

FAST FACTS

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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.

While some people access services directly from Edmonton's Food Bank, the organization is a central warehouse and referral centre for more than 250 agencies, churches, and food depots, including: Bissell Centre, Crystal Kids, Hope Mission, Métis Child & Family Services Society, The Salvation Army, Operation Friendship Seniors Society, and Our House Addiction Recovery. These agencies receive food from our warehouse to assist their clients.

ABOUT EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK

- Was incorporated as Canada's first food bank on January 16, 1981, as the Edmonton Gleaners Association.
- Gleans perishable and non-perishable food through our Retail Food Program, which accounts for approximately 2.9 million kilograms of food or 60-80% of the food that we distribute to those in need.
- Volunteers donated an astonishing 76,800+ hours in 2016, which is up 13% over 2015! This is thanks in large part to the volunteer program going online with the roll out of the *Better Impact* management platform.
- Serves over 20,000 people per month through our hamper programs, of whom, approximately 40% are children under the age of 18.
- Clients, on average, access Edmonton's Food Bank less than 4 times a year.
- Provides nearly 400,000 meals and snacks monthly through our affiliated agencies, including 50 schools in Edmonton.
- Provides food for special festive meals to the community.
- Supports community events such as Edmonton's bi-annual Homeless Connect.
- Coordinates more than 2,200 events each year to raise food and funds to support our mission. These events also raise awareness of the solvable problem of hunger in our community.
- Collected, sorted, repackaged, and redistributed 4.2 million kilograms of food in 2016. The approximate value of this food is \$23,100,000.
- Is a recognized teaching facility for Concordia University's Environmental Health Program.
- Proudly recognizes the appointment of their Executive Director, Marjorie Bencz, as a member of the Order of Canada and her induction into the City of Edmonton Hall of Fame.
- Is accredited under Imagine Canada's Standards Program for showing excellence and compliance in five key areas of operations: board governance; financial accountability and transparency; fundraising; staff management; and volunteer involvement. Visit imaginecanada.ca/standards for more information.



Thank you!

We appreciate the support that we receive from our volunteers, partners and donors.

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