

Winter Gleanings 2024

"I am so thankful for Edmonton's Food Bank. Just knowing you are here is such a relief. From the bottom of my heart - thank you!"

Larissa, Edmonton, AB

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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we enter this festive season, I am once again humbled and inspired by the incredible generosity of our donors and volunteers. Your unwavering support has helped Edmonton's Food Bank navigate unprecedented times and meet the growing needs in our community. The rising cost of living, compounded by inflation, continues to strain individuals and families across Edmonton. While the journey is challenging, our commitment to serving those in need remains steadfast.

Over 40,000 people each month are helped through our hamper programs AND we provide food for 400,000 meals and snacks through our network of over 350 partners. These numbers highlight the immense volume of need in our community and they serve as a reminder of the critical role that each of us plays in addressing food insecurity.

It is also important to remember that we are not a government funded organization. We rely on the heartfelt gifts of food and financial donations from people like you to keep our shelves stocked and our community fed.

This holiday season, know that your donations to Edmonton's Food Bank have a direct and tangible impact, ensuring that we can continue to provide nourishment to those who need it most. We are doers; we don't just talk about food insecurity – we actively combat it by feeding people.

Be part of the joy of giving. Help us spread warmth and hope to those who need it most. Your generosity not only makes a difference; it changes lives now and into 2025. Thank you.

Warmest regards,



Marjorie Bencz, CM
Executive Director



MAGICAL CHRISTMAS

MUSIC GALA VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

Make holiday shopping a breeze
- bid in our online auction!
Items include:



Elk Island Retreat



Polar Express

and SO MUCH MORE!!!

For more info, visit:
edmontonsfoodbank.com



Your RBC Foundation Bag
will be arriving soon!



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JACOB'S STORY

Jacob, a 25-year-old, just booked his first hamper as he navigates tough times.

Yesterday, he celebrated his birthday not with cake and gifts, but with the hope that things might start looking up. Today, that hope arrived in the form of an email from Edmonton's Food Bank, confirming his hamper booking.

"I can't be grateful enough," Jacob shared. *"It made my heart melt."* For Jacob, this wasn't just a hamper—it was a lifeline. His days have been a careful balance between scraping by and staying hopeful. After securing a 3-hour shift, he's had to stretch his minimum-wage earnings to cover daily expenses, like transit.

Because of you, Jacob now has the support of our community behind him, helping him on his journey. Thank you.

A MUSICAL HOLIDAY TV SPECIAL

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 21
AT 4:30 PM

ON
GLOBAL TV



**BRETT
KISSEL**



**HAILEY
BENEDICT**



**SHAWNEE
KISH**



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Year-end celebrations of peace also make the Food Bank's calendar super busy. We hope to see you at one or all our upcoming events. For a complete list of community events, please visit edmontonsfoodbank.com/events/



Mayfield Dinner Theatre – Holiday Helpings (Flashback Fever)
November 12 to December 24
Cast members accepting donations after each show. W: mayfieldtheatre.ca



Citadel Theatre's A Christmas Carol
November 23 to December 24
Cast members accepting donations after each show. W: citadeltheatre.com



ETS Stuff A Bus - 30th Anniversary!
November 30 - All Save-On-Foods
Leave a donation on the bus outside the store for those in need.



CBC's Make the Season Kind
December 6 to December 13
This holiday season, help make the season kind for those in need.
W: cbc.ca/kindyeg



Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concerts
December 20 to December 23
Musicians accepting donations during intermission. W: winspearcentre.com

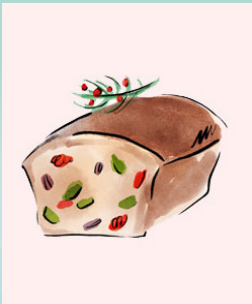


YEG Candy Cane Lane
December 8 to January 1
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm nightly
Leave your non-perishable food donation in one of the green bins along the lane.
W: yegcandycanelane.com

If you are in need of a pick-up or delivery of resources, please contact our Resource Development Team at 780.425.2133. Please be patient and allow a 5-business day window for our trucks to dispatch.

THE WESTIN XMAS CAKE

HELP THE WESTIN EDMONTON RAISE
\$10,000 FOR EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK



Purchase a Christmas Cake (serves 5) at The Westin Edmonton. 100% of your contribution will go to Edmonton's Food Bank.
Available in December
edmontonsfoodbank.com/events/

MAKE GIVING A HABIT

- Donate Money:** sign up as a monthly donor online on our website. Monthly giving of \$20 creates flexibility and consistent program funding.
- Donate Food:** while grocery shopping, leave items in the permanent collection bins.
- Donate Time:** become a Food Bank volunteer ambassador and introduce charitable giving to your children, friend, or colleague.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT