

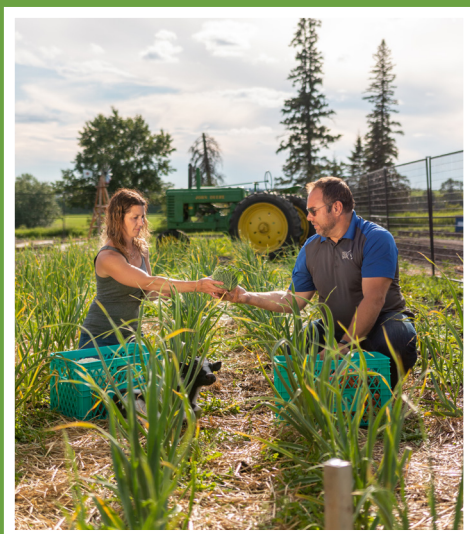
# EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK UPDATE

MAY 2024



## 2024 NUMBERS TO DATE...

- 38,906 people served in March (a record number of hamper recipients).
- Our donors & volunteers are committed to our mission & are very generous. Our challenge is the growing need for our services.
- \$1,098,837 worth of food purchased (as of April 30) including eggs, shelf stable milk, flour, oil, canned soups, and more.
- Served 8,210 people a festive hamper in March – including 678 hams, 1,479 turkeys, and 463 halal chickens.



**Get ready to Plant a Row,  
Grow a Row, Share a Row!**



## EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK'S RESILIENCE CONTINUES:

2019	2023
Owned 2 buildings: Annex and Main Warehouse	<b>Own 3 buildings: Annex, NISO, and Main Warehouse</b>
15 vehicles owned and operated	<b>19 vehicles owned and operated</b>
4.3 million kilograms of food donated	<b>5.5 million kilograms of food donated</b>
\$1.1M of purchased food	<b>\$3.5M of purchased food</b>
99,000 volunteer hours	<b>140,000+ volunteer hours</b>
21,385 people served on average through hamper programs monthly	<b>34,815 people served on average through hamper programs monthly</b>
68 area depots and 280 partner agencies	<b>80 area depots and 350 partner agencies</b>

## STRENGTH IN SERVICE: EFB SUPPORT ENDURES

The sentiment echoed by Kirstin Beardsley, CEO of Food Banks Canada, resonates deeply across the nation, as she emphasizes the alarming state of food insecurity: “The word that I hear often with food banks across Canada is ‘unsustainable.’ When you see the rates of growth that we’ve seen and the strain, the amount of donations that we need to see coming through the door, either stagnate or do not keep up the pace, this is not a sustainable situation.” (April 26, 2024 – Global News)

Despite these challenges, Edmonton’s Food Bank remains steadfast and unwavering in its service to our community, thanks to the dedicated support of compassionate contributors.

“Our donors and volunteers have remained dedicated to our mission with their gifts of food, funds, and time,” affirmed Marjorie Bencz, *CM*, Executive Director. “Food insecurity is a symptom of poverty. We advocate for change to help people secure employment, affordable housing and childcare, and supports for mental health and addictions. Together we are creating a kinder community.”



Because of you, we are able to continue to do what we do best - serving those in need, since 1981. If you have any questions please contact Tamisan Bencz-Knight, Manager of Strategic Relationships & Partnerships, at 780.425.2133 ext. 232.