

Newsletter

BLOOR WEST FOOD BANK



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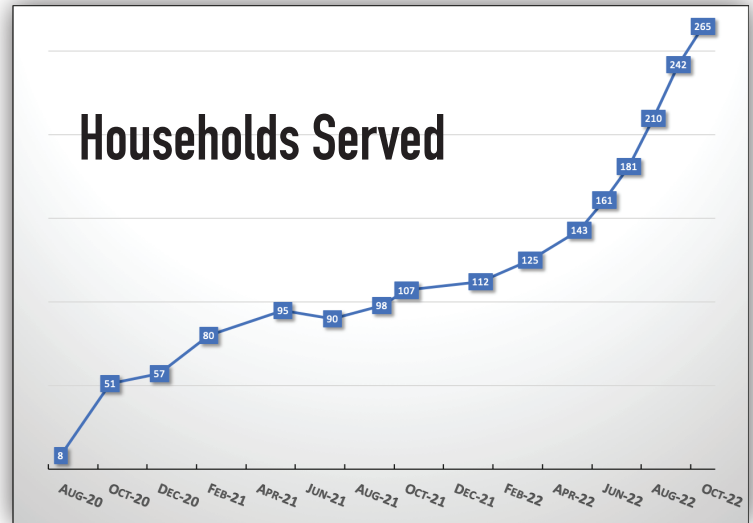
People accessing food banks at all-time high

So much in the world has changed over the past 12 months and much of this is reflected in the number of families accessing the Bloor West Food Bank.

The cost of basic food staples (produce, milk, meat) has increased more than 10% since April of 2021.

Covid-related employment trends have continued to impact the number of families accessing Food Banks.

Finally, the war in Ukraine has resulted in thousands of Ukrainian refugees settling in Toronto. Many of these families are accessing our Food Bank. The graph clearly shows the upward trend in our numbers.



Holiday Fundraiser

\$25 helps buy a holiday gift for our clients

Each \$25 donation will be entered into a draw for courtside

Toronto Raptors tickets!



Email infofoodbank.LF@gmail.com for more info.

Partner support allows us to continue our work

Many key partners are essential to the ongoing operation of the Bloor West Food Bank.

The Rotary Club of Parkdale High Park Humber has been a key supporter since the early days of the Bloor West Food Bank. Their monetary support ensures that we can continue to purchase operating supplies and supplemental milk, eggs, meat, cereal and other essentials for our clients.

We operate weekly using a large portion of the basement and the front foyer space of Saint Pius X Catholic Church. We could not serve our clients without their ongoing support and use of their welcoming space.



Robin Sorys (Secretary, Rotary Club of Parkdale High Park Humber) presents cheque to Food Bank co-founder Karen Allmen and volunteers Ali, Sabrina and Maggie.



Saint Pius X Catholic Church on Bloor St. W.

Amazing new storage!

Acart is one of Canada's foremost suppliers of storage and transportation solutions for healthcare. They approached us in September 2022 with an offer to outfit us with an extensive array of new shelving and rolling cart solutions. The day it was all delivered was like Christmas morning for volunteers!



Acart delivering and setting up all of our new shelving!



Every week Cobs Bloor West donates dozens of loaves of bread and bags of buns, baguettes, scones and other products. Our clients love the bread each and every week.

The importance of community

Food drives and direct cash donations continue to be a cornerstone of our work. Food drives organized by St. Pius X Catholic School, Runnymede Public School, community groups and simply people dropping off food or cash donations during our operating hours, allow us to continue to serve our growing client base.



Volunteer Peter receives donations from Food Drive organized by the cast and crew of "Glamorous".

Feeding our Future program

Second Harvest has been a wonderful supporter of our work. In addition to their weekly food deliveries, in summer of 2022 they started the Feeding our Future program. Each week in July and August, our clients under the age of 18 were provided with special bags containing healthy snacks, beverages, activities and books.



Volunteer Carey receives Feeding the Future bags from Second Harvest.



Each week we distribute:

1500 Eggs



190 Litres of milk

130 Loaves of bread



500 Bagels and buns

125 pounds of meat



250+ pounds of fresh produce

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

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Thank you to all of our Supporters!

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

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