



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

A YEAR TO REMEMBER



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IN LOVING MEMORY



FRED JONES

LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER



MARNO SEKORA

WAREHOUSE TEAM MEMBER



TOM THACKERAY

FORMER BOARD MEMBER

In 2025, we said farewell to three dear friends of Edmonton's Food Bank: **Fred Jones**, a long-time volunteer, **Marno Sekora**, a dedicated warehouse team member, and **Tom Thackeray**, a valued former board member. These individuals leave behind a lasting legacy in their wake and will forever embody the values of Edmonton's Food Bank.

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

As we reflect on the year gone by, we do so with both pride and humility. Across our community, the pressures of food insecurity continue to affect individuals and families in profound ways. In the face of rising costs and ongoing financial strain, Edmonton's Food Bank has remained steadfast in its commitment to ensuring people have access to the food and support they need.

Over the past year, we have seen continued demand across many areas of our work. Through our hamper programs, individuals and families have been able to access fresh and non-perishable food tailored to household size and dietary needs. Through our network of food depots and community partnerships, we have worked to make this support as accessible and responsive as possible.

At the same time, our work extends beyond the hamper. Through our meal and snack partnerships, we continue to support shelters, soup kitchens, community meal programs, and other agencies serving vulnerable Edmontonians. We also recognize that food insecurity is often connected to larger barriers in a person's life. That is why Beyond Food remains such an important part of our response. By connecting people with employment assistance, literacy and education supports, and other services, Beyond Food helps address needs that go beyond immediate hunger and supports longer-term stability and well-being.

This work is only possible because of the extraordinary generosity of our donors, the dedication of our volunteers, the strength of our staff, and the collaboration of community partners.



Photo from the Volunteer Appreciation event

Together, they make it possible for Edmonton's Food Bank to continue improving a diverse range of programs and services to meet the changing needs of our community.

As Board Chair, I am continually inspired by the compassion and commitment that surround this organization. Every food hamper, every school snack, every shared meal, and every connection to additional support is a reminder that our community cares deeply. While there is still much work ahead, we remain committed to responding with dignity, respect, and hope.

Thank you for standing with us. Your support helps ensure that Edmonton's Food Bank can continue to meet urgent needs today while helping build a stronger, more food-secure community for tomorrow.



Incorporated as **Canada's first food bank** on January 16, 1981 as the **Edmonton Gleaners Association.**

Katherine Huising
Board Chair, Edmonton's Food Bank

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Reflecting back on the year of 2025, it is necessary to also reflect on the profound changes worldwide. Six years ago, the pandemic challenged health care systems, put pressure on political and economic systems, disrupted supply chains, increased the cost of living, and amplified pressure on vulnerable populations. In short, it intensified already desperate situations. In the years that followed, strained relationships on both a personal and political scale were magnified and new grievances emerged, creating an overarching feeling of uncertainty looming overhead.

2025 was no different; the world faced formidable challenges and continued to be in flux. Turning on the news, one could easily become overwhelmed and discouraged. Edmonton's Food Bank continues to rise to the challenge, improving the lives of countless individuals and making our community a better place overall.

This is only done with the incredible support from our thousands of volunteers, donors, and community partners. We are nurturing people in our community, helping them not just survive, but thrive.

As community need intensified, so did the number of food hampers supplied. We also expanded our reach by increasing our number of community partnerships and developing more programs to reduce food insecurity, such as community gardens, collective kitchens, and our Beyond Food programming.



Thank you for your courage in the face of adversity during these uncertain times. Together, we can turn this challenge into an opportunity to do more, help more, and feed more. Together, we are making a difference.

With appreciation,

Marjorie Bencz, CM
Edmonton's Food Bank



Top 10 Impact Canadian Food Bank
by Charity Intelligence Canada



Accredited
IMAGINE CANADA

The Food Bank is accredited under
Imagine Canada's Standards Program.



FIRST FOOD RESCUE ORGANIZATION IN CANADA

On January 16, 1981, the Edmonton Gleaners Association, now known as Edmonton's Food Bank, received its official charter and became Canada's first food bank.

Edmonton's Food Bank was born through the realization of two factors: hunger was affecting the lives of many Edmontonians and edible food was being wasted in the community. There was a desire to reconcile these realities and establish a channel for surplus food from the food industry to help those experiencing food insecurity.

By 1983, however, as the public awareness of the Food Bank increased and the situation of many of the city's poorest citizens worsened, the Association found itself on the front lines, providing emergency food hampers to individuals and families.



"I'm really stretched. My rent is going up again at the end of the month. I have been trying, but I wouldn't be able to make it without you. Thank you so much for the help."

—Edmonton's Food Bank Client

FROM DONATION TO IMPACT: HOW IT WORKS



FOOD DONATIONS

Non-perishable or approved fresh items are dropped off at designated grocery store bins, fire stations, events, or our main warehouse.



LOCAL COMPANIES & FARMS DONATE FOOD



MONETARY DONATIONS

Donations are made online or by cheque, helping to cover operating costs and purchase the food the community needs most.



SORTING

Once received, food is sorted by volunteers and staff to ensure quality.



FOOD PURCHASE

In 2025, we purchased \$3.96 million worth of food.



STORAGE

Safe and acceptable perishable food is stored in our warehouse via industrial coolers and freezers.



REPACKAGING & PREPARATION

Sorted food is repackaged and prepared into food hampers or bulk orders that partner agencies can distribute.



DISTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Food Bank acts as a central warehouse and distributor to more than 380 partner agencies, including soup kitchens, shelters, schools, and food depots across the city.



DIRECT CLIENT HAMPERS

In an average month, 43,519 people received a food hamper. Hampers are prepared and provided directly to individuals and families.



43,519

people helped per month on average



over

\$3.96 million

spent on food purchases



Edmonton's Food Bank collected, sorted and redistributed more than

5.1 million kg

of food valued over

\$41.2 million



500,000

snacks and meals distributed each month



6 times

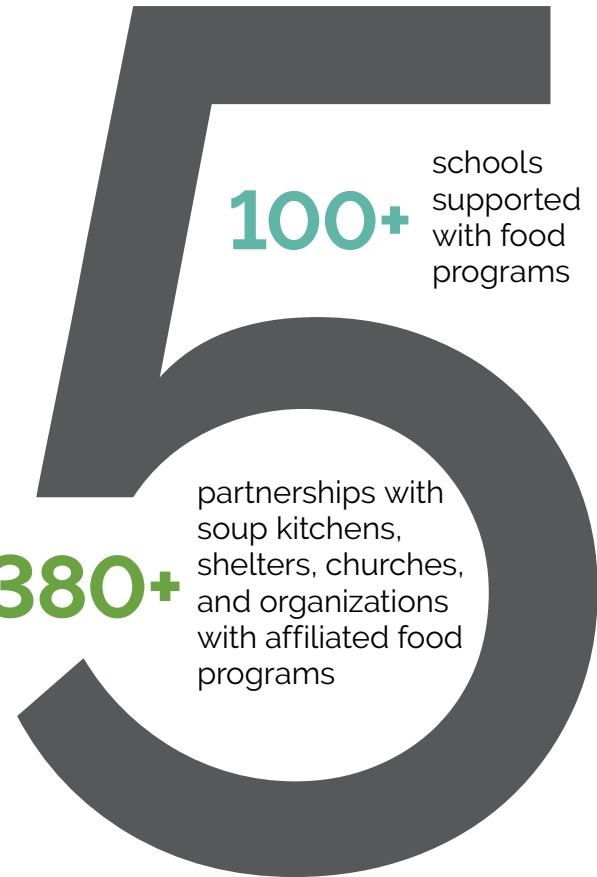
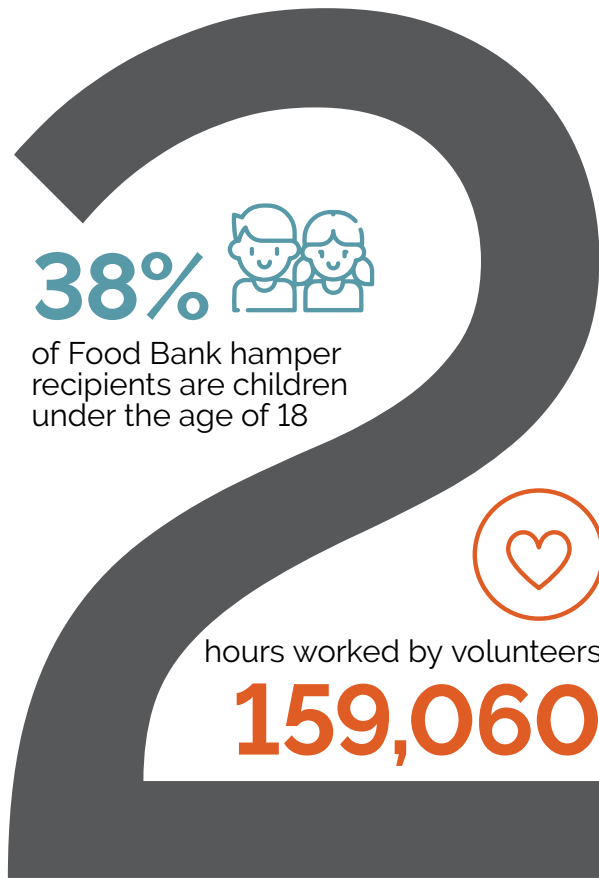
average number of visits per person per year



81

community food depots distributing weekly

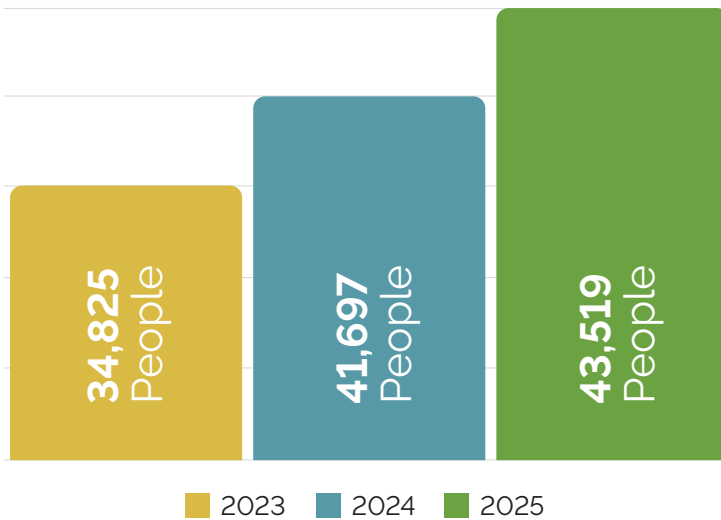






In **2025**, Edmonton's Food Bank experienced **two all-time highs** for people accessing our food hamper programs.

