



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 2024, including:

- working with the Capital Committee to find a new **space**, and plan for future needs and efficiencies
- ongoing improvements to our **hampers and services**
- collaboration with community services to expand **accessibility and supports**
- a celebration of 40 years with our first fundraising Gala
- adoption of new bylaws



2023 Key Accomplishments

- Hamper review- phase 2 ~ revamped hampers due to increased food prices
- Instituted client choice shelves and freezer/cooler
- Growing community partnerships (schools, municipal government, local agencies)
- Expanded our child/teen snack kit program – including healthier provisions
- Community and corporate work bee program re-instated
- Client demand up another 35%

2023 STATS

5566 hampers
(up 35% over 2022)

over 17,000 people served
40% are children/teens

200+ volunteers
100% volunteer run

200,000+ lbs of food rescued
40 agencies supported