



The grants that you offer are so very helpful and needed at our little food bank, as we don't get the financial support that some receive. We appreciate Food Banks Alberta so very much, and just wanted you to know that!

Millet Food Bank



ANNUAL REPORT

A close-up photograph of a hand squeezing a lemon into a light blue bowl. Several lemon halves are visible in the background on a wooden surface. The year "2018" is overlaid in large white text at the bottom of the image.

2018



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Food Banks Alberta has continued its work supporting our food bank members during the past year. With the skill and heart of our Executive Director, Stephanie Walsh-Rigby, and our dedicated staff, the association's work has strengthened our food bank members network and has brought food, funds, and knowledge to food banks throughout Alberta.

During this time, many vital connections have been made with organizations that have an impact on the work we do. These connections have included an MLA breakfast that brought awareness of the need for food banks in communities in Alberta to those tasked with governing our province. Many new partnerships have been formed and valuable connections have been made with key stakeholders and businesses that impact the work we do.

The board's activities during the past year have included work on and agreement with new strategic initiatives to see Food Banks Alberta move forward with its mission and vision. In meeting to discuss the importance of the work of food banks in our province we have also recognized the need to look beyond food support and have made providing our members with additional resources to assist with developing long-term solutions to social issues a priority for our association.

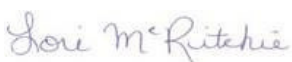
I would like to thank all my fellow board members for volunteering their time and talents to the work of the Food Banks Alberta board. Please know that your efforts on behalf of our food bank members have truly had a positive impact in the lives of the communities we serve.

Also know that as an organization, we have taken feedback and input from our staff and membership to our national organization, Food Banks Canada. Through working on your behalf, as a member of Network Council, we have taken the voice of food banks in Alberta to the national stage which in turn provides opportunities for additional food and funding to our members.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank each of you, our member food banks, for doing the work you do in your communities. You are the heart and hands of our organization and the support you provide to those who struggle in your neighborhoods truly brings communities together to care for each other.

It has been an honour and privilege to be the Chair of Food Banks Alberta this past two years. Please know that I will continue to support you and the amazing work you do in my new role as Past Chair of the board.

Sincerely,



Lori McRitchie
Chair, Food Banks Alberta

FIRST MEMBER SURVEY

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Thank you for this. You provide small volunteer-only food banks a lot of value for our membership, and thanks so much for showing us this. Keep up the awesome work!

Hinton Food Bank

84%

say Food Banks Alberta helps connect them to other food banks

75%

say Food Banks Alberta should focus on financial support and food for members

72%

were helped by Food Banks Alberta with specific enquiries

79%

are VERY satisfied with their membership

75%

attend the provincial conference to see presentations from other food banks

72%

say the member update emails are very informative

TOP 3 MEMBER BENEFITS

- food support
- funding
- regional meetings

First member benefits letter issued

Documented the food, funds, and services received by food banks

86 food banks accessed some form of provincial service or program



CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES

DRIVEN BY THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF ITS MEMBERS, FOOD BANKS ALBERTA IS DEDICATED TO CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE EXCLUSIVE TO OUR MEMBERS.



- Members receive a free membership for group pricing
- Access to reduced pricing options for food and services (such as rodent control and waste management)



- Members receive reduced pricing for stock and customized products
- Special no-charge product offerings from time-to-time depending on availability



- Healthcare spending accounts available to all members with 1 paid staff person
- Reduced insurance rates for liability, directors and officers, commercial and cyber security



- First provincial online food drive
- 13 food banks participated
- \$3,000 of fresh food purchased by donors



- Partnership with the Union Protein Project in BC
- \$66,000 of tuna and peanut butter purchased
- 5 food banks purchased the protein by the pallet



- Food Banks Alberta paid for registration fees for 10 food banks
- Value: \$8,400
- 30 food banks in Alberta now use Link2Feed



INCREASE KNOWLEDGE

HUNGER IN ALBERTA

- Food bank usage in Alberta remained among the highest in the country during 2018.
- There were 97,497 visits to food banks in March and 38% of those visiting were children.
- Food banks in Alberta reported that about 20% of people who accessed food were employed, consistently higher than any other province.
- Almost 14% of households reported having no income, which was the highest level on record.
- Over half the households accessing food banks in Alberta were on social assistance.

DISASTER TASK FORCE

- Developed provincial emergency response plan for food banks
- 6 food banks from 2 provinces participated on committees
- 2 provincial associations partnered on costs
- 1 provincial emergency plan, 3 template documents created
- 6 food banks took emergency preparedness training

GOVERNANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES

- 2 manuals created for Food Banks Alberta: Governance and Human Resources
- 2 customized template documents created for food banks
- 5 food bank reps and 2 board members sat on committees

VOLUNTEERS

- Volunteers logged 57 hours in administration support
- Volunteers in our warehouse worked 369 hours
- Value: \$6,400

PROVINCIAL MAP

- 1st provincial map of all food bank services areas created
- 86 food banks received their boundary map kit
- Kits outlined the service area description, a list of neighbouring food banks, a list of any instances of boundary overlap or possible gaps

VISITS

- 6,300 km travelled to visit food banks
- 29 food banks were visited
- 75% of all members visited by Food Banks Alberta in 5 years

ONLINE ACTIVITY GROWTH

- Facebook audience grew by 28%
- Instagram follower count increased by 69% since created
- Twitter saw steady growth. Posts created 130,700 impressions
- Website usage: 87% on the site were new, page views increased by 23%

PROVIDE RESOURCES

We were able to process two donated animals from local farmers as well as buy both dairy and fresh produce from our local grocery stores.

