Year in Review 2017-2018



VISION: Healthy, accessible, sustainable food for all

MISSION: We work in partnership to create a healthier city by empowering people, increasing access to healthy food, and advocating for systemic changes that reduce food insecurity.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MICHAEL MAIDMENT



Thanks to your generosity and trust in the Ottawa Food Bank, we were able to provide better support to 38,400 people every month during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. We understand that families and individuals affected by poverty have poorer health. With this knowledge, we've worked hard to dramatically improve the food we provide to our member agencies and their clients.

This is where you, our donors and supporters, come in. You have helped us take great strides in providing healthy and nutritious food to our community. Your generosity has allowed us to increase the amount of fresh produce we grow on our farm. Your support has enabled us to purchase and provide vegetables and fruit during the winter months. We've been able to double the amount of milk and eggs we distribute and continue to purchase fish! Kids have apples, oranges, yogurt, cheese, and nutritious granola bars for their lunch boxes. This is all thanks to you. Together, we've made an incredible impact on the health of the people we serve.

Because of donor support, we've also made a series of investments in our network of agencies that allow our partners to better provide for their clients. We've invested in community kitchen programs that bring the community together to cook healthy and nutritious meals. We've purchased refrigerators for member agencies so they can receive more fresh food. We have also invested in our food recovery program which is providing a tremendous amount of fruit, vegetables, and high-quality meat, poultry, and fish. We hope you are proud of the directions we are taking, investing your donations in programs that increase the amount of healthy and nutritious food we make available to the community. But our work doesn't stop there.

Our team is working hard to bring the issue of food security to the forefront of public policy discussions at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels of government. We envision a community that sees significantly fewer people dependent on the Ottawa Food Bank for food. To achieve that vision, we are encouraging governments to invest in more affordable housing and to provide families with enough social assistance to purchase the food they need.

We will continue to speak up. We will continue to be the voice for those who can't be heard. We will not stop until we see change.

I want to offer my most sincere appreciation and thanks for your support during the past year. Your trust and partnership are helping to build a better community – a healthier community. A community that will one day be without hunger.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD DAVID K. LAW



The year 2018 was extraordinary for the Ottawa Food Bank. We provided greater quality and quantity of food and supplies to people in need than ever before.

The efforts of the Ottawa Food Bank's donors, volunteers, and staff deserve credit and celebration, but of course, we must remember why their work was so necessary.

The Ottawa Food Bank, and all food banks, is an emergency response to a chronic problem – people's lack of adequate income, making it difficult to fully provide for themselves and their families. A food bank succeeds where society fails.

We will always be ready to help, but we will not always be silent.

Charity is a good thing: it reflects well on those lucky enough to give it and imposes no shame on those who need it. We are grateful for every contribution, but in a responsible society, charity is not a fitting response to chronic social ills.

What are the better answers? Secure employment, decent pay, quality education, and strong social programs. Wages should fully reward effort. Those underemployed should get help to expand their horizons. And those who cannot work deserve dignified supports – not as a gift, but as a right.

At the Ottawa Food Bank, we will work towards that day, while helping people through this day. That is our pledge.

Thank you, for helping us keep our promise.

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The Ottawa Food Bank is the central food collection, storage, and distribution centre for a network of 114 emergency food programs across the city. These programs, our member agencies, include community food banks, food cupboards, meal programs, multi-service programs, and KickStart After 4 programs. We fairly distribute donated and purchased food as efficiently as possible based on each of our agencies needs. Our member agencies adhere to quidelines including the fair, respectful, and confidential treatment of beneficiaries, and high standards of food handling and distribution.

For many of our partners, food is just the first step. Our member agencies also provide safe spaces, resource and support systems, community gardens, skills training and more. Our member agencies are having to step up and do more in our community. Below are the programs we proudly worked with during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS

Alfred Food Bank Banff Avenue Community House Banque Alimentaire C.C.S. Food Bank Britannia Woods Food Pantry Caldwell Family Centre Centretown Emergency Food Confederation Court Community House Dalhousie Food Cupboard Debra Dynes Family House Foster Farm Family House Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard Heron Emergency Food Centre LifeCentre Food Bank Lowertown Community House Morrison Gardens Emergency Food Centre Nativity Parish Orleans-Cumberland Emergency Food Bank Parkdale Food Center Partage Vanier Pavilion Food Bank Pinecrest Terrace Family House - Food Bank Riceville Food Centre Rideau Rockcliffe Emergency Food Bank Russell Heights Community House Sadaga Food Bank Samaritan Support Services of Ottawa-Carleton Stittsville Food Bank Westboro Region Food Bank