*AVERAGE MONTHLY FOOD HAMPER RECIPIENTS



Both January (**45,139 people**) and March (**46,090 people**) were record breaking months in our 45-year history for people experiencing food insecurity and being helped.

Behind each number is a story. A friend. A colleague. A neighbour. A parent. An isolated senior. A growing child. A sibling. Every hamper represents not just a meal, but dignity, compassion, and connection in a moment of need.

Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our donors and volunteers, we continue to provide food hampers to thousands of people every month offering food, hope, and the reminder that they are not alone.

Because of you, we are making a difference.

** Note: Graphs reflect the number of individuals accessing food through our hamper programs. It does not include the thousands of meals and snacks provided each month by our incredible network of agency partners.*



YEARS OF IMPACT

Edmonton's Food Bank envisions a community in which hunger does not exist and people have access to adequate, nutritious food. 2025 was a year defined by growing need and meaningful response.

The Food Bank continued to support tens of thousands of individuals each month while working in collaboration with hundreds of partner agencies, schools, and community organizations to ensure access to food across Edmonton.

OUR MISSION:

To be stewards in the collection of surplus and donated food for the effective distribution, free of charge, to people in need in our community while seeking solutions to the causes of hunger.

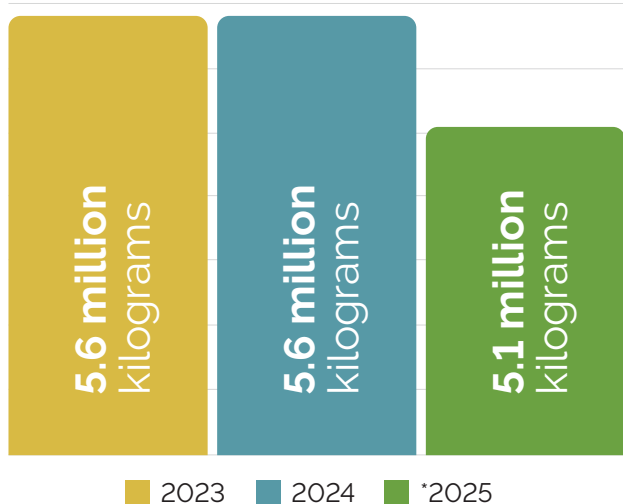
Record-breaking demand in both January and March highlighted the increasing pressures facing many households, while the strength of community, volunteers, and partnerships enabled the organization to respond. Together, these efforts reflect a continued commitment to meeting immediate needs, while working toward a future where no one goes hungry.

OUR FLEET TRAVELLED

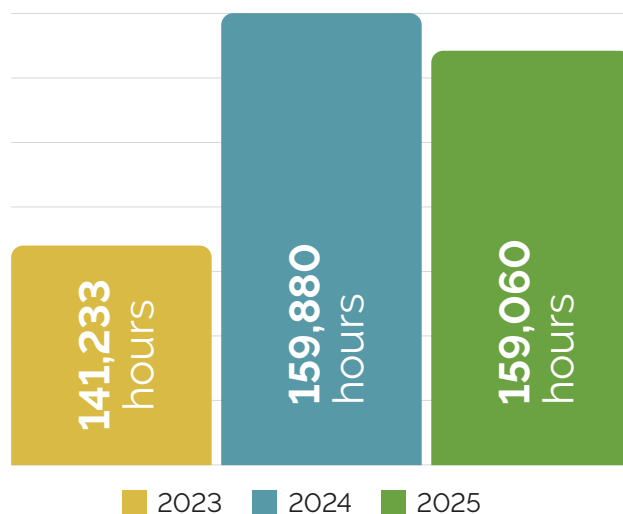


Our fleet travelled **244,368 kilometres in 2025** picking up and distributing food; that's equivalent to travelling the entire **Trans-Canada highway, east to west, 31 times!**

*FOOD DISTRIBUTED



VOLUNTEER HOURS



* Note: Our audit process has changed our food distribution statistics. Prior to 2025, unused food was considered 'distributed food.' Moving forward, this food weight will be removed from our statistics for transparency.

EVENTS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Community engagement is essential to the work of Edmonton's Food Bank. As an organization that receives no government funding for operations, we rely on the generosity of our community. We are consistently humbled by the kindness and compassion of Edmontonians and we thank you for your continued support.

Inside this annual report, you will be immersed into our world here at Edmonton's Food Bank, bearing witness to the many events, fundraisers, and food drives put together by you, our community, in 2025. Our ability to provide for those in need is only made possible by the dedication and passion brought forth year-in and year-out by our volunteers, staff, donors, sponsors, and of course, our generous community members.

Community support can take on many different forms, from children hosting a lemonade stand, to students putting on a bottle drive, to CEOs and business owners fundraising internally in creative ways. The Food Bank benefits greatly from the grassroots support of individuals, groups, and companies looking to improve the lives of their neighbours in need.



ABOUT **99%** OF OUR EVENTS ARE THIRD PARTY

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you. Because of you, we are able to decrease hunger and food insecurity here in Edmonton.

Because of you, we are able to **make a difference**.



SKIP THE DEPOT

Empty beverage containers donated by our community raised \$22,400 for Edmonton's Food Bank in 2025! Thank you to Skip the Depot and everyone who made it possible.



FRESON BROTHERS

Our thanks to Freson Brothers and their customers who raised \$4,000 to support our work in reducing food insecurity.



EDO JAPAN

Edo Japan, along with their partners, donated \$19,745 in 2025! Over the past ten years, Edo Japan has donated a million dollars to Food Banks all across Canada.



PAWS FOR A CAUSE

The City of Edmonton's Animal Care and Control Centre held its third annual pet food drive, PAWS for a CAUSE, collecting 7,391 kg of pet food and supplies.



WALMART

In partnership with Food Banks Canada, Walmart held their ninth annual Fight Hunger. Spark Change. campaign, raising a whopping \$146,000 for us! These funds, along with additional in-store grants, went toward fuel for our trucks, food purchases, and organizational needs.



PCL GOLF TOURNAMENT

PCL held its second annual charity golf tournament in 2025, outfitted with an impressive raffle, a delicious meal, and emotional speeches. The event brought out 216 golfers and 126 sponsors, boasting an outstanding \$250,000 donation! Thank you PCL!



NORTHGATE CHEVROLET BUICK GMC

Our friends at Northgate Chevrolet Buick GMC put on the Feed 500 Families fundraiser in late 2025, generating a phenomenal \$19,120 donation for us here at the Food Bank!



AIR PRODUCTS – ENZHEC

After hosting an office food drive and fundraiser, ENZHEC presented us with an \$8,600 cheque to help feed the community. They also generously donated their time volunteering. Thank you!



LEDCOR

Big thank you to Ledcor for their donations of \$52,603 and 593 kg of food! Additionally, their team volunteered with us throughout the year, helping sort food and build hampers for those most vulnerable.



CANSTRUCTION 2025

In 2025, five teams showcased their creativity by building structures out of non-perishable food. An outstanding 5,825 kg of canned goods was donated following the exhibition!



SUN-OKA FRUIT FARMS LTD

Their 3rd annual Apple Harvest Fundraiser helped us raise funds and donors enjoyed the Okanagan apples. Leftover and surplus apples were served to clients.



NAIT BRIDGE BUILD

Roughly 130 second-year NAIT students, instructors, and industry members took part in their 50th annual bridge-building competition, generating 692 kg of food for us.



LANDMARK HOMES

A huge thank you to Landmark Homes Edmonton for their generous donation of \$150,000! These funds helped us stock our shelves, fuel our vehicles, and feed our community. They also contributed to our community enhancement initiatives, helping us stop hunger at its source!



FOOD BANKS CANADA

Thanks to Food Banks Canada for the 2025 Capacity Boost grant of \$55,592. These funds helped purchase two new pallet jacks and a refrigerated 5-ton truck! They also provided support year round and donated 7,280 healthy food packs to help promote healthy eating.



FURNACE FAMILY

We are extremely grateful to our friends at Furnace Family for their generosity. Not only did they come out and volunteer with us, they also donated \$12,800 and 980 kg of food!



