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ANNUAL REPORT

2025
2026



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Cochrane Food Bank Society,

This past year has been one of growth, resilience and accomplishment, and I am pleased to present this Annual Report on behalf of the Board of Directors.

The year brought its share of challenges, including staff changes and a two-month move into a temporary location. Through it all, the resilience and dedication of our employees, Board members, volunteers and donors have been truly remarkable. Despite these challenges, we had a banner year for donations and continued to strengthen our connections within the community and build meaningful partnerships.



One of our priorities has been to engage more deeply with the community and increase awareness of the Cochrane Food Bank. In a rapidly growing community, ensuring that people know we are here and understand the support we provide is increasingly important. Our participation in events such as the Volunteer Fair, Interagency meetings, trade shows and farmers' markets has helped us connect with more people and organizations and build stronger relationships throughout Cochrane.

Our plans to further strengthen our governance structure were temporarily delayed by some of the operational challenges we faced this year. However, the Board remained committed to this important work, holding two strategic planning sessions and laying the groundwork to continue our governance development in the 2026–2027 fiscal year. Our Board members have dedicated countless hours to strengthening the Food Bank and ensuring it is well positioned to serve our community. I am very proud of their commitment and efforts.

We are equally grateful for our dedicated staff, volunteers and community partners. Their time, energy and support are essential to everything we do. Together, they have helped us remain focused on our mission and continue supporting individuals and families in our community.

Looking ahead, we are excited about bringing greater stability to our operations and exploring opportunities for new programming in the coming year. As Cochrane continues to grow, we remain committed to growing thoughtfully alongside our community and responding to its changing needs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support and for believing in our mission. The generosity and commitment of our community make it possible for the Cochrane Food Bank to continue its work and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Kathy Tucker

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President, Board of Directors

MISSION, VISION & VALUES

MISSION

We believe that access to nutritious food is a basic human right. We are committed to responding to the needs of our neighbours by feeding the hungry to provide short term relief in the area of food insecurity and delivering programs and services that promote long-term food security and improve the social well-being in our community.

VISION

A community where no one goes hungry in Cochrane and surrounding area.

OUR VALUES

Our guiding values of commitment, integrity, service, diversity and inclusion govern the manner in which we work.

HISTORY

The Cochrane Food Bank is a registered Canadian charity and incorporated as a Society in the province of Alberta. It operates under the management of the Food Bank Operations Manager and the governance of the Board of Directors.

In 1995, the Cochrane Activettes began operating a food bank as one of its community service programs. What started with humble beginnings in a church basement, evolved in the purchase of a bay at the Griffin Industrial Point location in 2008 and expanded into the purchase of second bay in 2019. In August 2024 the Cochrane Food Bank Society was officially established as an independent registered charity.

The Cochrane Food Bank attributes its success to the dedication and vision of the Cochrane Activettes, who have steadfastly supported the provision of food bank services in our community. Their commitment was instrumental in shaping the Food Bank into what it is today.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, we acknowledge and respect histories, languages and diverse cultures of the First Nations, Metis, and all First Peoples that have taken care of this land.



