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Food Bank

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# 2025 Annual Impact Report



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# Vision, mission, values

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## Vision

To end hunger in our city.

## Mission

To collaborate with all to eliminate food insecurity, and advocate for solutions to end poverty.

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## Values

### Accountable

Commitments we make are commitments we keep.

### Creative

We continuously pursue innovative and refined solutions to serve the needs of our communities.

### Equitable

We advocate for policies that enable everyone to fully participate in society.

### Evidence-based

Our actions are informed by evidence and form impactful solutions.

### Inclusive

We embrace diversity of people, thought and experiences, and prioritize the voices of those affected by poverty.

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## Operating Principles

Food is a human right. Everyone should be able to access the food they need.

Daily Bread Food Bank operates from a human rights-based approach that prioritizes participation, accountability, non-discrimination, equality and empowerment.



# Message from our Board Chair and CEO

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This past year the City of Toronto passed a resolution declaring a state of emergency regarding food insecurity. This by-law reflected something that volunteers of the Daily Bread Food Bank have known for years and been responding to with immediate relief and long-term advocacy.

Amid this state of emergency, more than 1 in 10 Torontonians are now relying on food banks. That statistic is sobering, and has been compelling us to work with a renewed sense of focus and energy on our advocacy to address the systemic reasons why this happens.

Over the 12 months ending in June 2025, there were over 3.7 million client visits to Daily Bread member food banks. This is more than 300,000 additional visits compared to the year prior and nearly triples the number from just five years ago.

Our focus has also resulted in positive, long-term changes at all levels of government. The city unanimously passed its implementation plan for a Universal School Food Program, a crucial step to addressing child hunger. The federal government began to roll out the new Canada Disability Benefit and the province has been steadfast in its support for workers that have been and will be affected by tariffs.

These policy decisions reflect a growing recognition that access to healthy food is not a privilege, but a basic human right; a right that Daily Bread has championed for decades. Moreover, they are social policies that will allow everyone to thrive in their community and contribute to the economy.

While these policy steps are encouraging, we know there's still much to be done. The affordability crisis, worsened by global trade tensions and the ensuing economic uncertainty, has continued to push many Canadians into deep poverty. We will continue to speak out and use our collective voices to call on all levels of government to play their part in ensuring everyone can realize their right to food.

Our mission is made possible because our community has risen to the occasion, time and time again. Daily Bread's donors, supporters, volunteers, staff, and agency members have shown deep compassion and unwavering commitment to a hunger-free future. It is your generosity of spirit and action that fuels both our day-to-day service and our long-term vision for change.

Thank you for standing with us in this critical work.

In partnership,



**Neil Hetherington**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Gaylen Duncan**  
Board Chair



# Board of Directors and Management

Daily Bread Food Bank is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected annually by its member agencies, which reflect the City of Toronto. Over one-third of the Board of Directors self-identify as individuals with lived, or living experience with poverty and food insecurity. We believe this adds significant value to the conversations, decisions, and governance structure of the organization.

# Board Executives

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**Gaylen Duncan**

*Chair*

Ex officio Member of all  
Board Committees



**Jammie Clarke-Darshanand**

*Vice-Chair*

Program Support Committee  
(Chair)



**JT Badiani**

*Treasurer*

Finance Committee (Chair)



**Nicole Barry**

*Corporate Secretary*

Governance and Nominations  
Committee (Chair)  
Finance Committee

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# Board Members

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Governance and Nominations  
Committee

Fundraising Committee

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Fundraising Committee

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Governance and Nominations  
Committee

**Emmy Kelly**

Governance and Nominations  
Committee

**Boafoa Kwamena**

Program Support Committee

**Gale M. Kelly**

Fundraising Committee

**Maheen Merchant**

Governance and Nominations  
Committee

Program Support Committee

**Amos Sarwan**

Finance Committee

**Rajiv Suja**

Program Support Committee

**Ben Wise**

Fundraising Committee (Chair)



# Executive Committees

Each committee is made up of three or more individuals from the Board of Directors and may also include members of management, agency representatives, and other experts. The goal of each committee is to provide oversight, guidance, and support in key organizational areas.

## Finance, Audit and Investment Committee

Provides oversight on all financial matters including controls, investments, enterprise-wide risk management, and budgeting.

## Fundraising Committee

Advises on the development of Daily Bread's fundraising strategy and monitors its implementation.

## Program Support Committee

Supports, guides, and monitors activities related to development of current and new programs and services.

## Governance and Nominations Committee

Focuses on the recruitment of candidates for membership on Daily Bread's Board of Directors. The committee ensures that candidates are representative of our communities and have the skills, knowledge, and experience required to support the Board in achieving its objectives. This committee is responsible for recommending governance policies and procedures to the board and ensuring compliance.