FOOD CUPBOARDS

All Nations Full Gospel Church Carleton University Food Centre Carlington CHC **Catholic Immigration Services** Centre Psycho Social Cité Collégiale Elizabeth Wynn Wood Alternate Program Harmony House Hunt Club Riverside CSC JF Norwood House John Howard Society - McLaren

John Howard Society - Ste. Anne Kosher Food Bank Life House 2nd Stage - Ottawa Mission Odawa Native Friendship Centre Richard Pfaff Secondary Alternate Program Sandy Hill Community Health Centre SFUO Bon Appetit Food Bank Tungasuvvingat Inuit Family Resource Centre Youth Services Bureau - Besserer Youth Services Bureau - Carruthers Youth Services Bureau - Cooper Youth Services Bureau - McEwen Youth Services Bureau - Nelson Youth Services Bureau - Queen Mary Youville Centre Woodlawn - Ottawa Mission

MEAL PROGRAMS

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Britannia Woods Grab and Go Caldwell Family Centre Cooking Class and Community Kitchen Capital City Mission Centre 454 - Anglican Social Services Centre 507 Christie Lake Kids Cornerstone 172 Cornerstone 314 Cornerstone 515 The Door Youth Centre Empathy House of Recovery Foster Farm Lunch & Breakfast Program Heather Manor Jericho Road Ministries Parkdale United Church - In from the Cold **Regina Towers** Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services Somerset West CHC Drop-in St. Luke's Table Van Lang Community Kitchen Vesta Recovery Program for Women

MULTI-SERVICE PROGRAMS

AIDS Committee of Ottawa Bethel Care Centre Centre Espoir Sophie Good Day Workshop Inner City Ministries Minwaashin Lodge **Operation Come Home** Ottawa Mission Salvation Army - Bethany Hope Centre Salvation Army - Booth Centre Shepherds of Good Hope St. Joe's Women's Centre St. Joseph's Parish St. Mary's Home and Young Parent Outreach Centre The Well

KICKSTART – AFTER 4

After 4 Club - Banff Avenue After 4 Club - Blair Court After 4 Club - Britannia Woods After 4 Club - Caldwell/Carlington After 4 Club - Carlington CHC After 4 Club - Christie Lake Kids After 4 Club - Club 310 After 4 Club - Confederation Court After 4 Club - Debra Dynes After 4 Club- Ecole le Carrefour After 4 Club - Emily Murphy After 4 Club - Foster Farm Breakfast After 4 Club - Groupe ADEP After 4 Club - Foster Farm Community House After 4 Club - OrKidstra After 4 Club - Meadowlands Public School After 4 Club - Michelle Heights After 4 Club - Morrison Gardens After 4 Club - Rideau Rockcliffe After 4 Club - Pinecrest Terrace After 4 Club - Russell Heights After 4 Club - Strathcona Heights

FOOD & OPERATIONS INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Through their generous donation and wholesale of goods and services our food and operations industry partners make a significant impact on the Ottawa Food Bank's efficiency rate, while helping to improve the lives of people in our community. Thank you for your generous support.

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- Stericycle Expert Solutions
- Summit Foods
- Sun Tech Tomatoes
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OTTAWA FOOD BANK PROGRAMMING

The Ottawa Food Bank will celebrate its 35th anniversary in 2019. For over three decades we have provided emergency food to people who needed it in the community. We, along with our member agencies, fill a gap in the system left open by governments past and present. We are here because necessary systemic changes have not been put into place and so the number of people in need of support has not wavered. We now know we must take a leadership role and focus on these issues.

While launching our Strategic Plan in 2017, we were able to identify areas in our organization in need of change, as well as gaps in the system. Through this process we captured four areas of focus. This strategic direction will take us into 2020 and we are confident we will make great strides towards addressing the root causes of food insecurity while still being there for people in need in Ottawa.

HEALTHIER FOOD IN THE COMMUNITY

After two summers of difficult weather, we were rewarded at our **Community Harvest** farm with a record growing year. During the summer of 2018, we grew 136,135 lbs. of fresh fruits and vegetables. Our success was not isolated. Many local farmers had wonderful growing seasons as well and shared generously with us. Including donations from these farms, a total of 164,334 lbs. of fresh produce went from farm to table this summer.



