Year in Review 2018-2019



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

was recently asked by a journalist during a radio interview to "give my best pitch as to why listeners should support the Ottawa Food Bank". My response was that our organization depends on the generosity of our community whose support allows us to provide food to the thousands of people who turn to us and our partner agencies every month – that supporting the Ottawa Food Bank was as if a caring community was wrapping its arms around people who are struggling so that no one was left behind.

Your concern and generosity meant that the Ottawa Food Bank was able to provide food for more than 39,000 people every month during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Our focus is not just on providing food but providing nutritious food. We understand that the health of people living in poverty is worse than the rest of the population, therefore nutritious food is even more important.

We continue to improve the quantity of fresh food we provide to our extensive

network of partner agencies. We grew more food in our farm, we recovered more food from our grocery partners, and we purchased more fresh food during the winter months.

Your support has enabled us to make a series of investments that allow our network to more effectively meet the needs of their communities. We've invested in community kitchen programs that bring the community together to cook warm and nutritious meals. We've purchased refrigerators for partner agencies so they can provide increased amounts of fresh food. We've also just completed the installation of a new freezer in our warehouse that will allow us to significantly increase the amount of frozen beef, pork, chicken and fish we recover from retailers.

We hope you are proud of the directions we are taking, investing your donations in programs that increase the amount of healthy 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 relying on emergency food sources. 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.

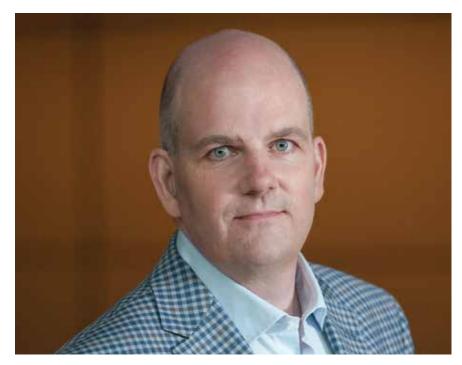
We will continue to speak up. We will continue to be the voice for those who can't be heard. We will not stop until we see change.

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.

- Michael Maidment

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A Message from the Chair Of The Board



n 2019, I was honoured to be elected Chair of the Ottawa Food Bank Board of Directors, succeeding David Law who retired from the role after many years of dedicated service. It is an exciting time at the Ottawa Food Bank with innovations, improvements and of course challenges ahead in 2020.

The ongoing efforts of the Ottawa Food Bank's donors, volunteers, member agency programs, and staff are inspiring to see and incredible to be a part of.

I have always believed in helping your neighbour, and that really is what the Ottawa Food Bank and our member programs are all about. With increases in the cost of living, housing, and food, the need has never been greater.

Your support allows the Ottawa Food Bank to fight hunger in our city.

I am encouraged by the support we continue to receive from the community, allowing us to deliver fresher and more nutritious food to our member agency programs. Through an increased focus on Food Recovery programs, reFresh produce purchases, and our farm, we have significantly increased both the quantity and quality of food available to our member agencies. The recent addition of a registered dietician to the team further supports these ongoing initiatives.

We recognize that some of our member agencies require support to build their own capacity to allow them to receive and distribute more and fresher food to their clients. The Ottawa Food Bank is committed to building the capacity of our member agencies through the provision of grants for such things as upgrades to refrigeration systems, community kitchens, and programming.

With a new decade begun, we must all re-dedicate ourselves to the work of providing for those members of our community who are hungry and struggling to make ends meet. Whether you support the Ottawa Food Bank through donations or volunteerism, you are part of the solution and you have my sincere thanks.

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We have much appreciation for the individuals who have volunteered their time on the Ottawa Food Bank Board of Directors during the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

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Member Agencies

he Ottawa Food Bank is the central food collection, storage, and distribution centre for a network of 112 hard working front-line food programs across the city. These programs our member agencies, include community food banks, food cupboards, meal programs, multi-service programs, summer lunch programs, and After 4 Clubs.

