

# Newsletter BLOOR WEST FOOD BANK

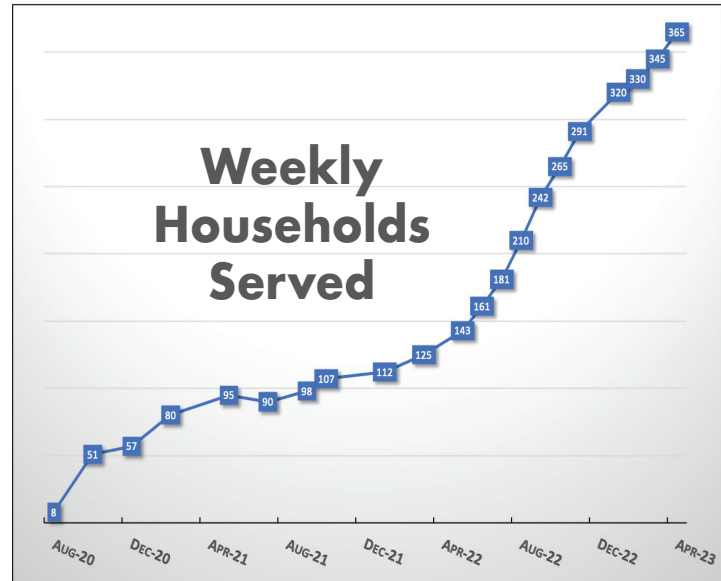


April 2023

It's been a while since our last update, so this one is jam-packed! The delay shows how busy things have been at the food bank. Everything you have been hearing in the news about food bank demand, we have been experiencing on the ground. As the chart indicates, the number of clients we are seeing weekly continues to grow at an alarming rate.

Through the support of the Daily Bread Food Bank, Second Harvest and the many businesses and individuals in the community, we have been able to meet the rising needs. We have also had a greater need for volunteers and are so grateful for the many individuals that give of their time and energy; whether every week or whenever their schedule allows. Thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts as we all work to meet the food needs of our community during these challenging times.

Karen, Maggie and Mary Anne  
Coordinators, Bloor West Food Bank



## Support from 11 Division

On Sunday April 2nd, officers at Toronto Police Service 11 Division encouraged the community shopping at Humbercrest Loblaws to CRAM-THE-CRUISER. Bags were filled with many of our most needed items. Thank you to everyone at 11 Division and the community who supported this food raising event.

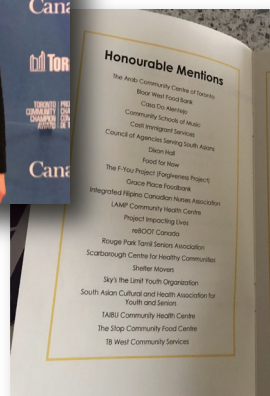
## Hard Work Recognized

This winter the Bloor West Food Bank was one of over 200 local organizations nominated for a Toronto Community Champion Award.

While we weren't amongst the winners, we were delighted to receive one of 40 "Honourable Mentions" recognizing the collective efforts of everyone involved at our food bank in helping our community.



*Karen attended the awards ceremony.*



*Maggie and officers from Toronto Police 11 Division unpacking donated items from the cruiser.*

# Community Partners

We are delighted to be partnered with West Toronto KEYS to Inclusion. Every week this trio of volunteers (Alex and Tiera, with their helper Kevin) help us get prepared for the food bank.



## The Season of Giving

Through the generous support of the community, our holiday fundraising efforts raised over \$14,000 to ensure all our clients received holiday gift bags that included between 1 - 3 gift cards valued at \$25 each!



*Vida and Paula (long time volunteers) helped to prepare the holiday gift bags.*

Congratulations to David and Sheryl Tenszen, the winners of the two courtside Raptors tickets.

Thank you to Dave and Steph Picton for donating the two tickets as part of our holiday fundraising efforts.



*Staff and Students from St. Pius X Catholic School held a holiday food drive. They then delivered and helped to sort the donations for us.*

# The Season of Giving



*Delivery of the Red Label Hair Company Holiday Food Drive*



*St James' Gate Irish Pub in Etobicoke, Holiday Food Drive.*



*Bloor West Village BIA Executive Director, Angela MacDonald, delivers a cheque from funds raised at the BIA's holiday event*



*Fer-Pal Construction surprised us with a Christmas delivery of several pallets of much needed food items.*

One of our youngest community members surprised us by collecting and then donating gift cards she received for her birthday. These helped add a little bit of cheer to many people's holidays.

Thanks Ruby!



For more information, or to arrange a donation, please contact:

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[www.bloorwestfoodbank.ca](http://www.bloorwestfoodbank.ca)

# Thank you to all of our Supporters!

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Bloor West Village BIA  
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St. Pius X Catholic School  
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St. James' Gate  
The Coffee Boutique  
Fer-Pal Construction  
Bagel Time  
Velvet Sunrise Coffee Roasters  
Pet Valu  
Red Label Hair Company  
Meaty Eats Bloor West  
Snappers  
The Cast and Crew of "Glamorous"

**Thank you also to our volunteers and the many individuals who have donated cash and food to support our efforts.**