EWEL & LA TABLEE DES CHEFS

Our friends at La Tablee des Chefs and Serve360 at Marriott hotels put 600 soup packs together for our agency partners. Thank you for your support!



CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

We are appreciative of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for their \$50,000 donation! This helps stock our shelves and fuel our trucks.



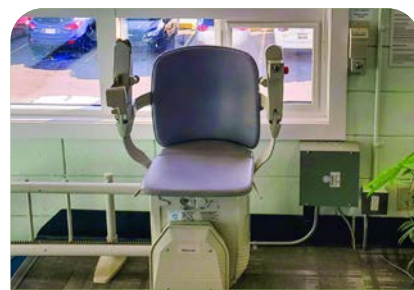
NORTH COUNTRY TIRES

Along with a food donation, our friends here also donated new tires for one of our 1-ton trucks! These tires will help keep our pickups and deliveries rolling safely throughout the city.



IMPERIAL OIL

Thank you to Imperial Oil for committing \$25,000 per year for three years! This money, along with a \$2,500 donation in partnership with Esso, is allocated to fueling our vehicles.



KINSMEN CLUB

A big thank you to the Kinsmen Club of Edmonton who donated \$5,000! This donation supported the new stair lift in our main warehouse, improving accessibility and fairness.

THANK YOU!

NOTE: ALL MONETARY DONATIONS ARE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (CAD)

EGG DONATIONS

WHY EGGS?

Great source of protein!

Easy to digest!

Quick to cook!

Perfect staple for a food hamper!



CUMMINS

Cummins generously donated \$34,285, allocated to buying eggs.

The logo for AltaGas, featuring the word "AltaGas" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

ALTAGAS

AltaGas donated \$15,000 in funds allocated toward egg purchases.



MAZON CANADA

Thank you, Mazon Canada for \$10,500 grant to help us buy eggs.



Allard Foundation
A LEGACY OF CARING

ALLARD FOUNDATION

Thanks to our friends here, we received \$10,000 for eggs!



EGG FARMERS OF ALBERTA

Wowza! Our friends at Egg Farmers of Alberta donated 840 cases of eggs, equivalent to roughly 120,960 meals.



RALLY SUBARU

Thank you to Rally Subaru for \$12,500 for egg purchases.



NOVA HOTELS

NOVA celebrated 25 years of giving back by donating \$4,000.



DOMINO'S PIZZA

Local Domino's Pizza franchises raised \$46,879 in 2025 through a \$27.99 pizza special that donated \$5 from each order to food banks in the area.



ECMC - DAWN TO DUSK

The Edmonton Council of Muslim Communities' sixth annual Dawn to Dusk campaign in support of Edmonton's Food Bank raised \$101,610!



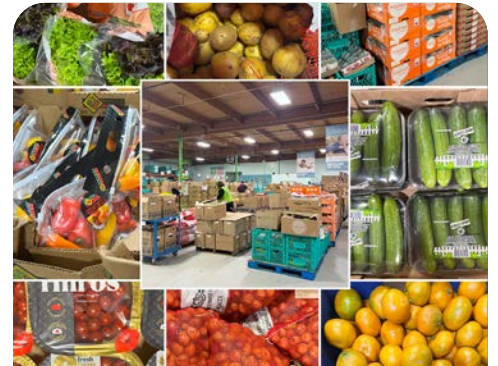
CAPITAL POWER

Thank you for the commitment of a three-year grant of \$15,000 per year, allocated to food purchases.



CHOP STEAKHOUSE & BAR

The Community Bread initiative raised \$10,626 for Edmonton's Food Bank from the sales at four Edmonton locations.



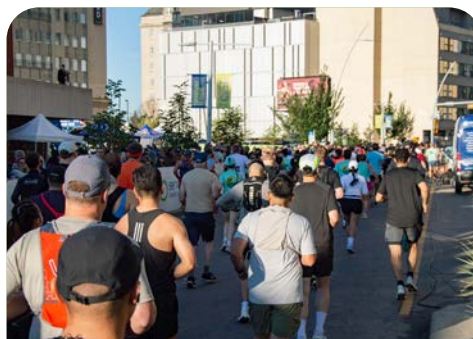
ENTUITIVE CORPORATION

We are grateful to have received a \$5,000 donation from Entuitive Corporation to support our work.



ROSS MCBAIN

Ross McBain generously donated \$20,000 to support our work. This contribution will be used directly to purchase food for our hampers.



EDMONTON MARATHON

A heartfelt thank you to the Edmonton Marathon brought to you by Servus Credit Union and to all the participants for raising and donating \$11,540.



BOSTON PIZZA

Boston Pizza Foundation donated \$3,755 to Edmonton's Food Bank. These funds were raised on Valentine's Day with Heart-Shaped pizzas!



GIVE 30

Give 30 was created in 2012 and has grown into a grassroots movement against hunger and poverty. The 14th annual Give 30 campaign raised \$178,818.



SIKH COMMUNITY OF EDMONTON

Our sincere thanks to Sikh community of Edmonton for donating \$13,013.13 in honor of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.



BAPS CHARITIES

BAPS Charities Edmonton conducted a food drive during Diwali, collecting over 543 kg of food. Thank you for supporting the community.



AVIVA

We received a wonderful \$20,000 donation from Aviva Canada employees and allocated these funds to The Pantry Program.



FRASCA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

We're incredibly grateful to receive a \$100,000 grant, which will help support and run our Pantry operations.



SPONSOR ENERGY

Sponsor Energy donates \$50 from each new customer sign-up to a charity of the customer's choice. Sponsor Energy dropped by with a \$20,900 donation.



BGIS

Thank you to BGIS for raising \$5,400 through the annual BBQ. We're also grateful for your hands-on support volunteering in our warehouse.



HIKE FOR PLENTY

Our thanks to the Edmonton Area - Girl Guides of Canada for another successful Hike For Plenty Food Drive, raising 3,328 kg of food and \$3,123.



PICK-N-PULL

Our friends at Pick-n-Pull are helping food banks across the country. In 2025, they donated \$4,571 to help support our work and the community.



LOBLAW COMPANIES LIMITED

The Loblaw Companies Limited #FeedMoreFamilies Spring and Winter Food Drive at all Real Canadian Superstore, NoFrills, Wholesale Club, and Loblaws City Market raised \$95,278 and 36,045 kg.



EDMONTON OIL KINGS

The Third Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive raised 5,081 kg for the Food Bank! Fans brought pasta, macaroni and cheese, and other non-perishables to use as noise makers and then donated them.



EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

Thanks to EPS for supporting Edmonton's Food Bank through Cram the Cruiser Food Drive and collected 2,530 kg of food!



EPCOR

Our friends at Epcor raised \$25,000 donation through their Thanksgiving "Double Your Impact with Epcor" matching campaign.



HERITAGE FESTIVAL

In its final year at Borden Park and the Edmonton EXPO Grounds, the annual Heritage Festival collected 27,855 kg of food and \$60,949.



102.3 NOW! RADIO

102.3 NOW! Radio raised \$13,461 and 3,515 kg of food through their haunted house and Oilers Playoff fundraiser.



ESHA DHALIWAL & FAMILY

Thank you to Akash, Simran, and Esha Dhaliwal for organizing another Capilano Food Drive and raising 1,249 kg!



HARVEST LUNCHEON

Our annual Harvest Luncheon raised \$34,950. Our guest speaker at the event was former Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, Anne McLellan.



KUHLMANN'S MARKET GARDENS & GREENHOUSE

Our thanks to the Kuhlmann family for their regular donations of fresh produce to Edmonton's Food Bank. We added their logo to one of our newest vehicles as a small gesture of appreciation.



EDMONTON FOOD DRIVE

With the help of more than 4,000 volunteers, 134,174 kg of food was collected, along with an additional \$43,234 raised online to help feed our neighbours in need. Thank you for your continued support!



SOBEYS

We gratefully received \$3,000 and 200 cans of tuna during the annual Cans Lottery at the Harvest Luncheon. Thank you!



CSU 52 BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Thanks to CSU 52 Benevolent Society for their generous donation of \$10,000 towards food purchase. Thank you for your support!



SAVE-ON-FOODS

Our thanks to Save-On-Foods for supporting us with regular food donations and \$22,366 worth of gift cards in 2025.



GRAHAM CONSTRUCTION

Graham Edmonton raised \$2,700 for Edmonton's Food Bank through their annual One Walk initiative. For every employee who participated, Graham donated \$50 to their local food bank.



SAVE MAX EDGE

Save Max Edge ran their second Summer Door to Door Food Drive in South Edmonton communities, collecting 1,437 kg of food for the Food Bank. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



AMA SHREDDING

A heartfelt thank you to the Alberta Motor Association (AMA) for organizing numerous community events throughout 2025 and helping raise \$84,434 and 5,080 kg of food to support our work.



SAFEWAY/SOBEYS HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

Thanks to our friends at Sobeys and Safeway, we received a donation of \$425,873 last holiday season! This level of kindness is life-changing and allowed us to provide more turkeys and memorable meals to our clients. Thank you!



STUFF-A-BUS

Edmonton Transit Service's Stuff-a-Bus campaign was a legendary event once again in 2025! Over 23,949 kg of food was delivered and \$13,064 was raised to combat food insecurity in our city and promote community enhancements.