For many of our partners, food is just the first step. They also provide safe spaces, resource and support systems, community gardens, skills training, community kitchens, youth programming and more. Our member agencies must step up and do more in our city every year. To meet the

COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS

Banff Avenue Community House Banque Alimentaire C.C.S. Food Bank Blair Court Community House 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 Orleans-Cumberland Food Bank Parkdale Food Centre Partage Vanier Pavilion Food Bank **Pinecrest Terrace Family House Riceville Food Centre** Rideau Rockcliffe - Emergency Food Program Russell Heights Community House Sadaga Food Bank Samaritan Support Services of Ottawa-Carleton Westboro Region Food Bank

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MEAL PROGRAMS

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 Meal Program Cornerstone 172 Cornerstone 314 Cornerstone 515 The Door Youth Centre Empathy House of Recovery Foster Farm Lunch & Breakfast Program Heather Manor Jericho Road Ministries Orleans-Cumberland Community Kitchen Parkdale United Church - In from the Cold **Regina Towers** Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services Somerset West CHC Drop-in St. Luke's Table

needs of our agencies and the community, we are working hard to build capacity within these programs through grant funding while ensuring fair distribution of donated and purchased food based on each agencies' needs. We are also working with research partners to collect data which will help us make evidence-based decisions while we work with our agencies to address the needs of their communities.

Thank you to the member agency programs below who we proudly partnered with during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Your dedication to your neighbours is inspiring.

> 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 - Club 310 After 4 Club - Confederation Court After 4 Club - Debra Dynes After 4 Club - Emily Murphy After 4 Club - Foster Farm Breakfast After 4 Club - Foster Farm Community House After 4 Club - Orkidstra After 4 Club - Michelle Heights After 4 Club - Morrison Gardens After 4 Club - Pinecrest Terrace After 4 Club - Rideau Rockcliffe / Leetian & Isaac After 4 Club - Russell Heights After 4 Club - Christie Lake

FOOD & OPERATIONS
INDUSTRY PARTNERS
2018-2019Through 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.
Thank you for your generous support!• Bread and Roses Bakery• Erb Transport Limited• Loblaws Grocery Stores• Sealtest-Natrel

 Burnbrae Farms Feed Ontario Metro Grocery Stores • Stericycle Expert Solutions • Frank's Baked Goods and • Metro Warehouses • Summit Foods Canadawide • Chicken Farmers of Canada Natunola Health Inc Sun Tech Tomatoes Catering • Wal-Mart Canada Corp. Costco Giant Tiger • Independent Grocers Pete's Gluten Free Weston Bakery Day and Ross • Dempster's - Canada Bread Loblaws Companies East – • Quality Meats • Egg Farmers of Canada National Grocers • Saputo Cheese G.P.

Ottawa Food Bank Programming

YOU HELPED PROVIDE SOLUTIONS BEYOND JUST FOOD

The Ottawa Food Bank made some significant commitments regarding the health of people in our community. In April, we were able to hire a registered dietician to regularly review the food we provide, advise on food purchases, and help us understand and identify health challenges faced by people who turn to food banks. We also hired a community developer to help us work within our network, understand the challenges and gaps in service, and to help manage change with our most important partners: our network of emergency food providers. The community developer is also working on developing new guidelines to ensure equity and standards of care across Ottawa.

YOU HELPED INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF FOOD WE COULD DELIVER

As the need in the community continues, and as we increase our commitment to fresh food, space has become a premium at the Ottawa Food Bank warehouse on Michael Street. We were fortunate enough to receive a capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to purchase and install a new 7,200 cubic foot freezer. This new freezer will mean we can take more frozen food and continue to grow our Meat Recovery Program. In 2019, we recovered 180,360 pounds of quality meat from grocery store partners, like Metro and Loblaws. This was close to the maximum we could physically take and meant we were turning away other opportunities of frozen food. The new freezer has substantially increased our capacity and means more nutritious food for the community. Even with the new freezer, space is very limited at our current location. The Ottawa Food Bank has undertaken a review of the current and projected needs to help identify the required space needed to best serve Ottawa moving forward.

