

# EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK UPDATE

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## 2024 FESTIVE CAMPAIGN

Food Goals at 92% of 300,000 kg  
Monetary Goals Met: \$4.5M

“All of this generosity is overshadowed by record requests for help. Meeting our fundraising goal this year is an extraordinary achievement, and we are deeply grateful for every dollar, every can of food, and every hour of time donated,” said Marjorie Bencz, CM, Executive Director of Edmonton’s Food Bank. “While we’ve made progress, we are also facing the most significant demand in our history, and this support will help us as we continue to help our neighbors in need. Thank you for standing with us during these challenging times.”



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:  
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or at 780.425.2133.



## HUMBLING NUMBERS FROM 2024

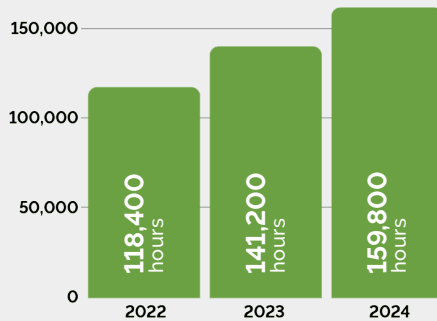
COLLECTED OVER  
**6,000,000**  
KILOGRAMS  
OF FOOD

PURCHASED ABOUT  
**\$3.8M**  
WORTH OF  
FOOD

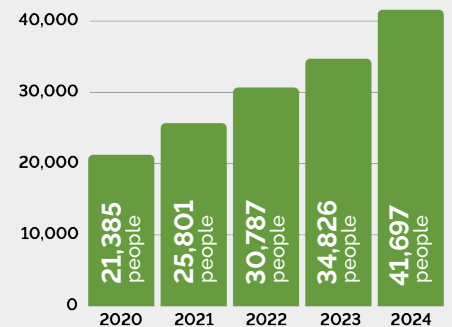
ALMOST  
**38%**  
OF CLIENTS  
ARE CHILDREN

Edmonton’s Food Bank provided, on average, 450,000 meals and snacks monthly to partner organizations. This represents 380 different partners including soup kitchens, shelters, schools, and others.

Volunteer hours have steadily increased. This remarkable dedication has been vital in ensuring the stability of our programs.



Our average monthly client hamper recipients have steadily risen over the past five years.



## Because of you, we can support this generous heart...



Youko is 64 years old and faces significant challenges, including not having a home – she has been couch surfing between places. Her struggles have caused her to visit Edmonton’s Food Bank every other week where she receives hampers to help get by. Despite her own struggles, she never misses an opportunity to give back.

What sets Youko apart is the generosity she shows, even when she has so little. Each time she visits, she digs deep into her pocket, offering whatever spare change she has whether it’s a loonie or a toonie. Sometimes it’s found money while other times it’s the money she’s earned by collecting bottles.

Youko often says she wishes she could give more and the little she gives comes from a place of profound gratitude. It’s a humbling reminder that even in the hardest times, a giving spirit will shine through.

Youko’s story is one of resilience and selflessness that illustrates how, even when life feels uncertain, generosity and kindness are always within reach. Because of the collective generosity of our community, Edmonton’s Food Bank remains steadfast in serving the community to help with food security.