CITADEL THEATRE'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Citadel's iconic performance of A Christmas Carol generated a whopping \$104,709 donation for us here at the Food Bank! Shout out to Capital Power who also made a \$25,000 matched donation. This money makes all the difference.



TOYOTA MATCHING CAMPAIGN

Thanks to our outstanding friends at Toyota Northwest Edmonton and Sherwood Park Toyota for putting on \$100,000 matching campaign last year! We reached our goal and used the funds to keep combating food insecurity in our city.



ECAA
Electrical Contractors
Association of Alberta

ECAA EDMONTON FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta for raising \$13,053 and collecting 1,168 kg of food in support of our 2025 festive campaign.



CANDY CANE LANE

A very COLD Candy Cane Lane 2025 raised \$24,682 and 5,272 kg! Thank you to everyone who decorated their homes and shared the holiday spirit with our community.

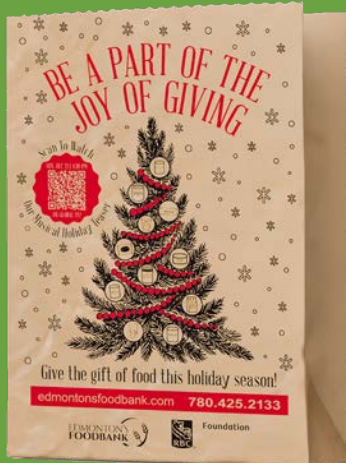
2025 FESTIVE CAMPAIGN

OUR FESTIVE FOOD & FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN REACHED OUR GOAL! \$4.5M & 300,000 KG.

FESTIVE BROWN BAGS THANKS TO:



Foundation



TIM HORTONS HOLIDAY SMILE COOKIES

Huge thank you to Tim Hortons for choosing Edmonton's Food Bank as a recipient of their 2025 Holiday Smile Cookie campaign! \$116,572 was raised, significantly helping to increase food security in our community.

GIVING  **TUESDAY** Dec 2



AIR CANADA FOUNDATION

Our friends at Air Canada Foundation donated two pairs of economy class, round-trip tickets. We raffled one set at the Harvest Luncheon and the other at our Rise & Serve events.

GIVING TUESDAY

We had two anonymous donors offer \$50,000 for a #GivingTuesday matching campaign! Thanks to our generous community we exceeded our \$100,000 goal on December 2!



MCELHANNEY

McElhanney staff came in to volunteer and donated \$6,000 as part of the Giving Tuesday matching campaign.



ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

Alberta Blue Cross Hearts of Blue stopped by in December with a donation of \$6,000 to kick off Giving Tuesday.



RIVA INTERNATIONAL

Riva International donated \$10,000 on December 2 to help support our work on Giving Tuesday for year-round work.

FESTIVE VIRTUAL AUCTION

Our annual Festive Virtual Auction, held from November 27 to December 5, raised \$11,540. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success!



GLOW EDMONTON

Glow Edmonton invited us to host their coat check over two nights during the holiday season and we collected \$2,226!

SENTINEL STORAGE

Our friends at Sentinel Storage dropped by this holiday season with a donation of \$7,500. Thank you so much!



THE VOX COLLECTIVE

The Vox Collective performed a holiday show at the Garneau Theatre in December and raised \$2,000!



A Musical Holiday 2025 raised more than \$230,000! This was made possible by the generosity of our audience and the dedicated support of our performers and sponsors. Our thanks to Servus Credit Union for their ongoing support of our annual TV special.

Brought to you by



Special Thanks to:



RISE & SERVE

START WITH BREAKFAST. END WITH IMPACT.

Presented by



It was a new winter experience held in December that nourished both the soul and the community, the event raised \$51,340. We would love to see you next year at Rise & Serve. Purchase your table today!



**make
the
season
kind**

CBC'S MAKE THE SEASON KIND

CBC's annual Make The Season Kind campaign raised \$461,574 in 2025! Huge thanks to CBC producers, viewers, and listeners for their generosity.



NORTH CENTRAL CO-OP

Thanks to our friends at Co-op for their two donations in 2025 totalling \$90,834 from the Good Buy To Hunger campaign!



HOLYROOD SCHOOL

Students created a domino effect using cereal boxes, collecting 461 kg of cereal! This food donation accompanied \$23,325 as part of CBC's Make the Season Kind campaign.



MAYFIELD DINNER THEATRE

Mayfield Dinner Theatre's Toonies for Turkeys campaign raised \$13,037! The Mayfield Dinner Theatre has been raising funds to support our work since 2001. Thank you so much!



THE WESTIN EDMONTON

Thank you to our friends at the Westin Edmonton for their incredible fundraising efforts during the 2025 Christmas Cake for Good campaign. \$23,696 was raised for the Food Bank.



EDMONTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

ESO musicians collected monetary donations over five performances of A Very Merry Pops and raised \$40,000!



CAN MAN DAN

Thank you to CAN MAN DAN for his Christmas Food Drive that raised an outstanding 11,381 kg of food and \$55,745 for Edmonton's Food Bank.



THE FOURTH DIAPER DRIVE

Thank you for the generous donation of 22,302 diapers and over \$3,700 in donations! This helped us build baby bundles for new parents in our community.



MOVATI

Thanks to our friends at Movati Athletic locations in Windermere and Manning for their second annual MOVATI Cares Food Drive and Shake Day, which raised \$10,364 and 192 kg of food.



ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

They offer free lamination for wallet-sized first aid cards when you bring a donation for Edmonton's Food Bank. In 2025, this initiative collected 716 kg of food and \$500 in just six months.



EDMONTON OILERS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Thank you to Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and Skip Canada for choosing Edmonton's Food Bank as a 50/50 charity recipient in 2025.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR CBC MAKE THE SEASON KIND CAMPAIGN DONORS:

- **ATB:** \$21,000
- **Brownlee LLP:** \$20,525
- **Court of Appeal and Court of King's Bench Judges:** \$109,571
- **Enbridge:** \$25,000
- **Eritrean Business Association:** \$3,000
- **MNP:** \$33,250

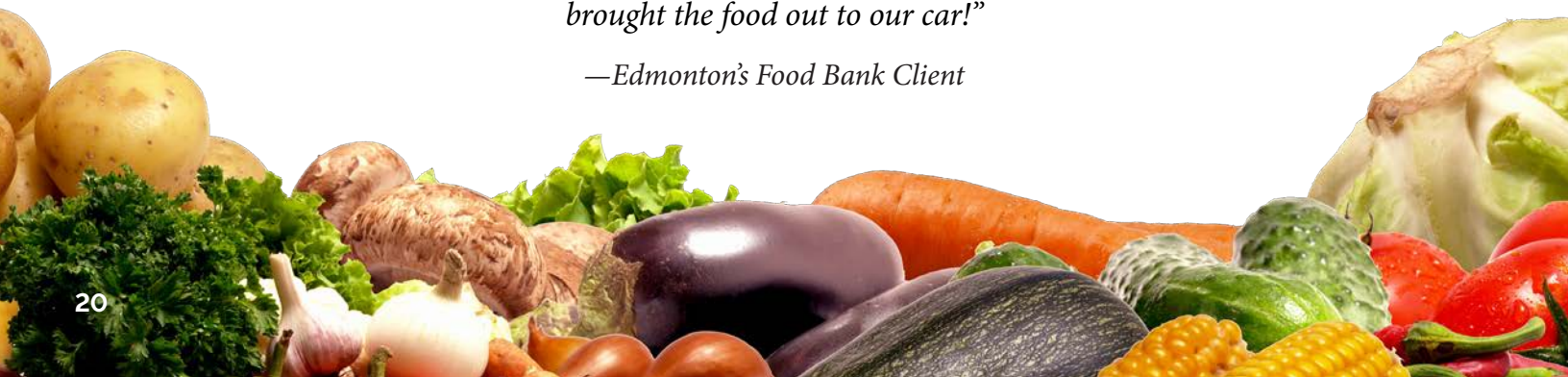
A & J Driving School: \$1,000 and 332 kg of food
Al Shamal Shriners: \$5,000
AMA Care Care: \$4,000 and 598 kg of food
Argus: \$7,500
Beverly Optimist Club: \$3,000
ConAgra Brands: 15,528 kg of food
Dexterra: \$6,000
Doll Club of Edmonton: \$1,000

Donate A Car and Homeless Cars: \$2,278
Drader Manufacturing: \$10,000 from golf tournament
Edmonton Scotch Club: \$26,400
Explore Edmonton: \$2,465 from summer BBQ
Guruji Family: \$2,000
HGA Group: 1,129 kg of food
Kyklos: \$4,500
Laurier Heights School: \$831
Oldham Hot Chocolate: \$2,231
Re/Max Excellence: \$3,000 and over 1,200 kg of food
Red Ram Truck Parts & Service: 2,120 kg of food
RejuvaDERM: \$14,655
Rolling Tales: \$1,238
Sant Nirankari Mission: \$5,130
Sea Change Brewing Co.: \$7,512
Stantec: \$5,000
Sysco Canada: \$15,000
Telus: \$10,000
Tempo School: over 1,300 cereal boxes



"I'm really amazed at the great quality of food we got from the Food Bank — many thanks to all the staff and volunteers. The staff/volunteers are so hard working they were working outside in the cold and brought the food out to our car!"