YOU PROVIDED MORE HEALTHY AND FRESH FOOD

Our farm continues to be an important source of highly nutritious fresh produce for the community. During the summer of 2019, you helped grow 113,829 pounds of produce on our **Community Harvest** farm in Stittsville, including 18 different varieties of fruits and vegetables. Thanks to the incredible support of donors, we were also able to expand our commitment to fresh produce year-round by increasing our **reFRESH** budget by \$170,000. This meant we were able to add seven new fruits and vegetables that we provide year-round, bringing the total to 11 items, as well as extending fruits available to 12 months of the year.

YOU HELPED PROVIDE MEALS TO CHILDREN ACROSS THE CITY

The Ottawa Food Bank revamped one of our most important programs - our **Summer** Lunch Program for children in Ottawa. The 2019 Summer Lunch Program, sponsored by Hydro Ottawa, gave children, attending free summer day camps in community houses across the city, a chance to learn hands on about healthy food. Every day, they made their lunch from scratch with the fresh ingredients provided by the Ottawa Food Bank. We also included a fun food literacy component to help kids understand how to make healthy choices. Our registered dietician visited many of the 17 locations to run activities and teach the children fun food-related lessons. Over a 7-week period, 500 lunches were provided in some of the most vulnerable communities in Ottawa.



reFRESH PRODUCE PURCHASES

- Potatoes
- Carrots
- Onions
- Apples
- Zucchini
- Sweet potato

PRODUCE GROWN AT OUR COMMUNITY HARVEST FARM

- Potatoes
- Peppers
- Carrots
- Kale
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Waterm
- Cantaloupe
- Tomatoes
- OnionsCabbage

YOU HELPED PROVIDE EMERGENCY PROGRAMMING

While the devastating tornadoes that hit the National Capital Region happened in September of 2018, much of the support and responsive emergency programming to follow occurred during our 2018-2019 fiscal year, which began October 1, 2018. During this extreme time of need, the community's generosity helped us to provide over \$300,000 worth of gift cards, and thousands of dollars worth of food. We once again want to thank the community programs and our member agency programs who stepped up when their neighbours were faced with such incredible need. For full details, visit ottawafoodbank.ca and read our Tornado Relief Efforts Report.

A LOOK AT OUR FOOD RECOVERY (IN POUNDS)

- Fresh Vegetables 389,285 lbs
- Fresh Fruit 304,270 lbs
- Recovered Protein 180,360 lbs
- Frozen Processed Meat 1,925 lbs
- Dairy/Yogurt 113,350 lbs
- Frozen Miscellaneous 12,425 lbs
- Miscellaneous Perishable 149,185 lbs
- Non-essential Food Items 199,100 lbs

TOTAL = 1,349,900 lbs

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• Pears

• Green peppers

Cucumber

• Oranges

Tomatoes

• Eggplant

Cucumbers



Food Distribution: Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Ottawa Food Bank supports its member agency programs and the community by collecting, purchasing, and distributing millions of pounds of food each year. This food is provided by food industry partners and generous donors through food drives, events, and our collection 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 efforts, including the protein recovery program, One More Bite. As a result, meat distribution increased to over 382,930 lbs., an increase of six per cent over last fiscal year. Thank you to our grocery store partners for supporting and growing this initiative. This past fiscal, the Ottawa Food Bank responded to the needs of the community by distributing \$9,049,797 worth of donated food and \$1,779,872 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 necessary non-food items such as household supplies and diapers. These items accounted for an additional 135,075 lbs. and 34,901 lbs. of goods distributed, respectively.

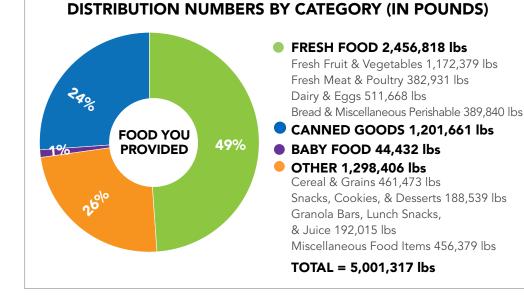


"We don't really have food. I don't have much left and I have kids and I'm worried, but I know it's a food bank and I can talk to them...for people to want to give, it's amazing. The people behind this? Those people giving? I can't even wrap my brain around it. You see a fellow human being and you have extra and you're willing to give? It's amazing. It's love. That's just it. It's love. It comes from deep within them."

