# STRATHCONA FOOD BANK

The Strathcona Food Bank (SFB) was founded in 1983 and has been **100% volunteer run** since inception. What started as 4 church closet-based operations meeting emergency food needs has grown into a single critical support service for Strathcona county residents.

Food insecurity is a real issue for many families; **our increasing demand** demonstrates it. We believe that everyone in Strathcona County should have **access to healthy food**, and we continue to strive to meet every demand.

Our community provides amazing support. From successful **food drives**, ample regular and special event **volunteers**, to the donations received from community grocery stores and businesses, we celebrate all **partnerships and support**, and recognize we could not do what we do without it.

We continue to grow and develop, and look forward to several initiatives in 2023, including:

- development of an SFB strategic **plan**
- a new Capital Committee is working to evaluate our current **space**, and plan for future needs and efficiencies
- new **Fundraising** Committee
- ongoing improvements to our **hampers and services**
- collaboration with community services to expand **accessibility and supports**
- **bylaw** revision



## 2022 Key Accomplishments

- Hamper project ~ reduced highly processed food by 20% and increased fresh, healthy options

- Mayor's Award of Excellence Recipient

- Volunteer recognition

- Community programs including mini hamper at FCS and 'Love Food Hate Waste' program with Salisbury Composite

- Initiated strategic change to request monetary donations with push to online – a new QR code eases access

- Client demand up 35%

## 2022 STATS
4,250 hampers
(up 35% over 2021)

over 12,000 people served
40% are children/teens

163+ volunteers
100% volunteer run

500,000+ lbs of food rescued
30 agencies supported