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“You are going to change our lives!  
We can make it now.”

- Edmonton's Food Bank Client

## Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We enter the summer with hope, looking ahead to opportunities to once again be with family and friends in person after months of virtual visits. We look forward to the return of events and being a part of celebrations. We are humbled and grateful of the support we have received from the community since March 2020.

Over the past year, Edmonton's Food Bank has benefited from the generosity of those who could give food, funds, and/or time. This generosity has made it possible for us to continue our work uninterrupted even during some of the busiest months in our 40-year history. We introduced new programs to support our most vulnerable including our partnership with Drive Happiness who deliver hampers to households and a Mobile Food Depot (a 3-ton truck specially equipped to transport packed hampers) to ensure food services in underserved areas of the city. We continue to adapt and change. It is because of donors like you that we can continue to serve those in need.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment. We wish everyone an enjoyable and healthy summer. Stay connected through our website, newsletter, and social media channels.

Warmest regards,



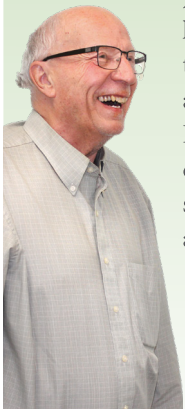
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## Jack Little's Retirement

As Jack Little has stepped down from our Volunteer Board of Directors after 23 years of service, his inspired leadership has encouraged others to excel and made our community a better place.

Jack has demonstrated leadership, commitment to community issues, and valuable solutions. His commitment is complimented with a strong sense of integrity and a common sense approach to dealing with issues.

Thank you, Jack!



Edmonton's Food Bank staff and volunteer loading food hampers into the Mobile Depot for distribution

## Delivering Hope

In January, Louise lost her job and, due to mobility issues, she was unable to start a new job or easily move around the city. She really wanted to return to work, and felt extremely lost and concerned for her future. “I’ve always worked,” Louise stated, “it gives me purpose.”

Our Client Services team was eager to answer Louise's call for help. We provided Louise with a hamper full of non-perishable and nutritious, fresh food, and delivered it right to her door. Our partners at Crystal Kids assisted by delivering her hamper.

Crystal Kids operates a drop-in center for homeless and impoverished youth offering food and structured programs. The Community Outreach aspect of this organization acts as a depot for Edmonton's Food Bank where individuals can pick up food hampers, or in Louise's case, they are delivered directly to her.

“I can't explain how happy I am!” Louise exclaimed in a phone call to Edmonton's Food Bank. This extra assistance means the world to Louise as we help her persevere through a difficult time.

Louise is looking forward to getting back on her feet and back into the workforce. She is hoping her health will improve in time for her to explore job opportunities as a bus driver when school starts again in the fall.

“Sometimes, life puts up hurdles,” Louise explained, “and you just have to go over them!” Louise exudes optimism, gratitude, and enthusiasm because of the generosity and compassion of our community. Thank you for your unwavering support throughout difficult times.



## Upcoming Events

Because of the continued uncertainty of the pandemic, please visit our website for updates on community events. If you are coordinating a food drive or fundraiser, please contact our Resource Development Department for support at 780.425.2133 or visit [edmontonsfoodbank.com](http://edmontonsfoodbank.com) for more information.

### Heritage Food Drive

July 31, August 1 and 2

For convenience, food donations can be left at any major grocery store for the Heritage Food Drive and monetary donations may be conveniently made online at [edmontonsfoodbank.com/donate](http://edmontonsfoodbank.com/donate). For event details, please visit [heritagefest.ca](http://heritagefest.ca) or our website.



### Edmonton Food Drive

September 25

Keep an eye out for the Edmonton Food Drive announcement at your home and leave your donations on your doorstep before 10:00 am. If you do not receive a notice, food donations are gratefully received at all major grocery stores for the campaign.

## Congratulations Janet Hughes Award Winners!



The Janet Hughes Award recognizes a person or organization that has stood out as resilient and adaptable while serving their community. This year we celebrate our community depots that stayed open throughout the entirety of the COVID-19 pandemic and partners who came forward to serve those in need.

Pictured left to right are:

- Rhema Chapel Food Depot
- Maranatha Christian Reformed Church
- Salvation Army – Canon Ridge

**Thank you and congratulations to all 21 of our winners!**



## Plan a Legacy Gift: Help Create a Kinder Community

You don't have to choose between your loved ones or your cause when planning a gift. Whether a residual gift, a percentage, a specific amount of your estate, or adding Edmonton's Food Bank as an additional child, your lasting gift is deeply appreciated.

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“As Edmonton's Food Bank now enters its fifth decade, it is appropriate to pause to connect to the vital mission and inspiring vision that drives this intrepid organization, and to reflect on some incredible accomplishments despite the extraordinary obstacles both recently and over the years. Most importantly to celebrate the people, the community spirit, and collaboration that made this possible — and of course to give thanks and to look forward with hope to the next decade and beyond. To Edmonton's Food Bank and all of its many partners and supporters, thank you.

You are the true city builders and represent the spirit in the heart and the very best of this city.”

-Mayor Don Iveson, May 27, 2021