- Food Bank Client at Britannia Woods Food Centre

"If I hadn't been to the food bank... I would have nothing at my house to eat until Wednesday. My cupboards would be bare. Right now, I don't have a vegetable in my house. And I don't have a fruit in my house..."

- Food Bank Client at Bethel Care Centre



Financial Overview Our fiscal year is October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019

\$9MILLION Impact of Your Donations TOTAL VALUE OF FOOD \$13,651,779 **\$7.8 MILLION Charitable Programs** including food purchases, TOTAL FUNDS DONATED distribution of donated food, and operations **\$16.8 MILLION** \$1,612,164 TOTAL FOOD AND FUNDS INVESTED TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY Food and Fund Raising efforts DONAT \$829,024 35% **REVENUE** 54% General Administration Total revenues for the year ending September 30, 2019 6% were \$16,819,373 with operating expenses coming in at \$16,092,967. This gave the Ottawa Food Bank a net surplus of \$726,406. The community's generosity allowed the organization to continue to increase spending in key Individual Donations \$5,866,487 areas such as fresh food while also making investments to Grants and Corporate Sponsorship \$348,952 assist with capacity building within our network of member agency programs. The Ottawa Food Bank also continues Other Income \$115,736 to apply surplus funds towards our target of a six-month Community Engagement Events \$1,069,587 operational reserve fund. This is to ensure there is no Municipal Government Grants \$368,815 disruption in service should we experience unforeseen Value of Food Donated and Distributed \$9.049.797 financial challenges. To see the full impact of your support, please visit **A jump in generosity and corresponding expenses were www.ottawafoodbank.ca to review our complete seen this fiscal due to the community response following Audited Financial Statements and take a look at

the tornadoes that hit the National Capital Region.

our Charity Intelligence page to get a complete

breakdown of outputs.

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We would like to sincerely thank the individuals, families, businesses, teams, workplaces, and groups who made a commitment to their community by donating to the Ottawa Food Bank during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. You were there during the giving season, throughout the year, and during extreme times of need – like following the

tornadoes that hit the National Capital Region. Below is a list of generous supporters who contributed \$1,000 or more, including those who made a legacy gift through our Tomorrow's Harvest program.

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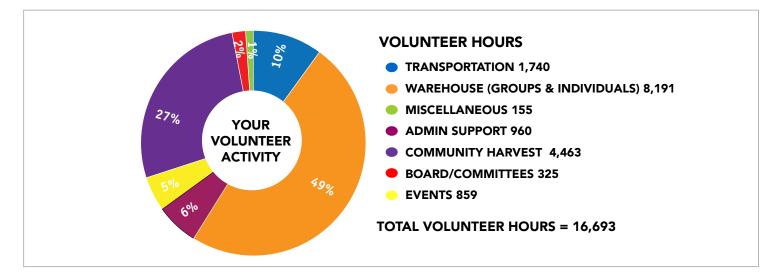


"There are some days, before my baby bonus comes in, there's no food left. And that is frightening. Because my children eat more than I do. When I go without food, my oldest son gets mad at me. But I'm [saying] 'who's more important: you or me right now?' The kids still need the food more because they are still growing."

- Food Bank Client at Caldwell Family Centre

Ottawa Food Bank Volunteers

The Ottawa Food Bank is honoured and fortunate to have the support of groups and individuals who are exceptionally generous with their time. We are always thrilled by the level of commitment, energy, skill, and passion our volunteers bring to the table. We could not do what we do without our volunteers. For more information on our volunteer program, please visit ottawafoodbank.ca and read our Volunteer Impact Report.



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

- Volunteers donated a total of 16,693 hours of their time between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019.
- Volunteers help us with everything from working on the farm to sorting food in our warehouse. They are also there to deliver food to our member agency programs as well as represent the Ottawa Food Bank over the phone, at special events, and during grocery store food drives.
- 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 equals the same amount of time as adding approximately 7.5 full-time employees to the Ottawa Food Bank team!

