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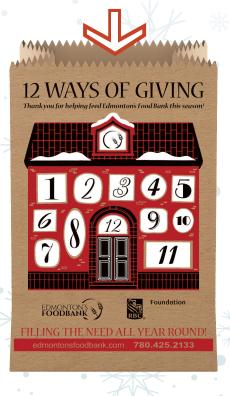
Edmonton's Food Bank



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Watch for the Festive Brown Bag in your mailbox. Please consider filling your bag and helping feed Edmonton's Food Bank!



Winter Gleanings 2020

"Edmonton's Food Bank is a blessing to us. We chouldn't have survived the past few years without your help. I'm praying for all of you and your safety during COVID-19."

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends.

We hope that this update finds you well.

2020 has been a roller coaster of events, emotions and challenges for all of us. We feel loss even if we haven't lost a loved one this year. We feel the loss of spending time with beloved friends and family. Some feel the loss of a job. All of us feel the loss of routine and predictability. Life was simpler when you only had to worry about your wallet, keys and cell phone when you left home. Now, we add items such as masks and hand sanitizer to this list of essentials.

Despite COVID-19, the Food Bank has witnessed incredible resilience, kindness and humanity. Clients have been grateful for different but uninterrupted access to services. Our agencies have been thankful for a continual supply of food, food related items and PPE.

At the Food Bank, we have lots to appreciate – our volunteers who put on their masks and gloves and continued to contribute, and our donors who have continuously supported us throughout 2020. We are grateful for the kind words of support from so many.

On behalf of Edmonton's Food Bank, we wish you peace, health, and happiness, now and into 2021.

Warmest wishes always,

Marjorie Bencz, CM **Executive Director**



TURNING 40

On January 16, 1981, the Edmonton Gleaners Association, better known as Edmonton's Food Bank, became incorporated as a society and Canada's first Food Bank was born. At the time, no one could have predicted that the organization would become a vital instrument of caring in our community.

It is with mixed feelings that Edmonton's Food Bank acknowledges our 40th Anniversary as an organization on January 16, 2021. It is unfortunate that the need for a Food Bank in Edmonton continues. At the same time, we wish to acknowledge the truly outstanding contributions that have been made to our organization by volunteers, staff, donors and other supporters throughout the years. Thank you.





Prince of Whales Armory, 1984



THANKS TO YOU

"Is there any chance you might have something for Thanksgiving?"

Those were the first stressful words Charles spoke to our client service volunteer. A week before Thanksgiving, Charles shared with us he had just lost his job. He wanted to provide his family with a normal Thanksgiving dinner during a year when COVID-19 has made everything far from normal. Thanks to you, our donors, we were able to provide a food hamper that also included a turkey and all the trimmings. Your gifts of support provided Charles the ability to feed his family, allowing him to concentrate on looking for work.

May the season bring joy, happiness and good health to you and those you love!

A Musical Christmas

in support of



TELEVISION SPECIAL

December 19th, 2020 5:00-6:00 PM CTV Edmonton







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SUPPORT EDMONTON'S FOOD **BANK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

For direct impact, monetary donations can be made online at edmontonsfoodbank.com/donate. Non-perishable food donations can be left at any major grocery store, or dropped off at our warehouse located at 11508-120 Street, Monday to Saturday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all events are subject to change. Visit **edmontonsfoodbank.com** for more events, updates and opportunities to give back to your community. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stuff a Bus at all Save-On-Foods Locations

November 28 | 9:00am - 5:00pm

Donate non-perishable food at the ETS Bus at each store or make a monetary donation at the till.

The Geeky Gift Holiday Market at the Alberta Aviation Museum

November 28 | 11410 Kingsway NW from 11:00am-7:00pm Make a donation as admission to this market filled with local makers of geeky gifts, from anime to Zelda and everything in between.

Loblaw Winter Food Drive at all Superstore and NoFrills Locations

Now until December 24

Donate non-perishable food or make a monetary donation in store.

Winter Wonder Forest

Now until January 3 | Rainbow Valley Campground winterwonderforest.ca | Non-perishable food donations gratefully accepted.

Can Man Dan Camps Out at Safeway and Sobeys

December 3 to 6 | Safeway Heritage 2304 109 St NW

December 21 to 24 | Sobeys Southbrook 1109 James Mowatt Trail SW Donate non-perishable food at the truck or make a monetary donation in store.

Christmas Bow at Newcastle Pub

December 6 | 8170 50 St NW #145

Monetary & non-perishable food donations accepted to enjoy great local music.

Candy Cane Lane

December 11 to January 1 | Candy Cane Lane from 6:00pm-10:00pm

Enjoy wonderful holiday light displays and drop off a non-perishable food donation at one of the bins along 148th street from 100th to 92nd avenue.

Joy of Giving at all Sobeys and Safeway locations

December 3 to 26 | All locations

December 19 and 20 | Help fill a Food Bank van at Riverbend Safeway, 576 Riverbend Square NW

Make a non-perishable food or monetary donation in store.



Nov. 27 – Jan. 3, 2021 Rainbow Valley Campground





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