—Edmonton's Food Bank Client



OUR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

THE SEED BANK

- Collected and **distributed over 130 kilograms** of seeds, trays, and equipment.
- **Distributed over 8,000 seed packages** to organizations and individuals.
- **Provided seeds and growing accessories** to community friends and partners, including Alberta Motor Association, Sustainable Food Edmonton, WinHouse Women's Shelter, and over 50 community leagues.
- Provided **500 seed packages to Edmonton Public Schools** to launch the Student Seed Bank.



“Thank you so much for all the seeds and soil. This will go a long way to helping low income gardeners across the city.”

—Agency Partner



COMMUNITY GARDENS

- **Supported 20 community gardens** with equipment throughout Edmonton.
- More than **130 potato plants** added to McCauley Gardens and a **pollinator flower plot**.
- Hosted an online workshop: *Gardening with Junetta Jameson*, from Sustainable Food Edmonton with **over 20 attendees**.



“I love this place. Thank you. I would really like to cook here with my friends and family. Thank you for the masterclass!”

—Collective Kitchen Participant



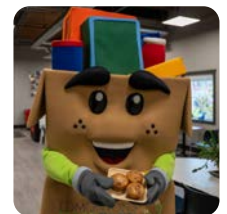
“Thank you for the opportunity to make something good together, and learn English while cooking. Thank you very much to the food bank for everything! I look forward to the next meeting.”

—Collective Kitchen Participant



COLLECTIVE KITCHEN

- Currently **supporting 20 kitchens** with **over 200 participants** monthly.
- Started the **Community Kitchen Pantry** to provide staples to community kitchens operating across the city.



BEYOND FOOD

STORIES OF STRENGTH, SUPPORT, AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Edmonton's Food Bank introduced the Beyond Food Program in 2017, a direct response to the second half of our mission statement to "seek solutions to the causes of hunger." This program provides supports for people facing instability by connecting them to employment, education, and essential community services. Services offered include job readiness training, resume assistance, safety certifications, workshops including financial and digital literacy, and referrals to other community resources.



"Thank you for seeing the humanity in every person who seeks your help. Thank you for being the hands and feet of compassion in Edmonton. And thank you for programming that is Beyond Food!"

—Beyond Food Client

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR BEYOND FOOD PROGRAM FUNDERS



Beyond Food Lab - Edmonton's Food Bank Annex

IMAMU'S STORY

Imamu came to Beyond Food looking to increase his job readiness and get some tips on improving his resume and interview skills. He wanted to get a better job after being employed in the same position since coming to Canada from South Sudan.

Once he became involved with the program, he realized he could also acquire various safety tickets to increase his job skills even further. Imamu completed his standard First Aid and WHMIS tickets virtually through Beyond Food and quickly found a new higher paid position at a new company. These two tickets provided the final step toward new opportunities for Imamu.



MOHAMMED & YASMINE'S STORY

Moroccan couple, Mohammed and Yasmine, are permanent residents currently living in Edmonton. Aside from their native language, both speak French, as well as some English. The couple came to the Beyond Food program hoping for some direction and advice to help create employment opportunities for the two of them.

After completing the program requirements, Mohammed and Yasmine obtained their First Aid certification as well as a certification in Childcare First Aid. They were then connected with Accès Emploi for further assistance that catered to their French speaking needs. Mohammed eventually was offered a full-time job while simultaneously applying for a government-funded English-speaking program to improve his communication skills and further his opportunities for employment in Canada.



BEYOND FOOD PROGRAM
SUPPORTED **3,429**
REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

Pamela signed up for our Beyond Food Program, not knowing that it was a moment that would change her path forever. With their help, she was able to obtain safety certifications and enroll in a janitorial training program. Utilizing her new skills and increased confidence, Pamela began volunteering out in the community.

Her dedication paid off. Today, Pamela has full-time employment at a local organization, achieving the stability she once struggled to find. Her journey shows how determination, combined with community support, can turn hardship into hope and a chance to give back.



PAMELA, BEYOND FOOD CLIENT

BECAUSE OF YOU, WE HELPED...

YAAKOUB'S STORY

Yaakoub is a 26-year-old Food Bank client struggling to have one proper meal a day. As someone who is currently unable to work due to the long wait for a work permit, his life has been very challenging. Without a job and with uncertainty about the processing time, he was not able to have a proper meal a day. When he got connected to Edmonton's Food Bank, he immediately received support in the form of a food hamper.



"That may seem small to some, but to me, it is everything."

It has not only eased my hunger, but it has also restored a sense of dignity and hope in my life during this difficult time.

Your generosity reminds me that I am not alone and that there are caring people in this new country who want to help. Yaakoub looks forward to the day he can work and give back, hoping to volunteer as a way of saying thank you for the kindness that helped him stand strong again.



Client Service volunteer working in the call center



David, a 60-year-old, recently had hip surgery and couldn't leave his house. He was also facing financial difficulties and did not have enough money to buy food. When he asked for help, our team set up a food hamper delivery so he could focus on getting better without having to worry about groceries.

David sent a heartfelt message thanking our team and telling how much the support meant to him during such a hard time after he got the hamper.



"I truly appreciate what you provide me. You've helped improve my life greatly. You are truly amazing people."

DAVID - FOOD BANK CLIENT

A FAMILY. A FRESH START. A FULL TABLE.

A family of five arrived in Canada, where hope and hardship came together. Two parents, three children, and the quiet weight of not knowing if there would be enough to eat. Then, they found the Food Bank.

There have been moments when opening the cupboard and seeing the supplies you provided brought a quiet sigh of relief. The hampers they received changed everything. Turkey, fresh bread, beans, eggs, fruits, and foods that filled their shelves and their hearts.

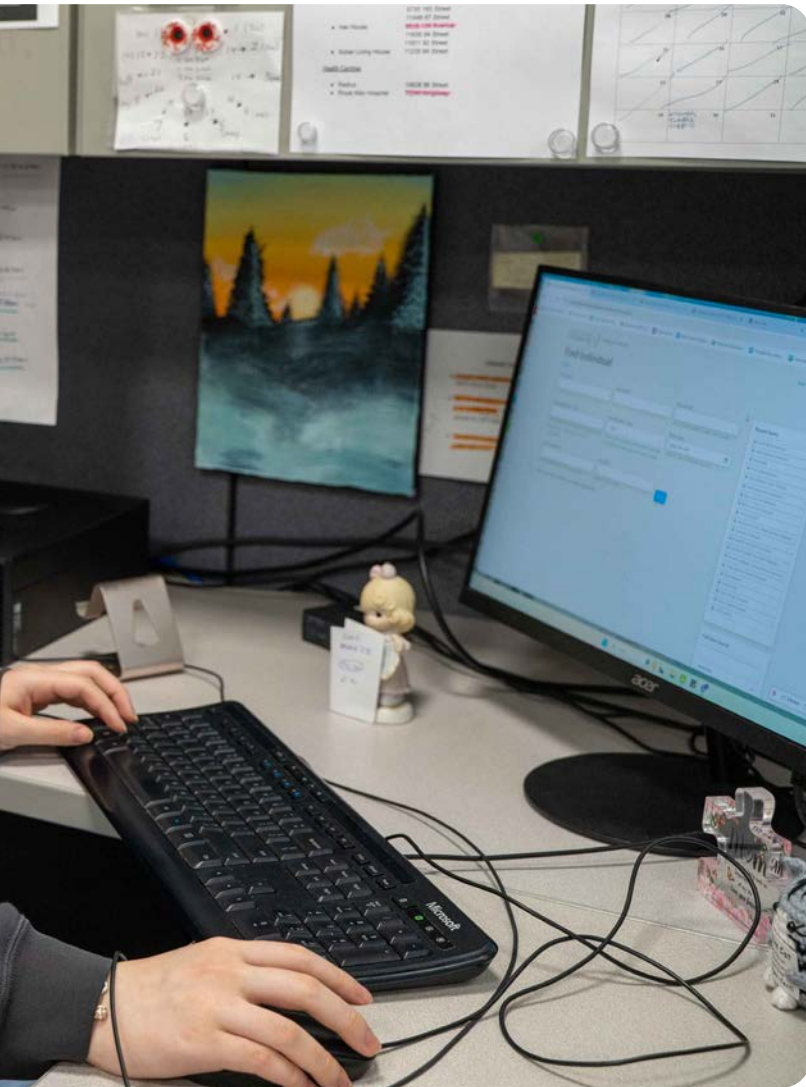


“You gave us dignity when times were hard and hope when we needed it most. Thank you for making kindness feel like home.”

Mealtimes became moments of joy again, not worry. That's what your support does. It doesn't just feed families. It restores confidence, eases burdens, and reminds people that they are not alone.



CLIENT SERVICES HAS RESPONDED TO AS MANY AS 586 CALLS, 259 EMAILS, AND 753 ONLINE HAMPER ORDERS IN A SINGLE DAY.



“I just wanted to say how unbelievably grateful I am. I cried the whole drive home. You guys truly made a difference in mine and my kids life. I find myself in a dark and difficult place, you guys showed the light.

Please know, you made a difference. And once I'm back on my feet I plan on donating, helping out, and giving back.

I cannot say thank you enough times.”



“Thank you for being you.”