During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the Ottawa Food Bank helped provide for approximately 13,500 children every month through our community food banks alone. This number does not include the hundreds of children helped through KickStart After 4 Programs or the Summer Lunch Program. Traditionally, our **KickStart After 4 Programs** provide a snack including yogurt, juice, and a granola bar to help keep children fueled. At the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year and into 2019 we made a significant investment to increase the nutritional value of the snacks we provide. We will replace sugary drinks and snacks with milk, carrots, healthier granola bars, unsweetened apple sauce, and Greek yogurt.

The **Summer Lunch Program** is one of our most important programs for children. When school is done, so are the school meal programs. Many of the children who receive a meal through a school breakfast or lunch program are left with no resources over the summer. Thankfully we had a partner in Sodexo who helped to provide 9,772 lunches to 17 different summer programs over a seven-week period. Without this program, many children would be going without regular meals.

With five per cent of food bank clients being babies under the age of two, our **Baby Basics Program** is important to us and struggling parents across the city. Baby supplies continue to be some of the most expensive items to purchase; the Ottawa Food Bank spent \$160,975 on baby food and supplies during the 2017-2018 fiscal year, up nearly \$34,000 from the previous year.

In July 2017, the Ottawa Food Bank hired a coordinator dedicated to recovering food from local grocery stores, farms, and manufacturers. We have seen tremendous results, and since this position started our recovered food has increased 144%. But more importantly the quality of the food has improved. We worked with our grocery store partners to identify most needed items and reduced recovery of items not necessary for a balanced diet.

Our meat recovery program, **One More Bite**, also increased dramatically. Thanks to financial support from Loblaw Companies Limited and Food Banks Canada we have been able to expand the program and partner with 26 stores, including Metro, Costco, Walmart, and Loblaws to increase our protein distribution. Meat is flash frozen in store several days before its best before date. The Ottawa Food Bank picks up the products and delivers them to meal programs who turn the meat into delicious meals for the community. Thanks to the program's success, we will expand it to offer the meat to community food banks in 2019. Thank you to the local Metro stores who were the first to participate and who continue to be incredible partners.

A compliment to One More Bite is our **Food Aid Program** where we provide high quality ground beef. Thanks to the support of our community through our annual Food Aid BBQ and generous donors like the Mechanical Contractors Association of Ottawa, we were able to provide 62,868 lbs of beef to our member agencies.

HELPING OUR PARTNERS DO MORE

With the generous support of our donors, the Ottawa Food Bank was able to provide \$60,000 in grants to community food banks to help improve their services and increase their capacity. Successful programs included two new community kitchens, supplies for a new portable healthy eating and cooking program, and various equipment needs. Four agencies were in great need of new fridges and freezers. Thanks to a generous gift from the Taggart Parkes Foundation, they received brand new, efficient appliances. This new equipment means agencies can accept even more fresh and frozen product.

CHANGING FOOD BANKING IN OTTAWA

The Ottawa Food Bank has partnered with one of our member agencies, the Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre (RRCRC), to create a new holistic approach to food banking. The new "food centre" model will not only offer emergency food assistance but also provide opportunities for counselling, workshops, skill building, and food literacy while providing opportunities for volunteering and employment. The food bank program is offered by a social worker, who will provide food but also help identify what root causes have brought a person to the food bank. Together, the client and social worker will create a personalized poverty reduction plan and adapt it to the unique and specific needs of each person. The Ottawa Food Bank has provided a grant of \$50,000 to hire a second social worker to implement their innovative food and resource model.

The Ottawa Food Bank, in partnership with the University of Ottawa and with funding from the Maple Leaf Centre for Action on Food Security, began a two-year research study in 2017 looking at the various models of food banking. This study, the first of its kind in Canada, follows participating clients over a two-year period to understand the outcomes based on the various models. This evidence-based research will help the Ottawa Food Bank and our partners better understand our impact in the community and make decisions for future investments.