Coronation Food Bank

RURAL ASSISTANCE FUND

13 food banks received
\$62,500

TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY

19 food banks received
\$11,500

BULK FOOD PURCHASE SUBSIDY

14 food banks received
\$10,750

FRESH FOOD FUND

31 food banks received
\$100,000

370,000 LBS OF FOOD DONATED TO THE PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION. VALUED AT **\$925,000**

19,045 LBS OF FROZEN FOOD SHARED THROUGH THE MAIN WAREHOUSE'S FREEZER

225,200 LBS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED. VALUED AT **\$585,520**

209,268 LBS SHIPPED FROM PROVINCIAL WAREHOUSE IN LEDUC

15,932 LBS SHIPPED THROUGH OUR SOUTHERN WAREHOUSE AT THE INTERFAITH FOOD BANK OF LETHBRIDGE

51 FOOD BANKS IN THE PROVINCE ACCESSED FOOD FROM THE ASSOCIATION

\$67,355 OF NEW FOOD PURCHASED TO SHARE DIRECTLY WITH MEMBERS:

CANNED PROTEIN, PEANUT BUTTER, PASTA, CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT, OATMEAL AND SOUP.



- **19,485 DOZEN EGGS SHARED WITH 30 FOOD BANKS**
- **3 NEW FOOD BANKS ADDED**
- **720 DOZEN EGGS PER MONTH ADDED**



- **15,000 DOZEN EGGS DONATED – A VALUE OF \$30,000**



- **7 FOOD BANKS RECEIVED 21,680 LBS OF FRESH PRODUCE**



- **ALBERTA SHARES: \$62,540 AND 56,954 LBS OF FOOD DONATED TO 15 FOOD BANKS**
- **SHARE IT FORWARD: \$48,000 SHARED WITH 14 FOOD BANKS AND 5% TO FOOD BANKS ALBERTA**



- **173,573 LBS OF FOOD SHARED WITH 10 FOOD BANKS**



- **\$25,000 TO PURCHASE FOOD**



- **\$18,000 DONATED TO 9 FOOD BANKS**



- **\$4,250 DONATED TO 17 FOOD BANKS**



- **2 NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS**
- **47 FOOD BANKS RECEIVED \$441,510**
- **FOOD BANKS ALBERTA RECEIVED \$81,116**



- **SUBWAY DONATED \$22,000 TO PURCHASE PROTEIN**
- **ENTERPRISE HOLDINGS FOUNDATION DONATED \$61,249 FOR ASSOCIATION CAPACITY BUILDING**
- **ENTERPRISE HOLDINGS FOUNDATION DONATED \$99,093 FOR HUB CAPACITY BUILDING**

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Thanks to Food Banks Alberta we are able to supply a few schools that participate in the Souper Stars program with eggs. These schools are in vulnerable parts of our city and are always in need of support through food donations. The eggs are either used towards their breakfast programs, food classes or food donation to support attending families in need.

Community Program
Kitchen Calgary

NATIONAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

AFTER THE BELL

\$22,654

shared with **5** food banks

COMMUNITY GARDENS

\$32,843

shared with **7** food banks

WALMART FOUNDATION

\$9,547

66 shared with **4** food banks

Thank-you so much for this amazing gift. It made a huge difference for us, allowing us to provide all the turkeys and hams for our Christmas hampers, plus some fresh fruit and veggies throughout this year.

Taber Food Bank

Food Banks
Canada



CAPACITY BOOST

\$45,412

shared with **5** food banks

EVERY PLATE FULL

\$108,845

shared with **5** food banks

RURAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

\$4,768

shared with **8** food banks



INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Regional meetings held: 7

Total participants: 95

Total food banks represented: 49

Locations: Whitecourt, Red Deer, Brooks, Cochrane, Lac La Biche, Vegreville, University of Alberta

RECOGNITION

- 1st annual awards to recognize the contribution of staff and volunteers of food banks
- Awarded at the provincial conference
- 3 individuals were honoured for their outstanding contributions

PARTNERSHIPS

- Partnered with Food Banks Canada, Calgary Food Bank, and Edmonton's Food Bank
- Creating a Western Canada food procurement pilot project
- Goal to grow the amount of food available for food banks

TRANSPORTATION

- New partnership with Trucks for Change
- An Ontario-based non-profit organization that taps into a diverse network of transport partners to offer free or greatly reduced transport for charities across Canada

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL FOOD BANK CONFERENCE (JASPER, AB)

118

Total Participants

35

Total Food Banks
Represented

\$17,250

Sponsorship Secured

\$6,400

Subsidies Shared

SEED CONNECTIONS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

FIRST ANNUAL MLA & FOOD BANK BREAKFAST AT THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

31 people
attended

12 food banks
represented

31 MLAs
attended

12 Ministers of the
provincial
government
attended

- Hosted an early meeting of non-profit provincial associations.
- Discussed how to bring the sector closer together.
- This meeting and other discussions eventually led to the formation of the Alberta Non-Profit Network.