AMANDA - FOOD BANK CLIENT

OUR PARTNERS

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- Accès Emploi
- Bissell Employment Centre
- Boyle Street Community Services Co-Op
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Catholic Social Services
- City of Edmonton
- EmployAbilities
- Gateway Association
- Goodwill Industries of Alberta
- Habitat for Humanity
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre
- LEAP (Learn, Empower, Assist and Prepare)
- Lifemark (Empower Program)
- Metro Continuing Education
- NPower Canada
- On-Site Placement (OSP)
- Prospect Now
- The Learning Centre
- The Salvation Army
- Trade Winds to Success Training Society
- Women Building Futures
- E4C: Women Moving Forward



Lifemark Vocational Services



Autism Edmonton

COUNSELLING & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

- Alberta Health Services: Cross Cancer Institute; Forensic Assessment & Community Services; Home Care; Indigenous Wellness Clinic; Mental Health; Community Geriatric Psychiatry Program
- Autism Edmonton (Autism Society of Edmonton Area)
- Canadian Mental Health Association Edmonton: Prosper's Place
- CASA Mental Health Catholic Social Services: FASD Program
- HIV Edmonton (HIV Network of Edmonton); Outreach Team
- Inner City Health and Wellness at Royal Alexandra Hospital
- Jewish Family Services
- Pilgrims Hospice Society
- Queer & Trans Health Collective
- Schizophrenia Society of Alberta: Edmonton Branch
- Spinal Cord Injury Alberta
- The Family Centre
- The Salvation Army
- YWCA Edmonton

EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND HOUSING SUPPORTS

- Bissell Centre: Home Visitation Program; Housing Services; Community Space
- Boyle Street Community Services: Housing First; Interdisciplinary Team; Sakihta Kikinaw; Downtown Housing Navigation Team
- Civida
- E4C: Intensive Case Management; Youth Housing First; Rapid Rehousing
- Encompass
- George Spady Society: George's House; Shelter and Detox; Balwin Place; Health Support Team; Holyrood; Housing First; Clinical Access Team
- Hope Mission: Herb Jamieson Centre
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre: Bridge Healing
- Mustard Seed: Britannia Crossing; Prairie Manor; Housing First; Central Shelter; Community Assistance Team
- Native Counselling Services: Cunningham Place; Kisnimi Ti
- Nisa Homes
- Radius Community Health and Healing: Kindred House; Supervised Consumption Site; Pregnancy Pathways
- Salvation Army - Edmonton Centre of Hope: Stabilization Housing Program
- Urban Manor Housing Society
- Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre (WEAC)
- YMCA: Homeward Bound
- Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS)



INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS

- amiskwaciy Cultural Society: Aboriginal Head Start
- Ben Calf Robe Society
- Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society: Community Outreach Transit Team
- Buffalo Keeper Nehiyaw Centre
- Canadian Native Friendship Centre
- Creating Hope Society
- Edmonton Aboriginal Seniors Centre
- Edmonton Heyoka Healing Society
- Edmonton Native Healing Centre
- Edmonton Urban Native Ministry
- Healing Hearts for Sobriety
- Métis Child and Family Services Society
- Native Counselling Services of Alberta: Indigenous Housing First Program; Cunningham Place; Youth Housing First; Tāpwêhtamowin Wāskahikan; Wāhkōmiwêw Program
- Niginan Housing Ventures: Ambrose Place; Sands Hotel; Belvedere; McArthur Permanent Supportive Housing
- Samson Cree Nation Urban Resource Office
- The Red Road Healing Society
- Trade Winds to Success Training Society

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

- ABC Head Start
- Aboriginal Head Start
- Action for Healthy Communities: Sinkunia Community Development
- Adaptabilities
- Alberta Health Services: Health for Two; Enhanced Services for Individuals and Families
- Beverly Day Care Society and Family Resource Centre
- Beverly Towne Community Development Society
- Boys & Girls Clubs: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area
- C5 Earthwalk FRN
- CHEW Project
- Crystal Kids Youth Centre
- Elves Special Needs Society
- Family Futures Resource Network
- Hope Mission: Tegler Youth Centre; Brightwood Ranch
- Inner City Youth Development Association
- Institut Guy-Lacombe de la Famille (IGLF)
- Intercultural Child and Family Centre
- Jasper Place Child and Family Resource Centre
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre
- KARA Family Resource Centre
- Kids Kottage
- Kids on Track
- McMan Youth Family and Community Services Association
- Métis Child and Family Services Society
- Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative (MCHB)
- Norwood Child & Family Resource Centre
- Old Strathcona Youth Society
- Parkdale After School Care Society
- Rhema Chapel
- Red Road Healing Society: Family Resource Network
- Safe Families Canada
- Shiloh Youth Ranch
- Side Door Youth Centre
- Sihle Sizwe Vineyard Foundation
- Somali Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton
- Terra Centre: Braemar
- The Family Centre
- Transitions Rehabilitation Association of St. Albert
- Unlimited Potential Community Services
- YMCA of Northern Alberta: GAP19; Kickstand Program; Youth Diversion Program; Youth Transitions Program; YOUturn Program
- YOUCAN Youth Services
- Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS)
- Youth Rise
- Youth Unlimited



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PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
**UNSTABLE HOUSING WERE
HELPED EACH MONTH WITH AN
EMERGENCY FOOD BAG**



KARA Family Resource Centre

ALBERTA FOOD BANK PARTNERS

- Campus Food Bank (UofA)
- Lamont Food Bank
- Leduc Food Bank
- Parkland Food Bank
- St. Albert Food Bank
- Strathcona Food Bank
- Tofield-Ryley & Area Food Bank
- Veteran's Association Food Bank

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Abbott School
- Aldergrove School
- amiskwacy Academy
- Anne Fitzgerald School
- Annunciation School
- Austin O'Brien Catholic High School
- Avonmore School
- Balwin School
- Boyle Street Education Centre
- Indigenous Learning Services-Braided Journey's Programs: Oscar Romero; Cardinal Collins Clareview; Louis St. Laurent; Archbishop O'Leary; Ben Calf Robe/ St. Clare; St. Joseph; Our Lady of Peace; Cardinal Collins Westmount; H.E. Beriault; St. Thomas More; St. Francis Xavier; Holy Trinity; Austin O'Brien; St. Cecelia; St. Nicholas; St. Mark's
- Callingwood School
- Cardinal Collins High School Academic Centre: Westmount; Claireview; Millwoods
- Centre High Campus
- Concordia University
- Christ the King School
- Crestwood School
- Dunluce School
- E2S Academy
- E4C: Early Head Start; Sorensen Place; Claireview Headstart
- E4C: School Lunch and Summer Snack Program: Abbott School; Aleda Patterson School; Alex Janvier School; Athlone School; awâsis waciston, Balwin School; Bannerman School; Belmead School; Belvedere School; Brightview School; Calder School; Callingwood School; Delton School; East Glen School; Evansdale School; Gold Bar School; Highlands School; Homesteader School; Inglewood School; Ivor Dent School; John A McDougall School; John Barnett; Lee Ridge School; Lorelei School; Mayfield School; McArthur School; McKee School; Mee-Yah-Noh School; Norwood School; Overlanders School; Princeton School; St Alphonsus School; St Bernadette School; St Teresa School; Sifton School; Spruce Avenue School; Thorncliffe School; Tipaskan School; Youngstown School
- Eastglen High School
- Edmonton Catholic Schools: Alternative Education; LINC Program
- Edmonton Public Schools
- Elves Special Needs Society
- Father Michael Troy Junior High
- Harry Ainlay High School
- H.E. Beriault Catholic Junior High School
- Highlands School
- Holyrood School
- Jasper Place High School
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre: Food Freezer Program
- J.J Bowlen Junior High School
- John Barnett School
- John Paul I School
- Lauderdale School
- Lee Ridge School
- Malcom Tweddle School
- McArthur School
- Mee-Yah-Noh School
- ME Lazerte High School
- Norquest College: Indigenous Student Services
- Oscar Romero Junior High School
- Our Lady of Peace School
- Our Lady of the Prairies School
- Our Lady of Victories Catholic School
- Parkview School
- Prince Charles School
- Richard Secord School
- S. Bruce Smith School
- Sakaw School
- St. Alphonsus School
- St. Anne Catholic School
- St. Catherine School
- St. Clement School
- St. Francis School
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School
- St. Joseph High School: Breakfast Club
- St. Kateri School
- St. Leo School
- St. Matthew Catholic Elementary School
- St. Maria Goretti School
- St. Nicholas Junior High School
- St. Philip Catholic School
- St. Pius Elementary School
- St. Richard Elementary School
- St. Teresa of Calcutta School
- St. Thomas More Junior High School
- St. Vladimir School
- Victoria School
- Weinlos School
- Westmount School

100+
SCHOOLS ACCESSED FOOD
FROM OUR WAREHOUSE

MEAL PROGRAMS

- Alberta Health Services: Collective Kitchens
- Bissell Centre: Moonlight Bay Summer Camp; Community Meals; Child Care; Community Centre; Jockey Dorms; Hope Terrace; Den of Nations House; Nursing Program
- Bernadette N Swan Social Care Foundation (BNSSCF)
- Boyle Street Community Services Co-op: Youth Unit; Street Outreach; Streetworks Team; HELP Team; Health for Two; Inter Disciplinary Team; Street Outreach; Youth Services; Mental Health Unit; HER Program; Streetworks; Encampment Housing Outreach Team
- Building Hope
- The Candora Society of Edmonton: Family and Community Program
- Crystal Kids Youth Centre
- Dickinsfield Amity House
- Edmonton Father's House
- Edmonton Native Healing Centre
- Fort Road Victory Church
- Hope Mission
- Hosanna Lutheran Church: Helping the Homeless
- House of Refuge Mission
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre
- KARA Family Support Centre
- Living Hope Christian Fellowship
- Mustard Seed Church: Community Impact Centre; Canora; Central Shelter; Mosaic Centre; Neighbour Centre
- Neighbourhood Table Program
- The Red Road Healing Society
- Refuge Mission House
- Rhema Chapel
- St Faith's Anglican Church
- The Salvation Army: Community Resource Centre (ARC); Addiction and Residential Centre (CRC); Keystone Program
- Thrive Outreach



