

# EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK UPDATE

MAY 2026



## FUNDING LOCAL IMPACT

Your donations do more than fill shelves; they provide fresh, essential nutrition for those in need. Deciding what food to add to our hampers is no small feat, taking into account factors such as cost, shelf life, versatility, and client satisfaction. With these in mind, eggs became a staple in our hampers, providing a versatile and culturally familiar protein. Every week, we distribute 4,320 dozen eggs (at just \$3.10 per dozen) to families, soup kitchens, agencies, and schools.

We are excited to announce the next step in our efforts: margarine! Following client feedback, we began adding margarine to every household hamper in April. By negotiating bulk rates, we were able to secure this staple for just \$2.60 per container, well below market price. This negotiation allows us to provide 12 pallets a month, while remaining careful stewards of your generous gifts.

Thank you for supporting our local impact.

Because of you, we are able to continue to do what we do best — serving those in need, since 1981.



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## SCONA INITIATIVE LEGACY





Living out their motto, “As One Who Serves,” Strathcona High School and their community raised the necessary funds for a vital new capital project: an industrial long-term storage cooler! Thanks to a successful 20-hour bike-a-thon, the project is now complete.

This specialty cooler will preserve the abundance of our communities fall harvest. Locally grown produce such as potatoes, carrots, and onion can now be kept fresh through late winter. It will also provide essential storage for fresh donations year-round. This cooler is a lasting legacy from the students of Strathcona High School for our community.



*Special thanks to the Scona Initiative Leadership Class of 2026, who made it all possible!*

## 2019 vs 2025 IMPACT COMPARISON

 <p><b>2025:</b> FOOD DONATED</p> <p><b>5.1M KG</b></p> <p>↑ 18.6%</p> <p><b>2019:</b> 4.3 Million KG</p>	 <p><b>2025:</b> FOOD PURCHASED</p> <p><b>3.96M KG</b></p> <p>↑ 251.86%</p> <p><b>2019:</b> 1.12 Million KG</p>	 <p><b>2025:</b> VOLUNTEER HOURS</p> <p><b>159,060</b></p> <p>↑ 60.7%</p> <p><b>2019:</b> 99,000</p>	 <p><b>2025:</b> PEOPLE SERVED (MONTHLY AVERAGE)</p> <p><b>43,519</b></p> <p>↑ 103.5%</p> <p><b>2019:</b> 21,386</p>
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## LOCAL GIVING. LOCAL IMPACT.

Many national advertising campaigns suggest they support local causes, while in reality, very little of these donations reach the community level. Local organizations handle the “heavy lifting”. By donating directly to us, you ensure your gift has an immediate, visible impact right here at home.

Because of you, we are able to keep up with the rising need in Edmonton. Between 2019 and 2025, Edmonton’s Food Bank saw significant growth in need. Your donations of food, funds, and time are the reason we continue to serve our community.