A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

It was an election year in 2018, both in the province and locally. The Ottawa Food Bank has traditionally refrained from taking an advocacy role for our member agencies or clients. But during our strategic planning process, it was identified that as the largest food security agency in Ottawa, we had a responsibility to speak on behalf of those with no voice. Our Chief Executive Officer, Michael Maidment, met with candidates from across the city, sharing with them the food security challenges in their individual wards and the entire city. We asked elected/municipal officials to include food security as a priority in the new strategic plan for 2019. The Ottawa Food Bank looks forward to working with our political leaders at all levels over the next year as we continue to advocate for change.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

The Ottawa Food Bank supports its partner emergency food programs by collecting and purchasing millions of pounds of food each year. This food is generously provided by the public and food industry partners through community food drives, events, and our donation bins in local grocery stores. Financial donations allow the Ottawa Food Bank to make up for any shortfall in food donations as well as purchase nutritious perishable items such as eggs, milk, yogurt, fish, ground beef, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Ottawa Food Bank has continued to expand our food recovery program, One More

Bite. This past fiscal year saw an impressive increase in meat products donated as a result. Meat and protein distribution have increased by over 113,000 pounds since the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Thank you to our grocery store partners for supporting this initiative.

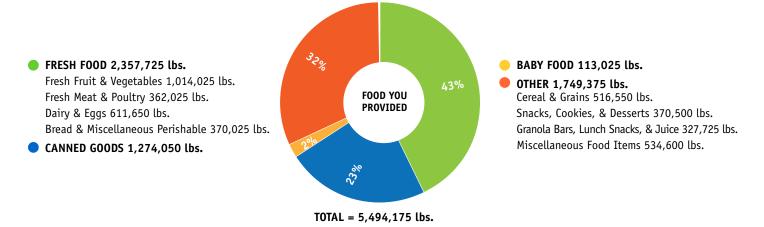
With increased food recovery demand from numerous vendors, we continue to utilize fleet management software, Omnitracs, to remain as efficient on the roads as possible during both pick ups and deliveries.

This past fiscal, the Ottawa Food Bank responded to the needs of the community, during both regular

service and times of increased demand after the tornadoes, by distributing \$7,945,848 worth of donated food and \$1,634,598 of purchased food. The items provided to families and individuals were broken down in distribution as shown below.

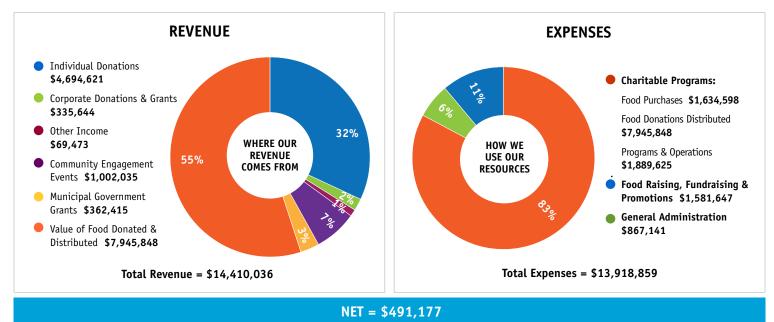
Beyond much-needed food, we also provide various necessary non-food items such as household supplies and diapers. These items accounted for an additional 157,800 lbs. and 111,400 lbs. of goods distributed, respectively.

DISTRIBUTION NUMBERS BY CATEGORY (IN POUNDS)



SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONDENSED): FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

The Ottawa Food Bank works conscientiously year-round to ensure we manage our resources efficiently and with integrity. The majority of our funding and support comes from the community in the form of both food and funds. Most of our expenses are food purchases and the costs associated with the daily delivery of food to the 114 food programs with whom we partner across the city. As we have done for the past four years, any surplus has gone towards achieving our target of a six-month operational reserve. This ensures there would not be a disruption of service in the event of any unforeseen financial challenges. We have also created a capital reserve to replace any equipment or trucks if need be, as well as an innovation reserve which allows us to adapt and innovate our programs as necessary.



To review our complete Audited Financial Statements, visit www.ottawafoodbank.ca

The Ottawa Food Bank would like to sincerely thank the individuals, families, businesses, teams, workplaces, and groups who were committed to helping the community during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The following is a list of generous supporters who contributed \$1,000 or more, including those who made a legacy gift.

