Food for Life Halton & Hamilton is the regional leader in rescuing and distributing fresh and frozen food. We support the community by providing healthy food to a network of non-profits and partners who offer food support programs. Food for Life is a thought leader in the space, built on a unique supply chain model that’s driven by environmental sustainability.

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Big Thank You’s
To Those Who Helped Make This Happen

Believing in the Dream and Supporting it!

Paul, Travis and Team

Susan, Danielle, Larry Conrad, many others
25th Year of Compost Awareness Week!
How we got into this wonderful mess!

• Disclaimer: We are not experts in any way, we are inspired by a love of the earth and a hate for waste!
• Rescue more than four million lbs of food each year
• Approximately 10% is inedible
• Have a large amount of cardboard including waxed and soiled
• Tipping fees keep going up
• Inspire the Community
• Unique positioning opportunity
• Soil is the New Oil
Located in Burlington, Ontario
Timeline

• Installed mid-December 2019
• Kicked off first batch January 9- Travis and Graham Singing in the Rain
• Mix and Odour Challenge end of February - too many cooks
• Were in process of addressing when Covid-19 hit
• Project on hold as we re-deploy resources during crisis
- Installed a 25 by 25 foot concrete pad with safety fencing
- 605 Unit (6ft d. by 16ft l.) with Patz 400 mixer

Olivia and Graham During Ramp Up
Lots of learnings

• Mixers are tall and nipples leak...
• Can’t hurry love...
• Hope floats and so does cardboard
• Mega sized Nutri-Ninja
• Winter start ups need a little TLC, and a heater
• Mixology...not the drinking kind
• Humidity Tests can be stinky!
Have a little help from friends

• Takes about 3 people minimum to run a load
• Run 2 loads a week
• Lots of experts to help
• Close community of sharing
• Lots of courses-Thank you Compost Council

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Sweet smell of success

• Processing about 3000 lbs of food waste and cardboard a week
• Let it flow...let it flow...dealing with what we don’t know.....
• Compost Corner-interim
• Lots of interest from students, teachers and community
Future so bright...

• Working with United Way Halton and Hamilton on social enterprise readiness
• Are building a compost working group
• Working with Compost Council to help grow engagement with food security organizations
• Exploring other regional partners
Closing Thoughts

• Plant – Grow – Share a Row, Soupalicious, Relish Yo’ Mama food recipes during the various harvests
• Work with Council on developing on-site composting training and development
• 20th Anniversary Year of Plant – Grow – Share a Row
• We cannot feed people without healthy soils!
• This is an example of building a circular economy.
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