lunch, and snacks to students at Cumberland Community School. Each month, the program serves over 5,190 meals, with 23% provided at no cost to low-income families.

Launched in 2000, our **Food Share** operates as Cumberland’s local food bank, supporting residents of all ages. This past year, CCSS delivered 1,790 food hampers, reaching 212 individuals across our community.



### About Us

**Cumberland Community Schools Society (CCSS)** is a registered charity that works to improve access to nutritious food, inclusive recreation, lifelong learning and networks of support in Cumberland, BC.

Operating independently out of the local school, CCSS currently provides a Healthy Food Program, After-School Activities, Youth Centre, Community Programs & the Food Share.



### What CCSS Program participants have to say:

*“If it were not for the people who started the Cumberland Community Schools Society, and now the Food Share program, I do not know how I would have survived. Bless their hearts, for they are a group that goes above and beyond.”*

*“CCSS does a great job of supporting our youth and community. I’m so thankful my child gets to benefit from what CCSS offers. With all my heart, thank you.”*

### CCSS Annual Impact



47,000 fresh & nutritious meals served



1,790 food hampers delivered in Cumberland area



65 after-school & community programs offered



463 children & youth engaged in after-school activities



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## After-School Programs

Over the last year we offered 59 different after-school programs with 303 children & youth participating. Programs included Mountain Bike Club, Trail Building, Art Classes, Baking, Gardening, Lego Club, Sewing, Outdoor Education and more!

We strive to make our programs accessible to all local residents by removing common barriers to recreation. Programs are offered at no cost and include a healthy snack. Sports equipment is made available to children who don't have their own and education assistants are provided to support full participation of students with special needs.

Parents describe our after-school activities as inclusive and a valuable opportunity for children to learn new skills, build confidence and connect with mentors. Many families express their gratitude for the access to programs they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford.

## Youth Centre

The CCSS Youth Centre provides a safe, inclusive and empowering space for youth to interact and access a variety of activities. Now in its 10th year of operation, the Centre is open three days a week, all year round, to youth aged 11-15. It's a popular spot, with 156 youth accessing the service over the past year.

When asked why the Centre is important, one youth responded "acceptance here is fantastic and it's a place we can all be who we are: youth".



## Life Long Learning

CCSS also provides learning opportunities and support services for adults. This past year, 279 individuals participated in a variety of community programs including a weekly support group for moms and babies, art classes, family gatherings, and our 3rd annual Repair Café.

## Community Events

CCSS loves our community and our events! This past year we hosted a Kids' Disco, Bingo Nights, Cut A Thon and our popular Thunderballs fundraiser! These events brought the community together while raising funds to support our operations.

## ♥ CCSS Supporters ♥

CCSS is grateful to our funders, donors, sponsors & community partners who make our programs possible.

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