YEAR IN REVIEW



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Weekly & Emergency Hampers



Number of individuals 5141
42% Children
58% Adults



Number of Volunteer Hours
2693



Value of Hamper Boxes
\$429,101



Value of Grocery Gift Cards
\$104,200

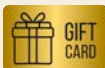


Value of Donated Food
\$284,369

School Programs



Value of Food to School Lunches
\$25,116



Value of Gift Cards for Protein
\$11,061



Value of Weekend Brown Bags
\$10,319

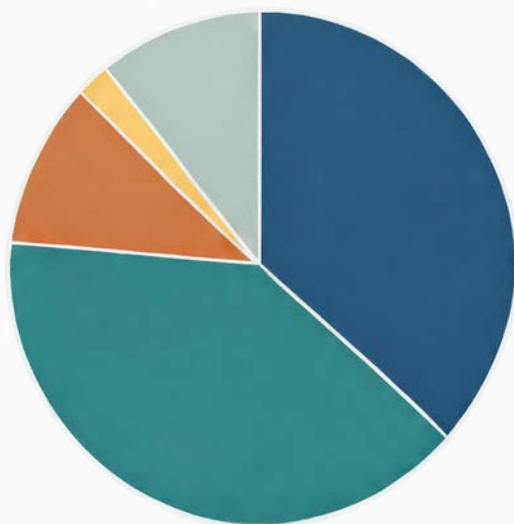


\$10,000 donated to Rockyview School district Breakfast Program



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

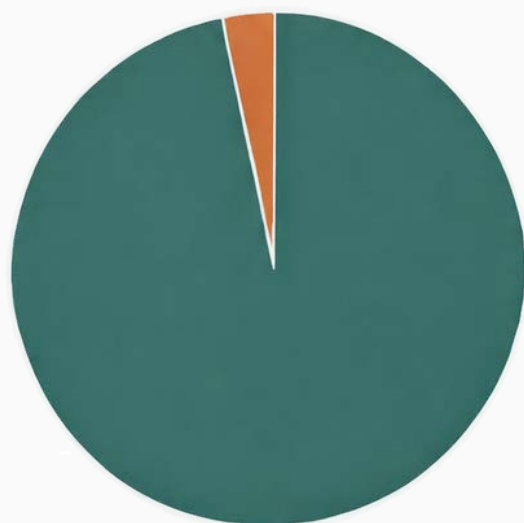
REVENUE



Received donations	\$360,806.00 (36.00%)
Non-received donations	\$414,003.00 (41.31%)
Gifts from other registered charities	\$107,640.00 (10.74%)
Government funding	\$20,098.00 (2.01%)
All other revenue	\$99,747.00 (9.95%)

Total revenue: \$1,002,294.00

EXPENSES



Charitable programs	\$768,959.00 (96.94%)
Management and administration	\$24,275.00 (3.06%)
Fundraising	\$0.00 (0.00%)
Gifts to other registered charities and qualified donees	\$0.00 (0.00%)
Grants made to non qualified donees (grantes)	\$0.00 (0.00%)
Other	\$0.00 (0.00%)

Total expenses: \$793,234.00

YOU ARE ALL HUNGER HEROES!



THANK YOU TO OUR MANY DONORS!

This past year, the Cochrane Food Bank has continued to see the need in our community grow—and throughout it all, our community has continued to show up.

We are incredibly grateful to the individuals, families, businesses, organizations, and community groups who supported us through donations of food, funds, time, and resources. Your generosity makes our work possible.

Every food donation helps fill a hamper. Every dollar helps us purchase the items our neighbours need most. Every act of kindness helps ensure that individuals and families facing food insecurity are met with compassion, dignity, and respect.

Because of your support, we have been able to continue providing essential food and programs to thousands of people in our community while adapting to the changing needs of our community.

Thank you for believing in the work we do, for supporting your local Food Bank, and for helping us make sure our neighbours don't have to face food insecurity alone.

Together, we are stronger.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR DONORS

Hunger Hero Legend

Cochrane Activettes
GW Phillips Family Foundation

Hunger Hero Friend

Al-Terra Group Ltd.

Hunger Hero Champion

Home Treasures
Interpipeline
Spray Lake Sawmills Foundation
Burnco
Baytex Energy

Hunger Hero Legend

Schickendanz West
House Works Calgary Inc. - Cochrane
Jumping Pound Complex Bargaining Organization
Lions Club of Bearspaw
Diamond Willow Farms Ltd.
Tyke West Ltd.
Garmin



A special thanks to our Community Supporters

Cochrane FCSS and FRN
Calgary Coop
Save On Foods
No Frills
Shoppers Drug Mart
Cochrane Tim Hortons
Safeway





Thank you to our incredible volunteers

Our volunteers are the heart of the Cochrane Food Bank. This past year, you gave your time, energy, and compassion to help ensure our neighbours had access to food and support when they needed it most.

You showed up in every season, took on new challenges, stepped into whatever role was needed, and brought kindness and care to everything you did. Whether you were sorting donations, stocking shelves, packing hampers, helping clients, driving, supporting events, or working behind the scenes, your contribution made a meaningful difference.

As our community continues to grow and the need for our services increases, the commitment of our volunteers has never been more important. Every hour you gave helped us serve more people, keep our programs running, and create a welcoming and respectful experience for those who came through our doors.

From all of us at the Cochrane Food Bank, thank you. Your generosity, dedication, and willingness to give back are what make it possible for us to continue being there for our community.

You gave of your time in many ways

- ♥ Client Shopper
- ♥ Food Sorter
- ♥ Driver
- ♥ General Maintenance
- ♥ Board Director
- ♥ Committee member





Our Team: The Heart of Our Story

Behind every hamper packed, every donation sorted, every phone call answered, and every client welcomed through our doors is a dedicated team committed to serving our community.

This past year, our Food Bank Operations Manager, Warehouse Supervisor, and Administrator worked together to keep the Food Bank moving forward through a year of growth, change, and unexpected challenges. From managing daily operations and coordinating volunteers to organizing donations, supporting programs, and finding solutions when challenges arose, they showed up each day with dedication, compassion, and a shared commitment to our community.

Their work often happens behind the scenes, but its impact is felt throughout Cochrane. They helped ensure our shelves were stocked, our programs continued to operate, our volunteers were supported, and our clients were treated with dignity and care.

Most importantly, they understood that the work is about more than food. It is about creating a welcoming place where people can find support, feel valued, and know that their community is there for them.

We are incredibly grateful for the commitment, heart, and hard work they bring to the Cochrane Food Bank every day. Our ability to serve thousands of neighbours is made possible by this team and the many volunteers and community partners who stand alongside them.

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Community Support in Action