2 REPS

Network Council

3 REPS

National Advisory
Committee on Food

1 REP

National Strategic Fundraising
Advisory Committee

1 REP

National Communication
Committee

1 REP

National Task Force on
Network-Wide Effectiveness

1 REP

National 2019 Conference
Planning Committee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019

CHAIR | **LORI MCRTCHIE**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AIRDRIE FOOD BANK

1ST VICE CHAIR | **DOUG TWEDDLE**
ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, FOSTER PARK BROKERS

2ND VICE CHAIR | **ALICE KOLISNYK**
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RED DEER FOOD BANK SOCIETY

SECRETARY | **SUZAN KRECSY**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ST. ALBERT FOOD BANK

TREASURER | **ERIC MOTUZAS** (JOINED MID-YEAR)
ASSISTANT CONTROLLER, OILERS ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

DIRECTOR | **BYRON NELSON**
MANAGING PARTNER, INNS LAW

DIRECTOR | **BARB REPERT**
OWNER, EXECUTIVE IMPACT

DIRECTOR | **PAUL MCWILLIAMS**
SENIOR MANAGER, SERVUS CREDIT UNION

DIRECTOR | **SHEILA HUGHES**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OKOTOKS FOOD BANK (RETIRED)

DIRECTOR | **CRAIG PILGRIM**
REALTOR, RE/MAX ELITE

DIRECTOR | **KIM DUMONT**
COORDINATOR, HIGH PRAIRIE & DISTRICT FOOD BANK

DIRECTOR | **DAVID OMAN**
PRINCIPAL, CONVERGENCE CONSULTING GROUP

FOOD BANKS ALBERTA

2018 MEMBERS

Airdrie Food Bank	Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank	Rimbey Food Bank
Athabasca Good Samaritan Ministries Association	Granum Drop-in Centre	Salvation Army Lloydminster
Banff Food Bank	High Level Native Friendship Centre	Samson Food Bank Society
Bashaw and District Food Bank	High Prairie & District Food Bank Society	Smoky Lake Food Bank Society
Barrhead Food Bank	Hinton Food Bank Association	SERV Food Bank
Beaverlodge Christmas Hamper & Food Bank	Hythe and District Food Bank	St. Albert Food Bank and Community Village
Blackfalds Food Bank Society	Innisfail Food Bank	St. Paul & District Food Bank
Bon Accord/Gibbons Food Bank	Interfaith Food Bank Society of Lethbridge	Stettler & District Food Bank Society
Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre	Ittasinno'P Food Bank Centre	Strathcona Food Bank Association
Bow Valley Food Bank Society	Iyahrhe Nakoda Food Bank Society	Taber Food Bank Society
Brooks Food Bank Foundation	Jasper Food Bank Society	The Lord's Food Bank
Calgary Food Bank	Kainai Food Bank Society	The Olive Tree Community Centre
Campus Food Bank	Lac Ste. Anne East Food Bank	Three Hills Area Food Bank Society
Camrose Neighbor Aid Center Food Bank	Lacombe Food Bank	Tofield-Ryley and Area Food Bank Society
Castor & District Food Bank	Lamont Hamper Committee	Trochu & District Inter-Church Food Bank Society
Chestermere Regional Food Bank	Leduc & District Food Bank Association	Tsuut'ina Food Bank
Coaldale Food Bank	Lethbridge Food Bank	Turner Valley and District Food Bank Association
Cochrane Food Bank	Manning Food Bank	Vauxhall & Area Food Bank Society
Cold Lake Food Bank Society	Mayerthorpe Food Bank	Vegreville Food Bank Society
Community Kitchen Program of Calgary	Medicine Hat and District Food Bank	Viking and Holden Area Food Bank
Consort Food Bank	Millet Community Food Bank	Vulcan Regional Food Bank Society
Coronation & District Food Bank Society	Morinville Food Bank Society	Wainwright Battle River Food Bank
County of 40 Mile Ministerial Food Bank	Mountain View Food Bank Society	Waskaysoo Community Food Bank
Crowsnest Pass Food Bank Society	Neighbours Outreach Wetaskiwin	WEE Community Food Bank
Drumheller Salvation Army Food Bank	North County Interfaith Outreach Society	Westlock & District Food Bank Association
Edmonton's Food Bank	Okotoks Food Bank	Wetaskiwin Salvation Army
Edson Food Bank Society	Parkland Food Bank Society	Wheatland County Food Bank Society
Fairview Food Bank Association	Pincher Creek Food Bank	Whitecourt Interagency Food Bank
Faith Covenant Church Food Bank	Ponoka Food Bank	Wood Buffalo Food Bank Association
Flagstaff Food Bank	Red Deer Food Bank Society	
Fort Macleod Salvation Army	Redwater Fellowship of Churches Food Bank	