500,000

SNACKS AND MEALS
 DISTRIBUTED PER MONTH IN 2025

ADDICTION & RECOVERY

- Adeara Recovery Centre
- Alberta Health Services: Addiction and Mental Health; Access 24/7; Henwood Treatment Centre
- George Spady Society: George's House; Permanent Supportive Housing Scattered Site (SSPSH); Supervised Consumption Site (SCS); Canora
- Homes 4 Hope Canada
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre: Recovery in Transition
- Jellinek Society
- The McDougall House Association
- Our House Addiction Recovery Centre
- Recovery Acres Society: Housing Program



AHS - Addictions & Mental Health

FAMILY VIOLENCE

- Catholic Social Services: LaSalle Shelter; Lurana Shelter
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- EnCompass
- Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation - Jessie's House
- Living Hope Christian Fellowship
- Nisa Homes
- Strathcona Shelter Society: A Safe Place
- Today Family Violence Centre
- WIN House: Edmonton's Women Shelter

SENIORS

- Alberta Health Services: Home Care; Capital Care; Community Geriatric Program
- Bernadette N Swan Social Care Foundation (BNSSCF)
- Greater Edmonton Foundation (GEF) Housing for Seniors
- Edmonton Aboriginal Seniors Centre
- North Edmonton Seniors Association
- Operation Friendship Seniors Society (OFSS)
- Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton (SAGE)

PET/ANIMAL

- Alberta Helping Animals Society
- Boyle Street Community Services Co-Op: Inner City Recreation Pet Food Bank
- Edmonton Humane Society
- Edmonton Valley Zoo
- Farm Animal Rescue
- HART (Humane Animal Rescue Team)
- Infinite Woofs Animal Rescue Society
- John Janzen Centre
- Little Cats Lost
- Parachutes for Pets
- Parkland County Pet Food Bank
- SCARS: Second Chance Animal Rescue
- Wild North Rehabilitation Society
- Zoe's Animal Rescue



Infinite Woofs Animal Rescue Society



Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative

NEWCOMER/IMMIGRANTS

- Action for Healthy Communities: Sinkunia Community Development Organization
- C5 Northeast Community Hub: Earthwalk FRN
- Catholic Social Services: Immigration Services
- Edmonton Emergency Response and Newcomer Services (EERNS)
- Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA)
- Edmonton Newcomer Centre
- Francophonie Albertaine Plurielle (FRAP)
- ICNA Food Bank
- IslamicFamily
- Kdsti Kidane Mehret Eritrean Family Cultural Society
- Multicultural Family Resource Society
- Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative
- Sihle Sizwe Vineyard Foundation



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PEOPLE ACCESSED THE
PANTRY EACH MONTH
ON AVERAGE



West Meadows Baptist Church - largest depot apart from our NISO warehouse

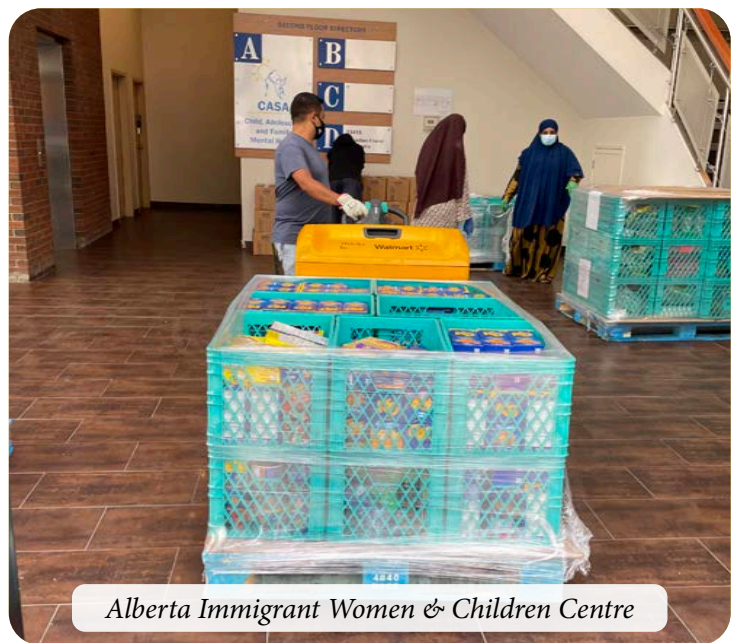
PARTNERED HAMPER PROGRAMS

- Action Coalition on Human Trafficking (ACT Alberta)
- Afro-Caribbean Food Bank
- Alberta Avenue Community League
- Alberta Immigrant Women & Children Centre
- Al Rashid Mosque
- Anawim Place*
- Art's on the Ave: Bethel Pantry
- Bethel Community Church*
- Beulah Alliance Church: West Campus; Chapelle
- Boyle Street Community Services Co-op;
- Bridge Housing: Sandy's Place; Community Engagement
- Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters Edmonton & Area: Kinsmen*; Tweddle*; West*
- Bread Run: Garneau at The Spirit of Hope Church); Mill Woods
- C5 Northeast Community Hub
- Calvary Community Church
- CANAVUA – Canadian Volunteers United in Action*
- The Candora Society of Edmonton*
- Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE)
- Church of Pentecost
- City of Edmonton
- Community of Christ Church*
- Community Options: A Society for Children and Families
- Creating Hope Society
- Crystal Kids Youth Centre*
- Dayspring Presbyterian Church*
- Edmonton Native Healing Centre*
- Edmonton Police Services: Crime and Trauma-Informed Support Services; ALERT Team
- Edmonton's Food Bank: Niso*

- Edmonton's Food Bank Mobile Depot: Chapelle*; Blue Quill*; Clareview*; Millwoods*; Southwest*; Castledowns
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- Emmaus Lutheran Church*
- Family Futures: Knottwood*
- First Presbyterian Church*
- Foundation for Oromian Culture, Education, and Art Services (FOCAS)
- Fort Road Victory Church: Pantry n' More
- Freedom Centre Church (Clareview)*
- Guru Nanak Foundation for Humanity (Sikhs for Humanity Edmonton)
- Hillview Baptist Church*
- Holy Spirit Lutheran Church*
- Hope City Church*: Kingsway Campus
- Hosanna Lutheran Church*
- iHuman Youth Society
- Inglewood Christian Reformed Church*
- IslamicFamily*
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre
- Kali United
- MacEwan University Health Centre
- Maranatha Christian Reformed Church*
- Marian Centre
- McClure United Church*
- Meadowlands Baptist Church*
- Mill Woods United Church*
- Norquest College
- Northwest Central FASD Network
- Pride Centre of Edmonton
- Project Adult Literacy (PALS)
- Radius Community Health and Healing
- Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Rhema Chapel: The Redeemed Christian Church of God*
- Robertson Wesley United Church*
- (The Rock Outreach) Rock Lutheran Inner-City Society
- Sanctuary of Praise*
- Shiloh Baptist Church*
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul

- Southminster-Steinhauer United Church*
- Steele Heights Baptist Church*
- St Herman's of Alaska Orthodox Sabor*
- St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish*
- St Joseph High School
- St Luke's Anglican Church*
- St Mary's Anglican Church*
- St Matthias Anglican Church*
- St Michael's and All Angels*
- St Teresa's Roman Catholic Parish*
- The McDougall House Association
- The Mustard Seed: Mosaic Centre*; Wellness Centre*
- The Red Road Healing Society
- Trinity Lutheran Church*
- Uncles & Aunts at Large Society
- Unitarian Church of Edmonton (UCOE)*
- WECAN Co-Operative
- West Edmonton Baptist Church*
- West Meadows Baptist Church*
- YMCA: Castledowns*; Boyle Street Plaza*

Edmonton's Food Bank Depots*



Alberta Immigrant Women & Children Centre



“The Edmonton’s Food Bank has been a reliable partner for our food programs. From breakfasts, to lunches, to special celebration meals, we remain grateful for their continued support. Food has always been an essential component of our program. It brings us together and it is where our community starts.

We shine the light back on you — because the Edmonton Food Bank is a critical component in the lives of so many in our city. Our thanks to their staff and volunteers for being there and offering hope daily.”

—Inner City Youth Development Association



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



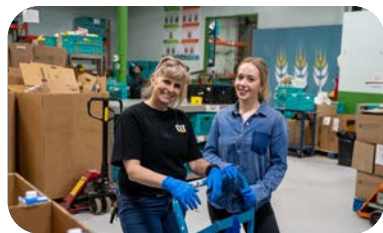
“On behalf of the Board and staff, I want to express our deepest appreciation to our incredible volunteers! We are grateful for your energy, commitment and precious gifts of time.

Each day, volunteers take calls from our neighbours needing help, sort and repackage food, pack hampers, deliver hampers to depots, pick-up food from donors and represent the Food Bank at special events. Volunteers help with our programs like Beyond Food, collective kitchens and community gardens initiatives. All of our programs and services are possible because of our volunteers!

