



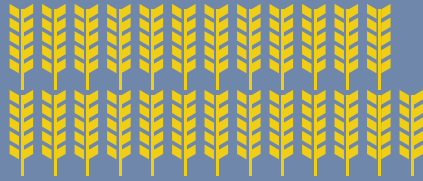
The cost to  
sponsor an  
acre is

\$400



After harvest,  
the anticipated  
return per acre  
is at least

\$500



That money may be matched by  
the government, which means  
your \$400 sponsorship could  
turn into as much as

\$2,500



Isaiah 58:10 says: “If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.” Through Grow Hope, you can be that light for many around the world.

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# Grow hope.

Bringing Together Rural and Urban  
Canadians to Address Global Hunger

## Grow Hope Markdale is a partnership between Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada, Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Markdale Growing Project.



Through Grow Hope, you can become a farmer by sponsoring an acre of farmland in rural Ontario. Funds raised through the projects may be matched up to 4:1 through the Foodgrains Bank. The funds are used when Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada supports people around the world with emergency food supplies.

While you provide hope to people around the world through food, you can also learn more about farming and what's involved in growing food.

### HOW IT WORKS

Generous farmers donate land and grow a crop for us. This year, there are between 30 and 50 acres available and it costs \$400 per acre to grow the crop—for things like seed, fuel and other inputs.

At the end of the growing season, they will sell the crop and donate the proceeds to the Foodgrains Bank. They expect to sell it for between \$500-\$600 per acre. Each year, between \$28,000 and \$34,000 is sent to Canadian Foodgrains Bank from Grow Hope Markdale Growing Project.

During the growing season, we will send you field updates, along with resources to help you learn more about farming and hunger in the developing world. Near the end of the growing season, you will be invited along with the other Grow Hope sponsors to see your acre and meet the farmers.



Each year, there is a Grow Hope Markdale Harvest Celebration with a BBQ and live music. Farmers, the community, urban church sponsors and supporters gather to commemorate the work and funds raised.

**There's more!** Through the special arrangement the Foodgrains Bank has with the Government of Canada, funds may be matched 4:1 for food assistance work in the developing world.

In other words, your sponsorship grows and multiplies—just like the seeds planted by the farmer on the Grow Hope field.

### HOW CAN YOU BE A PART OF GROW HOPE?

To become part of Grow Hope, go to [growhopemarkdale.org](http://growhopemarkdale.org) to donate a partial acre, full acre or more or visit [ncmcanada.ca/canadian-foodgrains-bank](http://ncmcanada.ca/canadian-foodgrains-bank) and designate your gift as "Grow Hope Markdale". You can also call it in to us at 1-888-808-7490 or 1-905-602-8220 or send a cheque to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada, 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5. Make cheques payable to the "Church of the Nazarene Canada".

### Thanks for considering how you can be part of Grow Hope!

Through it you can join other Canadians in growing hope as crops grow on the acre you sponsored, and as hope grows for people who receive assistance through our partnership in the Foodgrains Bank.

**Grow Hope is a great project for families, Sunday school classes and churches! Contact us to learn more.**

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