

# Winter Gleanings 2022

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Edmonton's Food Bank



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Watch for our
RBC Foundation Festive
Brown Bag in your mailbox
for 12 ways of giving this
holiday season!



"I have always believed that food banks are a miracle of the human spirit. Food banks get communities to help communities."

- Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, Dalhousie University

# **Message from the Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

Hunger never takes a holiday. 2022 has certainly been a struggle for many of our friends and neighbours who are finding it harder to afford basic necessities. In fact, some people who have not needed us before are now turning to us for help.

Edmonton's Food Bank is also dealing with challenges. Food has become more expensive for us to purchase and we need larger volumes of food. When we compare our hamper statistics, we are filling double the number of requests that we were filling in 2021! In addition, the cost of picking up donations and delivering food to our 65 partner depots has become more expensive. Despite these challenges and because of you, we continue to help people.

Every donation you make of food, money, or time is greatly appreciated!

We are driven by our mission to find solutions to the causes of hunger, and we don't do that alone. Our many partners, including schools, shelters, depots, and agencies, help us to better serve our community. Our website (edmontonsfoodbank.com) is the best route to learn more about our work or check out our socials @yegfoodbank on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

As we enter the festive season, we are warmed by the sense of community and friendship. On behalf of Edmonton's Food Bank, thank you. We wish you health and peace now and in 2023.







### Story of Hope: Iullia

Iullia and her family came over from Odessa, Ukraine earlier this year to avoid conflicts arrising in her home country. There she owned her own business for 19 years. Now in Canada, she was left to figure out how she would support her and her family while navigating her new life. Iullia was looking for a place for immigrants to study when she came across our Beyond Food program. She was able to prepare herself to find employment in Canada, while also accessing Edmonton's Food Bank hamper services. As she continued visting Beyond Food she also started volunteering with Edmonton's Food Bank and eventually was hired in our warehouse as a hamperline worker! We are lucky to have someone as hardworking and a positive mindset on our team.

# **Upcoming Events**

For more information and an updated list of events, please visit edmontonsfoodbank.com/events

#### Servus Food Bank Fridays at Snow Valley

Fridays - 3 pm to 9 pm Hit the slopes on Fridays this ski season and \$2 from each lift tickets is donated to us. w: snowvalley.ca

### **Christmas BOW**

December 4 - 3 pm to 11:30 pm Come to Newcastle Pub and listen to rocking bands and help feed people in need in our city. Admission is \$10 or a non-perishable food donation.

# Citadel Theatre's A Christmas Carol

November 26 to December 23 Food and monetary donations are accepted at every performance. Visit citadeltheatre.com for tickets.

#### Stuff a Bus

November 26 - All Save on Food Locations Drop off your non-perishable food with ETS volunteers or donate in store to help make 2023 merrier for those in need.

### **Loblaws Winter Food Drive**

December 2 to 24

All shoppers at Edmonton Superstore, No Frills, City Market and Real Canadian Wholesale Club can make a monetary or food donation while they shop.

# Sobeys Holiday Fundraiser

December 1 to 23 All Edmonton Sobeys and Safeways are accepting food or monetary donations at the

#### **CBC Make the Season Kind**

December 8 to 15

Help CBC raise \$500,000 for Edmonton's Food Bank!

w: cbc.ca/news/canada/Edmonton

#### **YEG Candy Cane Lane**

December 9 to January 1 - 6 pm to 10 pm 148 St between 100 Ave to 92 Ave
The green bins are back to help collect nonperishable donations for those in need! Watch for pedestrian only nights. w: yegcandycanelane.com

# **Giving to Edmonton's Food Bank is Easy**

Monetary donations can be made securely online at edmontonsfoodbank.com/donate.

Individual donations of non-perishable food can be left at any major grocery store, or dropped off at our warehouse located at 11508 120 Street, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

If you require a pick-up, please call the Resource Development Team at 780.425.2133. Plan for a five-business-day window as our trucks and volunteers are very busy at this time of year.

Thank you for your support!





Please consider making a gift in your will to create a kinder community. Thank you.

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