

*"Words can't describe my gratitude. Your support has given me hope during a really difficult time. Thank you!"*

*Kevin, Edmonton, AB*

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## Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Since 1981, Edmonton's Food Bank has been at the forefront of food security. For 44 years, we have been salvaging/rescuing surplus food from the food industry, collecting donations, and providing it free to vulnerable neighbours.

Last year was particularly challenging, as we surpassed our record number of clients served in a single month (over 47,000). Despite the growing need, we remain hopeful thanks to our generous community. Over the festive season, your support helped us achieve our monetary goal and we reached 92% of our food goal. For 2025, there is still much work ahead. Together, we must continue to support one another and help set people up for success.

In 2024, our impact has been felt across Edmonton. Your contributions helped make this possible:

- ⦿ Nearly 80,000 unique individuals throughout Edmonton received a food hamper, with an average of 41,600 people supported monthly all year.
- ⦿ 380 community partners, including soup kitchens, shelters, and other vital agencies, received food for their programming, allowing us to collectively provide over 450,000 meals and snacks monthly.
- ⦿ Our warehouse team salvaged surplus food, preventing waste and feeding those in need. In 2024 alone, we rescued more than 4 million kilograms of food, representing 60% of all the food we distributed.

The food we share within our community has a direct and profound impact. As we move into another year of uncertainty, we encourage everyone to work together to address the root cause of food insecurity: poverty.

You are essential to the work we do, and together, we are building a stronger, more supportive community. Let's continue to focus on kindness and the positive changes we can create. Thank you once again for your generous donations of time, money, and food.

In friendship,



Marjorie Bencz, CM  
Executive Director

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IS EASIER THAN EVER!  
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- ⦿ **100% of funds** go to us  
No admin fees!
- ⦿ **Easy Giving**
- ⦿ **Tax receipts** included
- ⦿ **One time or monthly** giving  
available

## A GENEROUS HEART, NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCE...

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 our community.



# EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK SEED BANK

Inspired by the Edmonton Public Library's original seed bank concept!

Last summer and fall, we asked local garden centers and seed retailers to donate unsold seeds. The response was incredible, and we now have a vibrant seed collection to share including hundreds of varieties of fruits, vegetables, legumes, and pollinator flowers. These seeds were saved at the end of the last growing season to help make gardening even more sustainable. This spring, we'll begin sharing these seeds with community gardens and community groups like Sustainable Food Edmonton.

We encourage everyone to grow their own food to support their individual food security, whether it's a small planter box, a container garden, a balcony garden, or a backyard plot.

You are also welcome to join our **Plant A Row, Grow A Row, Share A Row** program and share your produce with Edmonton's Food Bank! Visit [edmontonsfoodbank.com](http://edmontonsfoodbank.com) for more information.



## 2024 FESTIVE CAMPAIGN THANK YOU!

"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 feed our neighbors in need. Thank you for standing with us during these challenging times."



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spring brings new beginnings and plenty of ways to give back! Check out our upcoming events and be part of the community. Full event list at [edmontonsfoodbank.com/events/](http://edmontonsfoodbank.com/events/)



### GIVE 30 Now through May 30

Give 30 is about everyone supporting the fight against hunger in our communities.

Please donate.  
[edmontonsfoodbank.com/  
events/give-30/](http://edmontonsfoodbank.com/events/give-30/)



### AMA E-RECYCLING June 22 AMA South Edmonton

Take a bite out of identity theft! Donations of food and funds are accepted.  
[ama.ab.ca/events](http://ama.ab.ca/events)



### CANSTRUCTION May 3 to 11 West Edmonton Mall

See the structures and the amazing creativity of the companies involved!  
[canstructionedmonton.com](http://canstructionedmonton.com)



### ALL BRITISH FIELD MEET June 14 | 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Victoria Park

Come see beautiful British made vehicles and bring a donation for Edmonton's Food Bank.



### AMA SHREDDING May 3, 24, 31 Various locations

Shred your risk of identity theft! Donations of food and funds are accepted.  
[ama.ab.ca/events](http://ama.ab.ca/events)



### HERITAGE FESTIVAL August 2 to 4 Edmonton Exhibition Lands and Borden Park Join us at Heritage Festival 2025! Please donate food or funds to support our community! [heritagefest.ca](http://heritagefest.ca)

If you are in need of a pick-up or delivery of resources, please contact our Resource Development Team at 780.425.2133. Please allow a 3-business day window for our trucks to dispatch.