

# IMPACT REPORT

**JULY 1, 2021 -  
JUNE 30, 2022**

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**AIRDRIE  
FOOD  
BANK**

## OUR VISION

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**A community where no one is hungry.**

## OUR MISSION

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**To collect and distribute food to those in need and help our community find solutions to hunger related issues.**

## CORE VALUES

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**The Airdrie Food Bank is available for everyone in need.**



**We treat people with dignity and respect and are non-judgmental.**



**We value and support our community.**



**We value people's talents and abilities.**



**We are recognized as community leaders and good stewards.**

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We are so  
grateful to  
everyone in  
our  
community  
for their  
on-going  
generous  
support  
throughout  
the year.”



**46%** OF THE PEOPLE WE FEED  
ARE **CHILDREN**

# *A message from our* **PRESIDENT**

## **TRACY SEAMAN**



The past year has presented continued challenges with the ongoing global pandemic and economic downturn felt worldwide. As Airdrie remains one of the fastest-growing communities in Alberta and Canada, our population growth and these global factors have led to increasing demands related to food insecurity in our community.

The food bank experienced significant growth in the demand for hampers, walk-ins, and programs, resulting in a more significant number of staff and volunteer hours required to sustain these services. There were also ongoing requirements and new processes necessary to continue safe and effective food bank operations. We are grateful to our staff and volunteers for their commitment and tireless effort dedicated to ensuring that no one goes hungry in our community.

The impact of increased demand on operations resulted in the cancellation of our two signature events this past year, the Shamrock Shimmy and Empty Bowls Festival; however, we are excited that the Shamrock Shimmy will be back in full swing in 2023. The food bank would not have been able to meet the demands over the past year without the generous support of our community in the form of funds from corporate and individual donations and from much-needed food donations provided by corporate food recovery partnerships, growers, individuals and groups who hosted many community events in support of the food bank. As we look forward to the year ahead, we will refine our strategic direction, continue our collaboration with stakeholders, and engage our community to ensure programs and services focus on our vision of a community where no one is hungry.



# *A message from our* **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** **LORI MCRITCHIE**

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This past year has continued to hold challenges that have resulted in Neighbours facing food insecurity in our city and surrounding area. Though Covid-19 restrictions began to lift, the effects of the last two years were still being felt. Our economy began to show strain, and inflation started to rise. Not only did this cause an increase in the number of people accessing our programs, but the costs also to support our programs rose. Throughout these challenges, we continued to be able to address the rising need with the help of others. The food bank belongs to our community; without you, we would not be able to do the work we do.

I want to offer humble thanks to our local businesses, clubs, our city, individuals, families, local media and partner agencies. Every can donated in a drop box, every dollar given, and every resource shared enabled us to reach out. Our volunteers sacrificed their time and talents to serve others, inspiring us to do more! Our incredible staff team worked with dedication and passion to support our vision for a community where no one goes hungry. Thanks to our dedicated Board of Directors for their wisdom and strength in leading us to fulfill our mission.

Together we were able to make a practical difference in the lives of many, bringing community, compassion, and hope to others. These positive impacts are felt by those who seek support from us. From each heart touched by you, I say thank you. I am so proud of all we were able to achieve together to show that Airdrie is a community that cares.



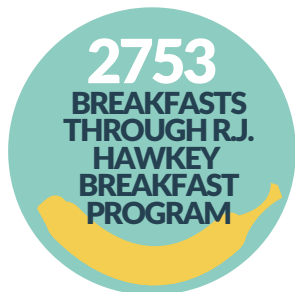
# HOW YOU HELPED

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BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE



The **Airdrie Food Bank** is able to provide vital services and programs to the community because of the support of our community & partners



..... **TOGETHER WE IMPACTED LIVES** .....

# WHO WE HELPED

**Basics  
for  
Babies**   
Healthy Mom. Strong Babies.



**\$2000**  
PER MONTH  
FOR MILK  
FOR HAMPER

**840**  
Healthy Food Packs  
were given this  
summer,  
→

each containing healthy,  
kid-friendly foods   
supported in part by:

Food Banks  
Canada



Banques alimentaires  
Canada



PEOPLE FED  
THROUGH OUR  
HAMPER PROGRAM



**1296**  
VISITS  
FOR DIAPER  
NEEDS

**44,676** PEOPLE  
FED THROUGH  
OUR PANTRY PROGRAM



THE  
AIRDRIE  
FOOD  
BANK  
SUPPORTS:  **15** FOOD  
BANKS  
**31** LOCAL  
AGENCIES  
**31** LOCAL  
SCHOOLS  
**3** FARMERS

# OUR VOLUNTEERS

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VOLUNTEERS  
ARE A  
WORK OF  
HEART 

OUR VOLUNTEERS COMPLETE **70** PICK-UPS PER WEEK  


**239**  
VOLUNTEERS

Support School Programs  
Making Breakfasts, Lunches + Snacks  
Build Hampers Specific to Each Families Needs  
Sort, Repackage + Distribute Food  
Pick Up + Deliver Food  
Warehouse Support  
Admin Support

**16,204**  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS 

**12**  
FULL  
TIME  
STAFF

**DID  
YOU  
KNOW?**

COMMUNITY GROUPS  
YOUTH GROUPS  
SPORTS CLUBS  
CHURCH GROUPS  
CORPORATE TEAMS

help us every week at the Airdrie Food Bank

# DID YOU KNOW?

**48,751LBS**

Non-consumable food diverted from the landfill to feed farm animals



- **2.9** average people per hamper in 2015
- **4.3** average people per hamper in 2022
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**22%**



increase in food purchases to meet the needs of our community



**SAVED FROM THE LANDFILL**



**\$2,085,957  
VALUE OF  
FOOD**

**over  
250**

Participants attended online kitchen workshops, including Pregnancy & Beyond, Seasonal Favourites and Youth-Specific Programs.

“During Covid-19, it is so nice to have a connection with some new people. I am using these classes to spend time with my granddaughter, who is eager to learn all she can about cooking.”

# OUR IMPACT

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**"The best food bank for miles around! Friendly staff, easy "off the shelf" gathering system which let's you select what you want."**

**"This food bank is absolutely incredible, one of the most organized with the most incredibly talented staff...10 out of 10."**

**"Thank you for all you do for our community. Your donation program is amazing and easy to contribute too."**





# OUR IMPACT

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"The staff at Airdrie Food Bank are just excellent. You couldn't ask for more friendly people, they give their all! I think more food banks should be just like them."

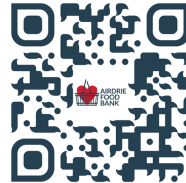
"What a privilege we have when times are hard we can just ask our community for help this place is so amazing thank you all so much."

"Airdrie is hands down the best food bank this side of the border. The staff are amazing and couldn't be more friendly or helpful!"



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**TOGETHER WE  
ARE BUILDING A  
STRONGER  
COMMUNITY IN  
WHICH  
NEIGHBOURS  
HELP  
NEIGHBOURS**  
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**VISIT  
OUR  
WEBSITE**



**THE AIRDRIE FOOD BANK IS PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF  
FOOD BANKS ALBERTA & FOOD BANKS CANADA**



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