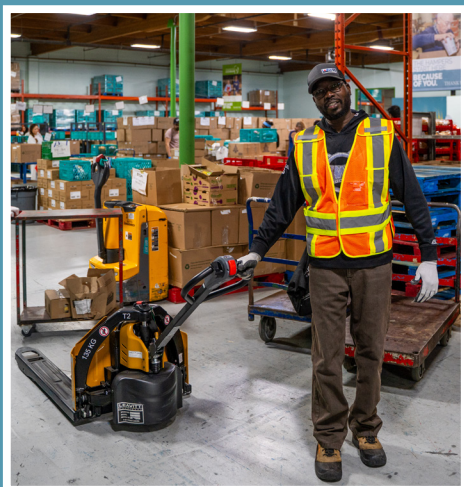


EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK UPDATE

JULY 2024



STOLLERY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION GIFT

Food handling involves logistics and we are excited to announce a generous gift from the Stollery Charitable Foundation, which has provided us with ten walk-behind electric pallet jacks. These jacks save time and energy by efficiently moving food through our systems, making it easier to accept donations and deliver food hampers to community depots.

Additionally, the grant funded an air curtain for our south loading dock, enhancing its usability and increasing our capacity to serve the community more efficiently.



SERVICES TO MEET GROWING NEED

At Edmonton's Food Bank, we believe that behind every statistic is a person with unique challenges and hopes. As we continue to navigate the growing demand for our services, our commitment remains unwavering: to provide not just food, but also compassion, understanding, and support.

Our spring snapshot of 2024, has seen an unprecedented increase in new clients seeking food help with May breaking records - we provided food hampers to **43,323** people.

For the last 6 months, we have been providing food hampers to an average of **1,700** individuals who have never accessed our services before.

To address the needs of our most vulnerable clients, we opened our Pantry Program to increase our capacity and have served 60 households, engaging directly with them to understand their situations better. Through these conversations, we are identifying additional supports, connected them with our Beyond Food program and other help.

Our dedicated warehouse volunteers have already contributed an incredible **73,642** hours! They are working tirelessly by our side sorting food donations, building food hampers, and so much more.

The depot in our NISO building has become a critical resource for many. After its first year, we provided food to **25,343** households providing **82,194** people a food hamper.

BECAUSE OF YOU...

John was anxious about visiting the Food Bank, but his worries quickly vanished when he walked through the doors. He was warmly welcomed by the staff at the NISO depot and was treated with incredible respect.

When John received his hamper, he was amazed by the quality and variety of items. "The volunteers did a better job than I ever could grocery shopping!" he marveled.

Leaving with bags full of nutritious food, John's gratitude was captured in his words: "Please tell everyone thanks from the bottom of my heart. This is absolutely awesome!"



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 us: info@edmontonsfoodbank.com or at 780.425.2133.