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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I encourage everyone to take the time to smell the flowers this summer. Take a big breath and feel gratitude for Edmonton, the amazing community we call home. With the beautiful weather, we see our community garden coming to life by our Annex. Over two weekends this spring volunteer artists came forward to paint two lovely murals on our building. Thanks to the UofA Faculty of Extension Fine Arts Program volunteers and a donation of supplies from the Terra Losa Home Depot for making this possible. We hope you come by to admire the space and sit for a while on one of our benches this summer.

Alongside the beauty of summer are people struggling with hunger, including children who don't have access to the meal and snack programs that are offered throughout the school year. Food Banks Canada along with French's, The Global FoodBanking Network, Hershey Canada, Kellogg's Breakfast for Better Days, Loblaw Companies Limited and Organic Meadow have come together to help us with a new snack program called *After the Bell*. Edmonton's Food Bank will be receiving 857 snack packs each week for children throughout July and August to lessen the impact of fewer snack programs over the summer. Additionally, we will be purchasing fresh food to augment the snack packs thanks to these donors.

The summer months are challenging for food banks across the country and Edmonton is no exception. Our trucks remain on the roads gleaned from grocery stores, suppliers and food warehouses; however, our public donation bins are a little lonely. We are looking forward to both the *Purolator Tackle Hunger Football Game* and the *Edmonton Heritage Festival* presented by Servus Credit Union to help restock our shelves. Please join us at one or both of these signature events to support our work with a donation of food or funds. To have an immediate impact, feel free to leave a donation at any major grocery store, fire station or donate funds securely at edmontonsfoodbank.com.

Thank you for your consideration and willingness to make a difference. It is because of donations of food and funds, we can feed our neighbours in need.

Yours truly,

Marjorie Bencz, CM
Executive Director



FOR IMMEDIATE IMPACT, PLEASE DONATE ONLINE.

Edmonton's Food Bank provides year round service to those in need.

We are pleased to offer donors the option of donating securely online through CanadaHelps for either one-time or monthly donations.

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Every Plate Full, an Unexpected Donor Story - Serena Webber, Edmonton Artist

"Here's something very few knew, early in our marriage, Lorne and I were so poor we couldn't even afford ramen noodles and had to rely on Edmonton's Food Bank. Feeling dependent on other people for food was the most conflicted I had ever felt. I wrestled with a mix of shame at not being able to buy my own food, and gratitude that others were willing to help. Thankfully we haven't been in such dire straits for a very long time. I was always grateful for Edmonton's Food Bank helping when we were in need."

A shocking number of Edmontonians cannot afford to put food on their tables. This is awful, especially for small kids whose growing brains and bodies need good nutrition to learn properly and develop. In the summer months, the Edmonton Food Bank struggles with far fewer donations, even though the need is the same. We are a rich province: NOBODY should have to worry about food insecurity."

Thank you to the largest supporter of our Every Plate Full Online Auction; Crankpots Ceramic Studio. They not only hosted an evening for the Night of Artists (NoA) group to paint but also donated large platters for the NoA group and other artists to use.

"Being a small business we select a few charities to work with and the Every Plate Full campaign blends in well with our type of store," says owner Shelley Bourgeault. *"It not only helps raise some funds for the Food Bank but also gives many of Edmonton's talented artists a chance to donate their time and skills as well so it's a win-win situation."*



JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

For information on upcoming events visit: edmontonsfoodbank.com/events

Are you organizing a special event?

Food & monetary donations are welcome!

Individual donations of non-perishable food can be left at any City of Edmonton Fire Station, major grocery store or dropped off directly at our main warehouse located at **11508-120 Street, Monday to Saturday, 8:30am-4:30pm.**

If you are organizing an event and require a pick-up, please plan for a three-business-day window. Please call our Resource Development Team at **780.425.2133.**

PUROLATOR TACKLE HUNGER

August 2 | Kick Off 8:00 PM

Commonwealth Stadium (11000 Stadium Road)

Come watch the Edmonton Eskimos take on the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Bring a monetary or non-perishable food donation to the game and help tackle hunger in Edmonton!

EDMONTON HERITAGE FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY SERVUS CREDIT UNION

August 4 - 6 | heritagefest.ca

Hawrelak Park (9330 Groat Road)

Bring a monetary or non-perishable food donation with you to the Heritage Festival and help us raise 50,000 kg of food this year!

SOUTHWEST EDMONTON FARMERS' MARKET

August 29 & September 26

Terwillegar Rec Centre Parking Lot (2051 Leger Road)

Edmonton's Food Bank will be on-site at the Southwest Edmonton Farmers' Market collecting donations from local gardeners as part of Plant a Row, Grow a Row. We will also be collecting donations from vendors.

EDMONTON FOOD DRIVE

September 29

City Wide

Volunteers with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be in your neighborhood collecting non-perishable food items for Edmonton's Food Bank.

If you receive a flyer and bag, simply place your donation in the bag and leave it on your doorstep before 10:00am. Organized volunteer teams will pick up your donation.

HARVEST LUNCHEON

October 25 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Edmonton's Food Bank Annex (11434 120 Street)

Join us for a fun and casual lunch while we raise money to help those in need! Try your luck in the Safeway Sobeys Cans Lottery or try to be the largest bid in the live auction.

Tickets are \$50 each or \$360 for a table of 8.

For tickets please contact Stephanie at:
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August 4-6, 2018

Monetary Donations and Unused Food Tickets are also accepted during the Festival. These donations are essential for food purchases, services and operations. Additionally, cheques can be mailed to Edmonton's Food Bank, P.O. Box 62061, Edmonton, AB T5M 4B5 or donate securely online at

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