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



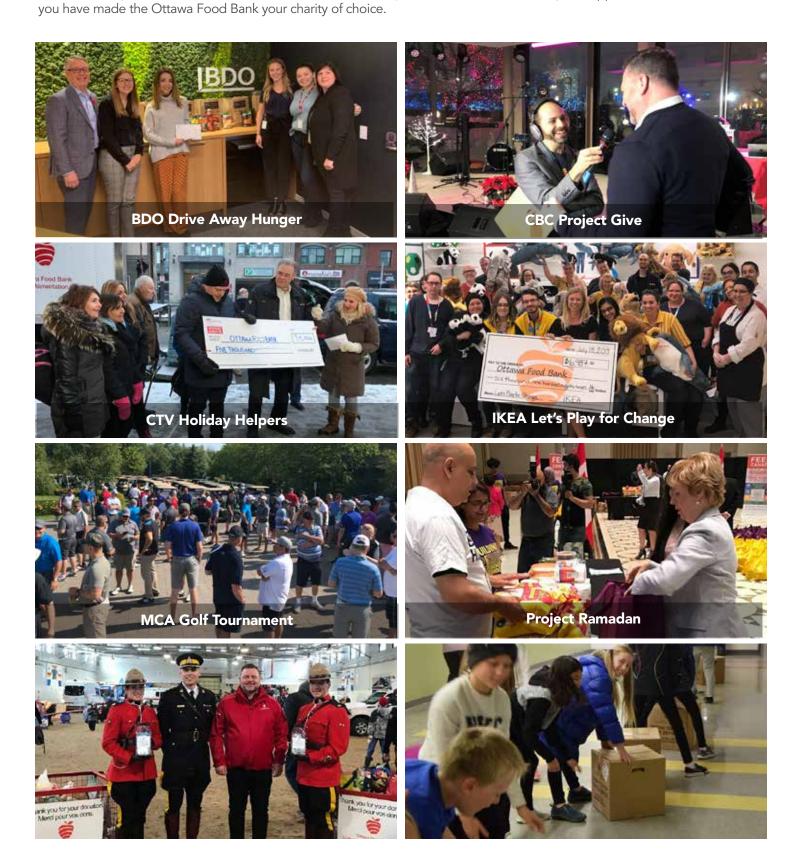


Drop off a food donation at our Michael Street warehouse or in a bin at your local participating grocery store.



Community Engagement and Events

Thank you to everyone who held, hosted, or attended an event held by a third-party partner 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



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

While we strive to make our events entertaining for all, they also serve an important purpose: to generate the monetary and food donations necessary to reach our goals and support our member agency programs and people in need in our community. Thank you to everyone who comes out to support our neighbours.



FOOD SORT CHALLENGE

The 7th annual Food Sort Challenge in May of 2019, presented by Mondeau Bathroom & Kitchen, was the biggest Challenge we've held to date. When all was said and done 50 amazing teams joined us to compete head-to-head. These generous teams, and sponsors for the day, helped raised over \$70,000! Congratulations once again to Loblaws Team 1050 for earning the title of Food Sort Champion in 2019.



FOOD AID BBQ

Thank you to all who joined us for an afternoon in the sun at our Food Aid BBQ, presented by Casino Lac-Leamy, at Ottawa City Hall on June 7th. Thanks to the generous support of individuals and organizations the 2019 BBQ raised \$79,808! This money goes towards providing high-quality, nutrient-rich ground beef in one-pound quantities to people in need in our community.



THANKS FOR GIVING FOOD DRIVE

Taking place over the course of two days during the Thanksgiving long weekend, this food drive marks the beginning of the giving season and our efforts to restock our shelves to prepare for the long winter months ahead. Thanks to everyone who donated and to our participating grocery store partners, 30,055 pounds of food was donated during this effort.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

It's always inspiring to see the city come together during the months of November and December for the Holiday Food Drive. During the 2018 Holiday Food Drive, presented by Sobeys, 340 workplaces and groups held food and fund drives on their premises. They collectively raised a very generous \$225,000 and 86,420 lbs.



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