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Vegreville Food Bank Society Annual Report





In 2023 the Vegreville Food Bank Society gave out 1125 hampers (817 in 2022) to 360 households (302 in 2022). The timeline above shows usage monthly over 2023. The orange line represents the number of households served, and the blue line represents the number of individuals served. In March visits almost doubled, and averaged 99 hampers per month after that. In 2022 the average was about 50-60. Around October of 2023 the Food Bank officially started serving clients on Tuesdays to meet increased demand. In March of 2024 Tuesdays were able to be properly staffed. January of 2024 the VFB hired a part-time assistant to ease the workload for the part-time Coordinator.

December 2023 saw the most hampers given on record: 122. More than one third of those helped were children and youths (graphic below).

Our service was made possible with over 2100 hours contributed by approximately 40 volunteers.



Contact Us:

Food Requests: 780-632-6002 vegrevillefoodbank@gmail.com vfb.link2feed.ca

Monetary Donations:

Box 705 Vegreville, AB T9C 1R7

Food and Hygiene Product Donations:

Tuesdays 9 am – 12 pm or by appointment

Location:

5219 52 Ave Vegreville AB

Coordinator:

Linda Wilkinson

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Online:

Facebook facebook.com/vegreville foodbanksociety/

Twitter @veg_food_bank

Website vegfoodbank.ca

Thank You To Our Volunteers!

This past year the workload for our volunteers has significantly increased as a result of client numbers almost doubling in March 2023, and remaining at that level for the remainder of the year. Many volunteers have stepped up to help support our scaled-up services. In 2023 we also started receiving significantly more donations for Adam's No Frills and Vegreville Co-op (not including customer donations). All of these factors have led to the work that is required being harder both physically and logistically.

It has been completely mind blowing how our volunteers have quietly (and respectfully) taken the initiative to do more. Our volunteers deserve showers of praise, much more than can be offered in writing. Your contributions are truly appreciated. Vegreville is so unbelievably lucky to have you!

Thank you amazing human beings!!!

Thank You To Our 2023 Sponsors!

With a large increase in donations from Adam's No Frills, and the regular massive donations we receive from Walmart Vegreville, our sponsor's employees have a big job! We're talking multiple vehicle loads of boxes, with each box weighing 25-50 pounds, sometimes more.

We understand and appreciate the extra work this has created, and we want to thank you profusely for sticking with us. We can't operate without the moral and physical support of local businesses. Thank you for your help!!!

Featured Donations & Fundraisers From 2023:

A selection of some larger and event donations. All donations are greatly appreciated! Donations are anonymous by default, please indicate at donation time to possibly be included here.

Vegreville Walmart - 20648.33 pounds

Adam's No Frills - 24147.15 pounds

Vegreville Co-op -330 boxes of groceries

Vegreville Co-op customers - 750 paper bags of groceries

Vegreville Centennial Library Donation Bins - 45 bags

2023 Family Day Pancake Breakfast - \$1260.25

Vantage Builders and Vantage Building Supplies - Shelving Project Labour

Collected at Local Schools – Heaps of food as always

Nyeste Manor haunted house – 2 carts of food and \$52

Collected at the Chamber Christmas Craft Sale - \$1006.85

VM Systems - Website Hosting

2023 Sponsors

ATCO Electric

Wilde Advisory Group

Town of Vegreville Council Members

BMO Bank of Montreal

Vantage Builders & Vantage Building Supplies

County of Minburn

Vegreville Ford

RJV Gas Field Services

2023

Major Supporters The following businesses and organizations supported us throughout 2023

Government of Alberta Walmart Vegreville

Adam's No Frills

Vegreville Co-op

VM Systems