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CUMULATIVE GIFTS: \$5,000-\$9,999.99

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CUMULATIVE GIFTS: \$10,000+

Philip & Carole Whittall

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TOMORROW'S HARVEST: FOUNDING MEMBER FREDERICK JACKSON

Estate of Bernard Lacroix Estate of Carol E. Etkin Estate of Colleen Barclay Estate of Darek Iwanski Estate of Ella Wallace Manning Estate of Kenneth Hunter Estate of Paul Maxwell Estate of Susan J. Nevins Michael Ustick

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDED IN 2018 AFTER THE TORNADO



On Friday, September 21st people across the city tuned into their radios, televisions, and Twitter feeds to get updates about the "thunderstorm warning" as it gradually got upgraded to "tornado watch" and finally "tornado warning".

When it was all over, a total of six tornadoes had touched down across the city, leaving some homeless and many without power. Thousands of people, even those whose houses were untouched by the storm, lost so much that day. As hours turned to days with no electricity, fridges full of food were spoiled with hundreds of dollars worth of food thrown out.

Thanks to the incredible support of the Ottawa community and beyond, the Ottawa Food Bank was able to act immediately. BBQs were set up in local parks and emergency supplies of food were delivered right into the affected communities.

When the power returned, we went out with trucks full of eggs, milk, fresh produce, chicken, beef, and non-perishables. Gift cards were provided so families could restock their fridges with the staples. We delivered 19,679 hampers to the community - an increase of 137% over our regular monthly service in those same areas. We also helped restock the shelves of the 11 community food banks who also lost all their fresh food. Without your generosity, we could not have responded as quickly as we did. Thank you.

THE 2018 TORNADO REMINDED US THAT LIFE IS FULL OF THE UNEXPECTED. WHEN A FAMILY'S EARNINGS AND SAVINGS ARE SPENT ON REBUILDING – WHETHER IT'S DUE TO A STORM, OR A SINGLE MOM LOSES HER JOB, OR A REFUGEE FAMILY NEEDS WINTER COATS AND WARM CLOTHES FOR THE FIRST TIME – YOU ARE THERE TO LIFT THEM OUT OF HUNGER. YOUR DONATION IS PEACE OF MIND FOR ALL THOSE WHOSE DAY-TO-DAY CONTAINS THE UNEXPECTED. The community was incredibly compassionate and generous, supporting short- and long-term recovery efforts. Thousands of individuals, families, and workplaces shared their blessings with people in need following the storm. A sincere thank you to everyone who donated funds and food to help the community rebuild.

By the Numbers:

- The Ottawa Food Bank provided food for an estimated 9,489 people who visited a food bank in the affected areas (an increase of 33% over the same period last year)
- 10,190 hampers were provided to residences in 22 community housing areas
- In total, 19,679 hampers were delivered to the community, compared to 8,302 hampers over the same period last year (an increase of 137%)
- \$175,000 worth of food was delivered after the storm during the final days of the 2017-2018 fiscal year to the affected communities, above and beyond the regular distribution of food and supplies to the Ottawa Food Bank's other community food programs (approximately 100 programs) that were not affected by the storm.
 - An additional \$145,000 worth of storm relief food was delivered at the beginning of the next fiscal year, which began on October 1, 2018.

For more information about the Ottawa Food Bank's role in the days following the tornadoes, and a complete account of how donations* were spent, please visit www.ottawafoodbank.ca and read the Tornado Relief Efforts Report.

The following organizations generously supported the Ottawa Food Bank and the community after the tornadoes with gifts over \$2,000:

8389411 Canada Inc O/A Gradient Wind Engineering Inc Arbour Memorial Foundation Bel-Air Lexus Toyota Fulbright Canada LLP **Benefaction Foundation** Bridgehead (2000) Inc. Canada Employment & Immigration Union CLV Group/Interrent Holdings Limited Partnership CSL Behring Canada Inc. CUPE/SCFP National Office DPA Industries Inc. Farm Boy **GHD** Limited Great Canadian Theatre Company Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Kiwanis Club of Ottawa Foundation Labourers' International Union of North America Lafarge Canada (Eastern Region) Lehigh Cement Malhotra Family Foundation Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP Ottawa Senators Foundation PCL Constructors Canada Inc. Public Service Alliance of Canada Shopify Simply Nailogical Inc. Sobevs Taggart Group of Companies Taggart Parkes Foundation The Robert Campeau Family Foundation The Rotary Club of West Ottawa Tony Graham Automotive Group United Association Local 71 United Way of Ottawa Verdun Windows & Doors

*Note: While the tornadoes took place during our 2017-2018 fiscal year, much of the donations were received within the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which began October 1, 2018. This revenue will be recognized in our 2018-2019 financial statements and Year in Review.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: Metro GROCERY STORES



The Ottawa Food Bank is honoured to have the support of Metro grocery stores across the city. They not only participate in food drives, sell pre-packed donation bags, and have Ottawa Food Bank donation cages in their stores for their customers, but Metro also makes significant donation contributions themselves.

