



Summer Gleanings 2026

"Thank you for the yummy fruit and granola bars. I ate it all and then played in the park and then played in the field and then went home."

- Logan (6 years old)

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Message from from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

There is a distinct magic to summer in Edmonton found in the vibrant hum of our festivals, the green grass, and those beautifully endless, golden evenings. For most, this time is a welcomed pause to soak in the warmth and reconnect with family and friends.

Behind this picturesque scene, a quieter reality persists: Hunger is a year-round issue. Because of this, our programs and services never skip a beat. We are deeply grateful for the continuous support that keeps Edmonton families cared for in every season.

Since the 1980s, Edmonton's Food Bank has been proud to partner with two iconic local traditions that bring in vital food and funds during the summer months: Purolator Tackle Hunger & the Edmonton Heritage Festival.

Firstly, join us for the **Purolator Tackle Hunger** game on **Saturday, August 1**, where the Edmonton Elks take on the Saskatchewan Roughriders. If you are heading to the stadium, please keep an eye out for our volunteers, who will be **collecting both food and monetary donations at all gates prior to the 5:00 pm kick-off.**

That same long weekend, from **August 1 to 3**, the **Edmonton Heritage Festival** makes its highly-anticipated return home to Hawrelak Park. While we have traditionally collected food on-site, changes to park logistics mean we are shifting our public appeal to focus solely on monetary donations. Our friendly volunteers will be stationed throughout the park, **ready to accept cash, cheques, and digital donations via tap.**

If you still wish to give food, you can join our **'Save your Back. Leave your Pack.'** initiative by dropping off non-perishable donations at any major grocery store or firehall. Last but not least, you can always support us from the comfort of home by making a secure online donation at edmontonsfoodbank.com.

Our mission begins and ends with serving people. Thank you for standing with us. Our doors are always open, so please reach out if you would ever like to tour our space or see firsthand how your support makes a difference.

In friendship,

Marjorie Bencz, CM
Executive Director

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE OUR FAVOURITE NON-PERISHABLES!



Donate securely online at edmontonsfoodbank.com

SMALL TEXT. BIG IMPACT.







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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. **THANK YOU** for helping us help others!

2019 vs 2025 IMPACT COMPARISON

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

5.1 million KG



FOOD PURCHASED

\$3.96 million



PEOPLE SERVED

43,519 people
monthly average



VOLUNTEER HOURS

159,060



NUMBER OF VISITS

6 times
Average per person/year



FLEET TRAVELLED

244,368 kilometres



MEALS & SNACKS

500,000
distributed each month



COMMUNITY FOOD DEPOTS

81



EGGS DISTRIBUTED

217,275



LITERS OF MILK DISTRIBUTED

7,256



38%

of Food Bank hamper recipients are children the age of 18



100+

schools supported with food programs



380+

partnerships with soup kitchens, shelters, and organizations with affiliated food programs

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

In May, we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM), where we shared our 2025 annual report, year in review video, and community impact.

Download the full report here: edmontonsfoodbank.com



READ OUR 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

HEARTFELT THANKS

"Thank you for seeing the humanity in every person who seeks your help. May you be encouraged knowing that your work creates ripples of hope that extend far beyond what you can see. You've certainly created those ripples in our lives."

-Amanda, age 62

"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 rain helped us bring the food out to our car!"

-Jim, age 31

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Help make giving fun and join us at these awesome events supporting Edmonton's Food Bank. Remember, *'Save your Back. Leave your Pack.'* Non-perishable food donations can also be left at any City of Edmonton fire station or major grocery stores throughout the city. **Thank you for your help!** For more details and information on upcoming events, visit: edmontonsfoodbank.com/events



PUROLATOR TACKLE HUNGER

Saturday, August 1
5:00 pm kick-off

Commonwealth Stadium

Food & monetary donations accepted



PLANT A ROW | GROW A ROW | SHARE A ROW

At time of harvest!

Garden produce gratefully accepted at our main warehouse 11508 120 St.

More details at edmontonsfoodbank.com



HERITAGE FESTIVAL

August 1-3
Hawrelak Park

New this year, we can only accept monetary donations at the festival!

Visit heritagefest.ca for more details.



EDMONTON FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, September 19
City-wide door-to-door food drive

Watch your mailbox for your paper bag to fill with food.

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.