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"Thank you for the awesome service and understanding... made me feel comfortable and most of all, like a person."

- Edmonton's Food Bank Client (Google review)

Message from the Board Chair

Every time I go into a grocery store I recognize the privilege I, and many others in our community have that we often take for granted. Putting food on our tables and in our bellies is a basic need that many of us don't think twice about when we head to our fridges, pantries, or even the popular delivery apps when we're hungry.

The unfortunate part is that there are still those in our community who often find themselves hungry and in need of help. The cost of food and basic necessities are rising to levels not seen in generations, and this means that more people in our community are being stretched to consider whether to pay their rent or heating, or buy food.

That's where Edmonton's Food Bank comes in. We are driven by our mission to find solutions to end hunger, but we can't do that alone. Through the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and our partners we've continued to address the growing demand in our community. I'm grateful for the kind of support that our organization has been shown.

Edmonton's Food Bank has been working diligently to build a more resilient organization, help our clients to reattach to the labour forces, and continue to advocate for more resources for marginalized and at-risk community members with our various levels of government.

If you donated a can of food, an hour of your time, or a dollar out of your pocket to our organization, I wanted to say thank you.

In appreciation,

Michael Capus
Board Chair



Pursuing Our Mission in Our Community

Our MISSION STATEMENT is to be stewards in the collection of surplus and donated food for the effective distribution, free of charge, to people in need in our community while seeking solutions to the causes of hunger.

The first part of this statement talks about stewardship, meaning careful and responsible management. The focus of our work is the distribution of food to low-income people or people in need.

The second part of our mission talks about our commitment to poverty prevention or reduction through initiatives like our Beyond Food program.

While some individuals and families do access services directly from our organization, Edmonton's Food Bank is a central warehouse and referral centre for a network of over 300 agencies, shelters, food depots, and community groups serving people in need.

The Food Bank offers a variety of different services including different types of hampers. Hamper contents vary depending on what is donated, specific dietary needs (like diabetic or celiac), or cultural requests.

Hampers are prepared by the Food Bank or one of our affiliated agencies. We also work with groups like the Edmonton Police Service to make emergency food packages for people in need.

Schools, soup kitchens, and shelters access food through meal and snack programs supported by Edmonton's Food Bank. Examples include Hope Mission, Operation Friendship, Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boyle Street, Mustard Seed, Jasper Place Health and Wellness Centre, and about 80 schools.

In May of 2022, we served 31,559 people through hamper programs which is more than double our numbers in May of 2020 at the height of the pandemic. We distributed 504,979 kilograms of food to our partner agencies and directly to individuals and families in need. In May of 2020, this number was only 324,933 kilograms.



We do not receive any operational dollars from any level of government. We rely on individuals, foundations, and community-minded businesses for food and funds. Volunteers are also essential to our work.



Upcoming Events

For tickets and more information please visit edmontonsfoodbank.com/events

South West Edmonton Farmers' Market

August 17 and September 28 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Terwillegar Recreation Centre parking lot (2051 Leger Road, NW)

Drop off donations of non-perishable food or fresh garden produce with our volunteers!

Edmonton Food Drive - City Wide

September 24 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Volunteers will drop off bags in select neighbourhoods in advance of the food drive. Please leave your donation visible on your front step by 10:00 am on Saturday for volunteers to pick up.



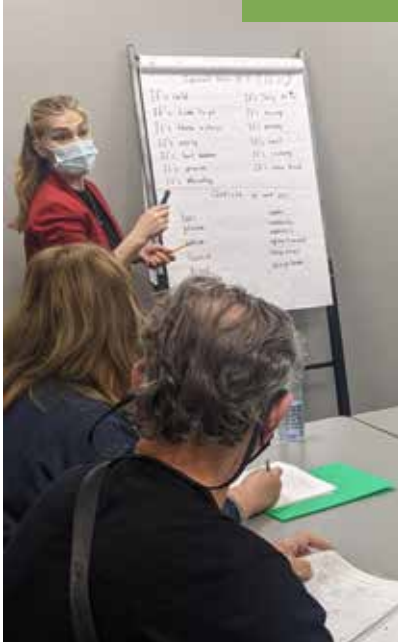
Harvest Luncheon

October 20 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Edmonton's Food Bank Annex (11434 120 Street, NW)

Join us in person for a lovely luncheon, live auction, lottery, and guest speaker Victor Cui, President and CEO of the Edmonton Elks. Thanks to our amazing sponsors, 100% of funds raised will support our work. **Tickets available on our website.**

Helping in Many Languages



My name is Yagut. I was born in Azerbaijan and came to Canada in 2015. I speak Russian, Azeri, Turkish, English, and understand Ukrainian. I have been working with the Beyond Food Program with Edmonton's Food Bank for the last few years.

We have been supporting many Ukrainian refugees with food hampers as well as through Beyond Food, especially with English training opportunities. We assess their level of English and work with The Learning Centre for added training along with volunteer connections in our warehouse to provide conversational language opportunities.

We are pleased that Edmonton's Food Bank has also hired a Ukrainian refugee in our warehouse where she works with us and adds additional help in translating for other new arrivals.

For more information about our Beyond Food Program, please visit edmontonsfoodbank.com/need-help/beyondfood/



Google Review

Edmonton's Food Bank recently received this Google review from a Ukrainian client new to Canada and to our process.

Мы пришли без предварительной записи, но нам пошли навстречу и в этот же день спустя минут 15 мы получили еду и нас зарегистрировали

Translation: We came without an appointment, but they helped us and we got food items in 15 minutes, they also registered us.

Рады, что можем помочь. Мы здесь, если нужен помощь. Добро пожаловать в Канаду!

Translation: Glad we can help. We are here when you need us. Welcome to Canada!

We are fortunate to have a diverse staff and volunteer base to help us navigate and support everyone.



Protect Your Back!

Easy ways to support Edmonton's Food Bank Summer Food Drive

Unfortunately, hunger and poverty don't take a holiday over the summer and we need your help to stock our shelves.

Food is heavy! We know this because we handle it every day. So here are a few ways you can help the Food Bank and protect your back!

- Visit us at one of our summer and fall events!
- Make a secure online donation by visiting our website: edmontonsfoodbank.com
- If you would like to donate by using a credit card or talk to us, we can be reached at 780.425.2133.
- Leave your non-perishable food donation in the Food Bank bin at any major grocery store or City of Edmonton fire station.
- If you would like to help the Food Bank in a more traditional way, consider mailing a cheque to:

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