

# RETAIL CONNECTIONS

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2025!

Your support throughout 2025 was invaluable in helping us meet the increased need in Edmonton. Your donations are the reason Edmonton's Food Bank is able to provide fresh produce, meat, dairy, and baked goods to our clients and agency partners. **Last year food industry donors gave over 4.5 million kilograms of food. This is 75% of the food we distributed in 2025!**

Please reach out to us if you are interested in a tour of our facility or for information on team volunteer opportunities. Thank you for helping us to feed people in need.



IN 2025, EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK COLLECTED, SORTED, REPACKAGED, AND REDISTRIBUTED OVER 6 MILLION KILOGRAMS OF FOOD.



## MEET THE DRIVERS: JAVIER

**How long you've been at the Food Bank:**

*5 years*

**What size trucks do you drive?**

*I can drive our 1 ton, 3 ton, and 5 tons. Right now I drive a 5 ton.*

**What do you pick up to help feed our community?**

*Public donations and donations from stores, food industry.*

**What do you like most about driving for the Food Bank?**

*I'm happy to drive for Edmonton's Food Bank and help the community.*

**Describe a typical work day for you:**

*My day starts at 8:30 with a truck inspection. I then I check my route for the day and organize my resources, including a power jack and extra boxes. My route includes West Edmonton and Acheson, including Costco Business Centre, Walmart, Superstore, Canada Bread, and Sysco.*

*Once my pick ups are done, I come back to the Food Bank to unload. Staff and volunteers here help me sort the food to weigh it by store and track if it is public donations or from the food industry. Sometimes I have to come back twice in a day because the truck is full.*

**Is there a story you'd like to share about driving for the Food Bank?**

*I just want to say we have good relations with the stores, their staff are nice and friendly to work with.*



### To Avoid Cross-contamination Please use our Plastic Bins to Separate Donations

We want to make it easy to donate, so we offer plastic frog bins for storing donations. You can easily sort donations and place them in the bins to store in coolers or freezers until our drivers pick up.

These bins keep different food categories separate, which is important for food safety. The bins are branded to make it clear to staff where donations go. The bins also allow for quicker and more efficient pick up by our drivers. Edmonton's Food Bank can swap the full bins for clean, empty ones during pick up.

To get started with the plastic frog bins or to have ones replaced, please ask our driver to bring some or reach out to Melissa, our Retail Food Specialist, to have some dropped off. Call 780.425.2133 ext. 239 or email her at [melissa.s@edmontonsfoodbank.com](mailto:melissa.s@edmontonsfoodbank.com)

**Please note: All donated food MUST be fit for human consumption upon receipt by Edmonton's Food Bank drivers per AHS food safety guidelines.**

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