

# FOOD BANKS alberta

LEAD.  
FEED.  
SHARE.



# WHO WE ARE

## Our Values

We are member-centered

We ensure quality in terms of our programs and services

We offer practical continuing education and professional experiences

We are responsive to the needs of members, partners and the community

We are innovative in our business practices, and

We are a team built upon respect, trust and integrity.

## Our mantra

Lead. Feed. Share.

## Our mission

We lead by creating new opportunities, increasing knowledge, providing resources, and delivering innovative programs. We seed connections for positive social change.

## Our vision

Our leadership and strong network relationships create connected communities to sustain lasting social change.

# FOOD BANKS ALBERTA

*The provincial association of food banks in Alberta.*

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**There are 97 food bank members across the province.**

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**Half of the food banks in Alberta are operated solely by volunteers.**

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**Member Food banks must be inspected by Alberta Health annually.**

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**All members are non-profits and/or charitable organizations.**

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**Membership is voluntary and food banks are also members of Food Banks Canada.**

# FOOD BANKS ALBERTA

*First Nations, Metis, and Inuit access and membership*

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**There are 5-member food banks on first nations**

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**We know of 3 nonmember food banks on first nations**

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**Approximately 90% of members serve FNMI populations**

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**There are at least 2 food banks who have implemented specific programs to assist the FNMI communities around them.**

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**FBA wants to assist all food banks regardless of location or population in feeding Albertans.**



# WHAT WE DO

Provide *food, funds* and *resources* to food banks to support their front-line work



“We have greatly appreciated our relationship with Food Banks Alberta. Not only has this has given us access to additional resources, but it has been beneficial to be part of a network of food banks.”

— Lyahrhe Nakoda Food Bank

# HUNGER IN ALBERTA

Food bank usage began to **climb in 2008** and has remained **high since 2015**

**14%** of households accessing a food bank reported having **no income**

**40%** of visitors to food bank are **children**

**20%** of clients were **employed**

**50%** of households accessing a food bank are **on social assistance**



**INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLE  
RESPRESENT  
ONE THIRD  
OF ALL ALBERTA  
FOOD BANK  
CLIENTS**







The food bank network in Canada has matured into a **solid social safety net** for Canadians in need, whatever their reasons.

— DR. SYLVAIN CHARLEBOIS  
*Professor in Food Distribution and Policy*  
*Dalhousie University*



**FACT**

**FOOD BANKS ARE  
CONTINUOUSLY REINVENTING THEMSELVES**

Beyond providing food, they help clients with income tax returns, offer referrals, and many food banks offer employment help, such as training.



## MEMBER BENEFITS Con't

- Grants & Subsidies
- Education & Resources
- Food
- Programs
- Partnerships
- Network



HAVE A LOCAL FOOD BANK

BUT NOT A MEMBER OF  
FBA

MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS

Covid-19 Response:

1. Funds.
2. Food
3. PPE
4. Resources
5. Programs
6. Partnership
7. Network



**Don't have a food bank FBA can help!**

Resources

Support

Access

Experience

Connections



Food banks are at the forefront of ... how to engage the **vulnerable** in our society.

Food banks are **brokers** between those who need help and those who want to help them.

It's incredible and it **works**.

— DR. SYLVAIN CHARLEBOIS



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THANK YOU