

# FAST FACTS

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## MISSION

Our mission is 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, schools and food depots like Hope Mission, Bissell Centre, Crystal Kids and Metis Child & Family Services.

## ABOUT EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK

- 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 60%-80% of the food that we distribute to those in need.
- Collected, sorted, repackaged, and redistributed more than 4 million kilograms of food in 2017. The approximate value of this food is \$22,175,000.
- Serves over 22,000 people per month through our hamper programs, of whom, approximately 40% are children under the age of 18.
- Clients, on average, access food hampers from Edmonton's Food Bank fewer than 4 times a year.
- Provides nearly 500,000 meals and snacks monthly through our affiliated agencies, including 59 schools in Edmonton.
- Provides food for special festive meals in 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.
- Volunteers donated an astounding 85,126.5 hours in 2017.
- Beyond Food launched in partnership with five community agencies and the City of Edmonton. Beyond Food offers assistance free of charge in budgeting, resume writing, safety tickets and more.
- 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 the five key areas of: board governance; financial accountability and transparency; fundraising; staff management; and volunteer involvement. Visit [imaginecanada.ca/standards](http://imaginecanada.ca/standards) for more information.
- Is a recognized teaching facility for Concordia University's Environmental Health Program.



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