Thank you for making Edmonton a kinder community.”

- Marjorie Bencz, CM, Executive Director
Edmonton's Food Bank





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Edmonton's Food Bank's Board of Directors is a governance board. They are responsible for setting policies and providing oversight and leadership to Edmonton's Food Bank.



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“Always do right. It will gratify some people & astonish the rest.”

—Mark Twain, Author

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Alia Barrington
- Robyn Eeson
- Jonathan Kirby
- Lewie Moodley
- Michael Sidra
- Anne Smith
- Alim Somji
- Ben Spencer

OUR TEAM

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Matthew Faubert

Michael Cooknell

Michael Miuro

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Paul Landry

Patricia Reed

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Fill-Up



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*Indicates part-time



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ABOUT EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK



The Edmonton Gleaners Association, more commonly known as Edmonton's Food Bank, was incorporated in 1981 and was the first food bank in Canada.

Edmonton's Food Bank primarily operates as a central warehouse redistributing food to over 380 partner agencies including, shelters, churches, schools, and food depots throughout the city to support their programs. Thanks to this consolidated effort, we ensure that food donations go directly to those who need it the most while reducing duplication of community efforts.

In conjunction with our partner agency program, we directly provide food hampers to tens of thousands of individuals and families monthly.

MISSION & VISION

To be stewards in the collection of surplus and donated food for the effective distribution, free of charge, to people in need in our community, while seeking solutions to the causes of hunger. We envision a community where hunger does not exist, where all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious supply of food.

As an affiliated member of Food Banks Canada, we are committed to the mantra: Relieving hunger today. Preventing hunger tomorrow.

VALUES



WHERE WE SERVE



MAIN WAREHOUSE

Since 2004, our main warehouse has been the heart of food distribution and includes: sorting, repackaging, hamper-making, and our agency sharing system. This warehouse also hosts our industrial walk-in coolers and freezers.

11508-120 ST

NISO

To help us better accommodate our clients and ever-growing services, we acquired a new addition in 2023! This building is primarily used to store more non-perishable food and serves as a depot location, along with a pantry for clients.

“NISO” is the root of many Cree terms that relate to the Food Bank’s mission, including:

- Nisohkamakewin meaning “assistance” or “help”
- Nisohkamakew meaning “help someone”
- Nisoiskeyiw meaning “reaches with both arms”

11448-120 ST



THE ANNEX

Since 2016, the Annex houses:

- Client Services (Call Centre)
- Resource Development & Communications
- Beyond Food Programming
- Warehouse Storage
- Community Centre

11434-120 ST



OUR PROGRAMS & SERVICES



FOOD HAMPERS

A food hamper is a box of food consisting of fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food items. Hampers are assembled based on the size of the household and any dietary requirements*. Upon request, additional items may be added such as pet food, school snack items, and toiletries.

As a charity, Edmonton's Food Bank cannot provide all the nutritional and food needs for all people at all times. We rely on donated food and encourage people to make purchasing food a priority when they receive their paycheques, salary, or government financial support. Beyond hampers, we refer people to other organizations for help with housing, budgeting, and other support.

* celiac, pork-free, diabetic, etc.

FOOD ACCESS

MOBILE FOOD DEPOTS



Where there are limited hamper distribution opportunities (i.e. no physical building to work from), hampers are delivered and distributed to specific communities using our Mobile Hamper truck.

FOOD DEPOTS



We want people to get their food in a neighbourhood close to home. To do this, we collaborate with over 80 community food depots. Volunteers at these sites are instrumental for food access around Edmonton.

EMERGENCY BAGS



These bags of food are for individuals in crisis and urgent need. The bags are prepared with non-perishable items, some key staples, along with information to access additional food in the future.

OUR PROGRAMS & SERVICES

AGENCY MEAL & SNACK PROGRAMS

Our work cannot be done in isolation. We work collaboratively with community partners and agencies who distribute meals and snacks. Food provided to our partner agencies (i.e., schools, soup kitchens, and shelters) varies according to program requirements and mission objectives while ensuring food services are offered at no cost.



S.N.A.C.K. PROGRAM

(SUPPORTING NUTRITION FOR ALL CLASSES AND KIDS)

As part of the agency meal and snack programs, we provide healthy snacks for children directly to schools and through numerous child-focused programs. In addition to donated snacks from the public, the Food Bank purchases key items to ensure availability and nutrition. These purchased snacks include granola bars, applesauce, shelf-stable milk, and more.

Thanks to Food Banks Canada and amazing donors, we can share healthy food packs over the summer. **AFTER THE BELL** provides non-perishable food, along with a variety of purchased fresh fruit and vegetables for children to take home when schools are closed.



FOOD SOURCES

THE RETAIL FOOD PROGRAM

Edmonton's Food Bank started as a food gleaning organization in 1981. This salvaged and rescued food is the basis of our food sources. We collect surplus food from retailers, distributors, and food industry partners across the city. This rescued food may be considered surplus based on a number of factors, including seasonal changes, overstock, or damaged exterior packaging.

We are proud to partner with our local gardeners, grocery stores, retail food providers, producers, and distributors who contribute surplus food to help our work.



ABOUT 60% OF FOOD IS RESCUED/SALVAGED

This gleaned/rescued food includes fresh vegetables and fruit, baked goods, dairy, non-perishables, and frozen meats.

Edmonton's Food Bank adheres to the food safety guidelines of Alberta Health Services when collecting and distributing food. Our trucks are refrigerated to keep food at the proper temperature during transport which is very important on hot summer days! Once at the Food Bank, food is placed into industrial coolers and freezers until it is needed.



FOOD SOURCES



PLANT, GROW, SHARE A ROW

This program encourages people to earmark and donate their homegrown fruit and vegetables to Edmonton's Food Bank. Some businesses such as Greenland Garden Centre and the Royal Mayfair Club took this philosophy a step further by donating free seedlings to be grown and donated to Edmonton's Food Bank. Other amazing donors, like the Little Potato Company, provide seed potatoes to many gardens.

SECOND HELPING

In cooperation with conference centres and large banquet facilities, Second Helping gleans prepared (yet not plated) food from major kitchens. Donations are frozen, picked up, and made available to agency partners for use in their meal and snack programs. Donors adhere to Alberta Health Services protocols for food safety and packaging needs.



Edmonton's Food Bank is an approved teaching facility for Concordia University's Environmental Health Program to show future health inspectors proper food warehouse management.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

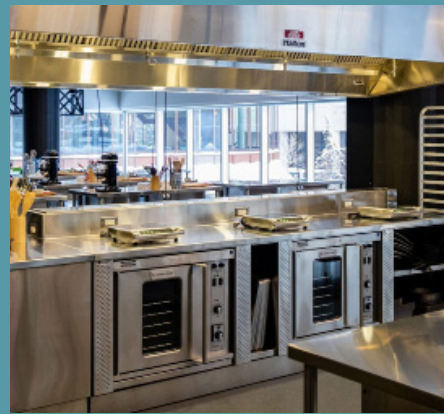
BEYOND FOOD PROGRAM

The program provides practical workshops and support to help participants build financial stability, life skills, and long-term resilience. Programs cover topics such as budgeting, employment readiness, and accessing community resources. It connects participants with local organizations and services, fostering a stronger network of support. By addressing the root causes of food insecurity, the program empowers individuals and families to make informed choices and improve their overall well-being. Through hands-on learning and personalized guidance, Beyond Food helps participants gain confidence, skills, and independence while strengthening community connections.



THE SEED BANK

The Seed Bank provides free vegetable seeds to individuals and community groups to grow food. The program supports low-income community members in growing their own fresh food, improving nutrition, and fostering sustainable gardening practices. It also reduces waste by redistributing unused seed packets, promotes urban agriculture, and encourages sharing surplus produce. The Seed Bank helps strengthen local food system resilience. Seed packages were shared directly with clients, community garden network, and agency partners.



COLLECTIVE KITCHENS

The program offers hands-on cooking classes that teach safe food preparation, cost-effective shopping, creative use of leftovers, and preservation techniques. Participants learn to incorporate local, seasonal, and donated ingredients. The program fosters connection and community, encouraging participants to share stories, traditions, and friendships over food. By pooling resources, participants access affordable, nutritious meals, supporting both food security and long-term health. Community Kitchens help vulnerable and newcomer populations build skills, confidence, and social well-being.

WAYS TO GIVE



DONATE FOOD

Food is the foundation of our work. Though we glean/salvage food from the food industry, our success depends on donations from the community. Non-perishable food can be donated at any major grocery store or fire hall. Even fresh food can be donated, please contact us to learn how.



DONATE MONEY

Donate conveniently online, in person, or over the phone. To leave a legacy to your community, feel free to add Edmonton Gleaners Association (129185310 RR0001) in your Will. A donation of stocks, securities, or mutual fund shares are also an efficient way to give charitably and receive a tax credit.



DONATE TIME

Volunteers double our workforce. Annually thousands of hours are donated by amazing people. Opportunities are available seven days a week and four evenings a week. Volunteers act as ambassadors at external events and help manage all processes in our warehouse from sorting food donations, to building food hampers, and even delivering hampers to community food depots.

CONTACT US



Need Help?

Please call 780.425.4190 Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm to speak with Client Services volunteers or staff to arrange a food hamper or connect you with other relevant community services.

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