



2025 Year in Review

A Note from the Board Chairs,

In 2025, 10C celebrated 17 years of placemaking, social enterprise, innovative finance and local food. As the Board Chairs of 10C Shared Space, we are honoured to share highlights and progress from 2025.

Our locations at 42 Carden and the Guelph Farmer's market, offer flexible, affordable spaces where people, organizations and small businesses can thrive. 10C's strength as a place-maker continues to grow. We hosted 2,000+ community events in 2025 – a 50% increase from 2024. Whether it's small business entrepreneurs, a nourish kitchen member, people using the space for their own work, fun or activism, 10C continues to be a hub of activity.

C is for Champion

In 2025 10C had **311** active members and **151** community bond holders. One of 10C's founding values is as Champion. One of the ways we do this is by promoting our members' and their initiatives. In 2025, we supported over 100 individuals through the small business entrepreneurship program, Opening Opportunities. This learning program for entrepreneurs builds business skills, grows confidence and capacity.

At 10C, food continues to be a powerful connector and driver of our work. Through the f.u.n. (food uniting neighbours) programming, 75-100 people connect on a weekly basis through f.u.n. Fridays and other community engaged activities. This builds and connects community. Through our community lending fund, Harvest Impact, we provided micro-financing to 49 food, farm and environment entrepreneurs. Our ongoing renovations at the Guelph Farmers' Market will increase vendor booth features, visual appeal and accessibility. 10C remains dedicated to



strengthening community connections and building capacity to effectively champion the growth of every changemaker who engages with us.

It's a reflection of our success that 10C's story is now attracting interest beyond Guelph-Wellington. Through our national networks we are helping to lead the way on building social infrastructure and creating the conditions that support social enterprises, social finance and community wealth building across Canada. Our impact is expanding in exciting ways.

Looking Forward

In 2026, to continue to support local food creators we are working toward finding the necessary capital funding and community investment to build a new shared community kitchen at the Guelph Farmer's Market. 10C is also moving forward with new strategic directions which will be shared with our member community over the coming months. One key strategy is to embark on a new organizational structure that will include a charitable arm to support us in advancing education, research, and local action in community wealth building in Guelph and other mid-sized and rural communities. We are forging important connections with the emerging sector of community wealth builders.

In closing, we want to thank you. We value every member, partner, donor, volunteer and staff team member. You are what makes 10C a caring and vibrant organization. In a world that is increasingly polarized, 10C is a place where we can find connection and create new ways to support inclusive, locally rooted economies where more people benefit and where prosperity stays.

In community,

Suzanne Swanton
Board Chair

Seyi Adaghe
Board Vice-Chair