

# EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK UPDATE

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2023 was another challenging year for Edmonton's Food Bank. We continue to experience increased demand for our services. Our agency partners and our school partners grew. Our monthly hamper recipients also increased, on average, from 30,787 people per month (2022) to 34,825 people per month (2023).

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Our incredible volunteers continue to amaze with their generosity. In 2023, we had 13 individual volunteers donate 500+ hours, with four donating 1,000+ hours. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO HELPING OTHERS!



## IN 2023 EDMONTON'S FOOD BANK...

- Served 417,908 people with food hampers. This representing 75,476 unique individuals compared to 67,046 different people in 2022.
- Served record number of people through our hamper programs: August 37,462 people and November 36,643 people.
- Provided, on average, 400,000 meals and snacks monthly to partner organizations. This represents 350 different partners including soup kitchens, shelters, schools, and other community organizations.
- Collected and shared 5,583,294 kilograms of food (12,308,930 pounds).
- Purchased \$3.5M worth of food (a 16.6% increase from \$3M in 2022).
- Continue to purchase \$9,000 worth of eggs weekly.
- Volunteer hours increased from 118,400 (2022) to 141,233 (2023) hours.
- Opened our third warehouse in June, NISO, a Cree word meaning “two”. It resides between our main warehouse and our Annex building.
- Implemented special NISO depots for clients to pick up their festive hampers during the holiday season serving 16,974 people.

## Isai's Story:

Isai came to Canada fleeing the war in the Ukraine. Learning our Canadian system and understanding English was taking a toll on Isai.

He came to the Food Bank on advice from his friend. Isai arrived on a Thursday afternoon when the Social Worker from our partner agency, Catholic Social Services, was onsite to help connect Isai with resources and opportunities. Translations were done thanks to one of our Ukrainian staff.

Before leaving, Isai thanked our team and left with a smile. We were able to help Isai with his immediate food needs and know he will be getting more support moving forward thanks to the information shared.

Because of your generous support, we can help Isai along his journey in Canada. Thank you.



Because of you, we are able to continue to do what we do best - serving those in need, since 1981. If you have any questions please contact Tamisan Bencz-Knight, Manager of Strategic Relationships & Partnerships, at 780.425.2133 ext. 232.