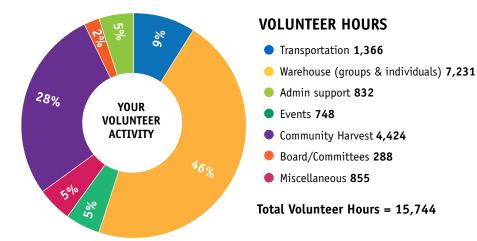
As we grow the One More Bite program, which collects and flash freezes meat and protein from grocery store partners, Metro continues to be a true champion with this initiative. As part of this program, Metro donated 55 per cent of all recovered meat the Ottawa Food Bank received during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. That accounts for 57,200 lbs of protein for to the Ottawa community.

All together, Metro donated 1,116,425 lbs. of food to the Ottawa Food Bank throughout the 2017-2018 fiscal year. An incredible 559,550 lbs. of that total was fresh food, including fruits and vegetables, meat, and diary. Thank you to Metro customers who donated 204,925 lbs. of food through Ottawa Food Bank donation bins in stores across the city. Metro locations help to make donating easy by creating pre-packed bags for neighbours in need.

Thank you to Metro locations in Ottawa for making food recovery and supporting the community a priority.

OTTAWA FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

The Ottawa Food Bank is privileged to have the support of groups and individuals who continue to be very generous with their time. We are touched by the level of energy, commitment, skill, and passion our volunteers bring daily. We simply would not be able to do what we do without them. For more information on our volunteer program, please visit www.ottawafoodbank.ca and read our Volunteer Impact Report.



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

- Volunteers donated a total of 15,744 hours of their time between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018.
- Volunteers are with us every step of the way offering a helping hand in the warehouse and on our farm, but also representing the Ottawa Food Bank at special events, food drives, and over the phone.
- On an annual basis, the Ottawa Food Bank is honoured to work with approximately 3,000 volunteers.
- The number of hours collectively contributed by our volunteers equal the same amount as adding approximately 7.5 full time staff members to the Ottawa Food Bank team!

VOLUNTEER:

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Write to our Volunteer Coordinator to find a volunteer opportunity that works for you. volunteer@ottawafoodbank.ca

MONETARY DONATION:

Make a secure donation over the phone or online today! 613-745-7001 www.ottawafoodbank.ca/donate

FOOD DONATION:

Drop off a food donation at our Michael Street warehouse or in a bin at your local participating grocery store.

EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who held, hosted, and attended a third-party event in support of the Ottawa Food Bank.

Your generosity and innovation in fund/food raising helped make a better year for families and individuals in our community. We are honoured to have your support and thankful that you have made the Ottawa Food Bank your charity of choice.



Thank you also to the sponsors, supporters, and attendees of our own signature events.

Your enthusiasm and support mean so much to us. Each of these events serves a purpose at a particular point in the year and your participation helps us reach our goals and allows us to continue to provide for our member agencies and people in need in Ottawa.

FOOD SORT CHALLENGE

Food Sort Challenge in 2018 was the biggest yet. With 48 teams participating, the event raised over \$60,000! The competition was fierce, and we can't wait to see what 2019 has in store.

FOOD AID BBQ

With the help of The Works Gourmet Bistro, we raise money for our Food Aid Program every year through a BBQ. Thanks to attendees and organizations like the Mechanical Contractors Association of Ottawa, the 2018 BBQ raised \$58,162.

DADS FOR DIAPERS

The first annual Dads for Diapers was held in September as a night out to raise funds for our Baby Basics Program. Business professionals enjoyed an evening of networking, signature beverages, and supporting a worthy cause.

THANKS FOR GIVING FOOD DRIVE

The 2017-2018 Thanks for Giving Food Drive saw its challenges with the long weekend taking place so early in October and warmer than usual weather. October 2017 saw donations down by approximately 50% compared to the previous year.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

With hundreds of groups and workplaces across the city participating in the annual Holiday Food Drive, they collectively raised \$225,000 and more than 190,000 pounds of food during the 2017-2018 campaign.