# Management

## Samantha Cooke

Vice President, Philanthropy

## Gretchen Daniels

Chief Financial Officer

## Neil Hetherington

Chief Executive Officer

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Interim Vice President, Research and Advocacy

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Vice President, Operations

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Vice President, People and Culture

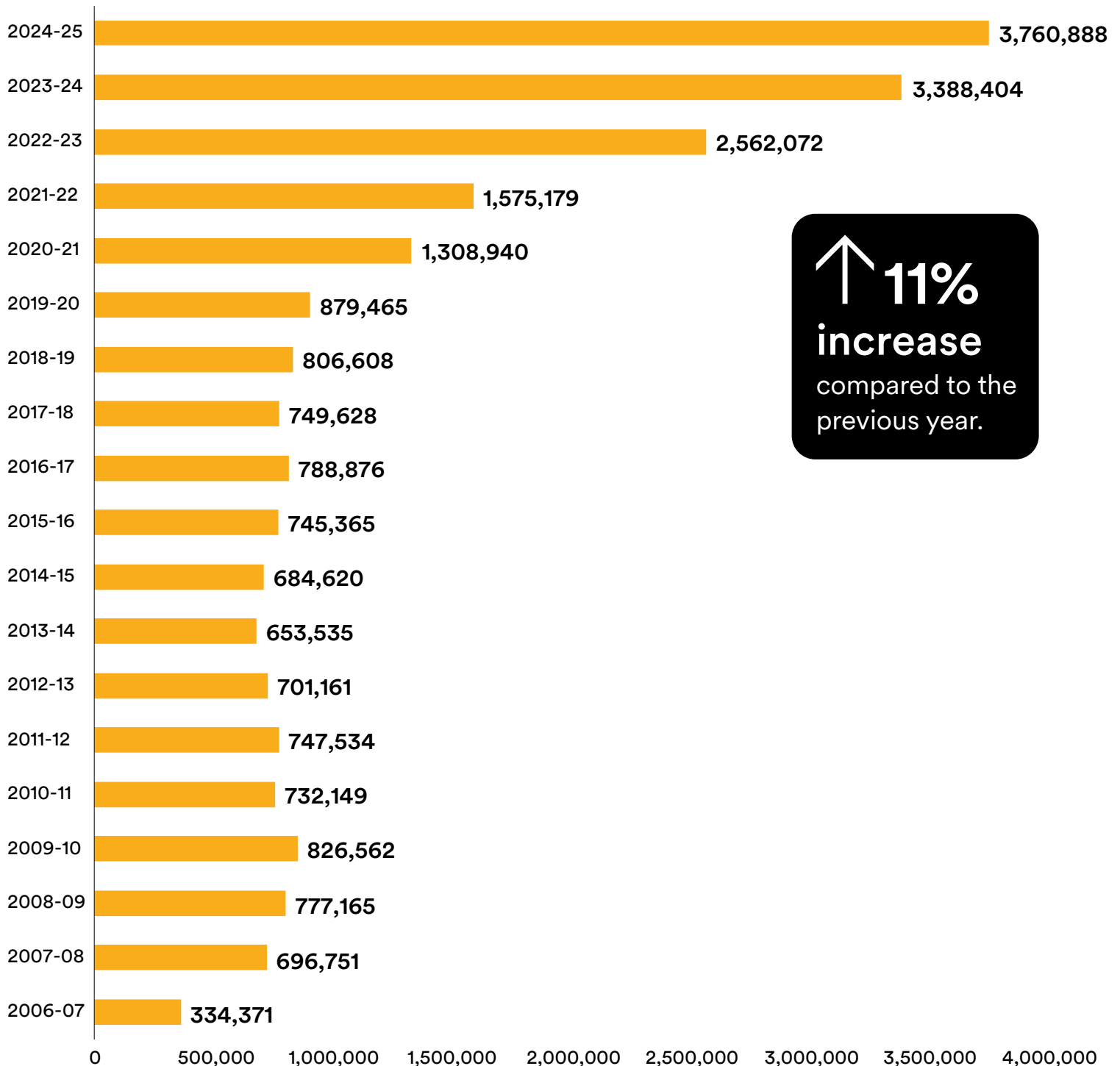


# Impact in the community

Together with our network of donors, partners, volunteers and member agencies, we're making sure everyone in our city can realize their right to food.

# Hunger persists

From July 2024 to June 2025, there were **3,760,888** client visits to Daily Bread member food programs.



## Client spotlight: Jacklin



When Jacklin and her husband arrived in Canada from Italy, they were filled with hope and excitement for the future. They had saved diligently, believing their financial security would help them build a stable life in their new home. But their dreams were shattered when they became victims of immigration fraud, losing almost everything.

“We went from having money to buy a home and other necessities to desperately scrambling for a place to rent,” Jacklin recalled. As financial pressures mounted, life took another unexpected turn—she found out she was pregnant.

“I realized we couldn’t handle all the bills, the rent, and the baby’s needs. I couldn’t sustain my family on only my income as a translator. I don’t know how many times I was crying,” she said.

After sharing news of her pregnancy with her employer, she was unexpectedly

terminated. With no income and little chance of finding work, her situation became dire. Unable to afford rent, Jacklin and her family moved from Airbnb to Airbnb, searching for safe shelter each night.

Just when hope seemed out of reach, a neighbour told Jacklin about Daily Bread Food Bank. She was grateful for the support. “Kate was born premature, so one of the things we needed most was baby formula, because she needed the extra nutrition to survive and grow stronger. The food bank helped us get that, which was life changing.”

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Stories like Jacklin’s highlight the harsh realities facing newcomers. **According to *Who’s Hungry 2024*, four in five new food bank clients are immigrants, navigating precarious jobs and inadequate income supports.**

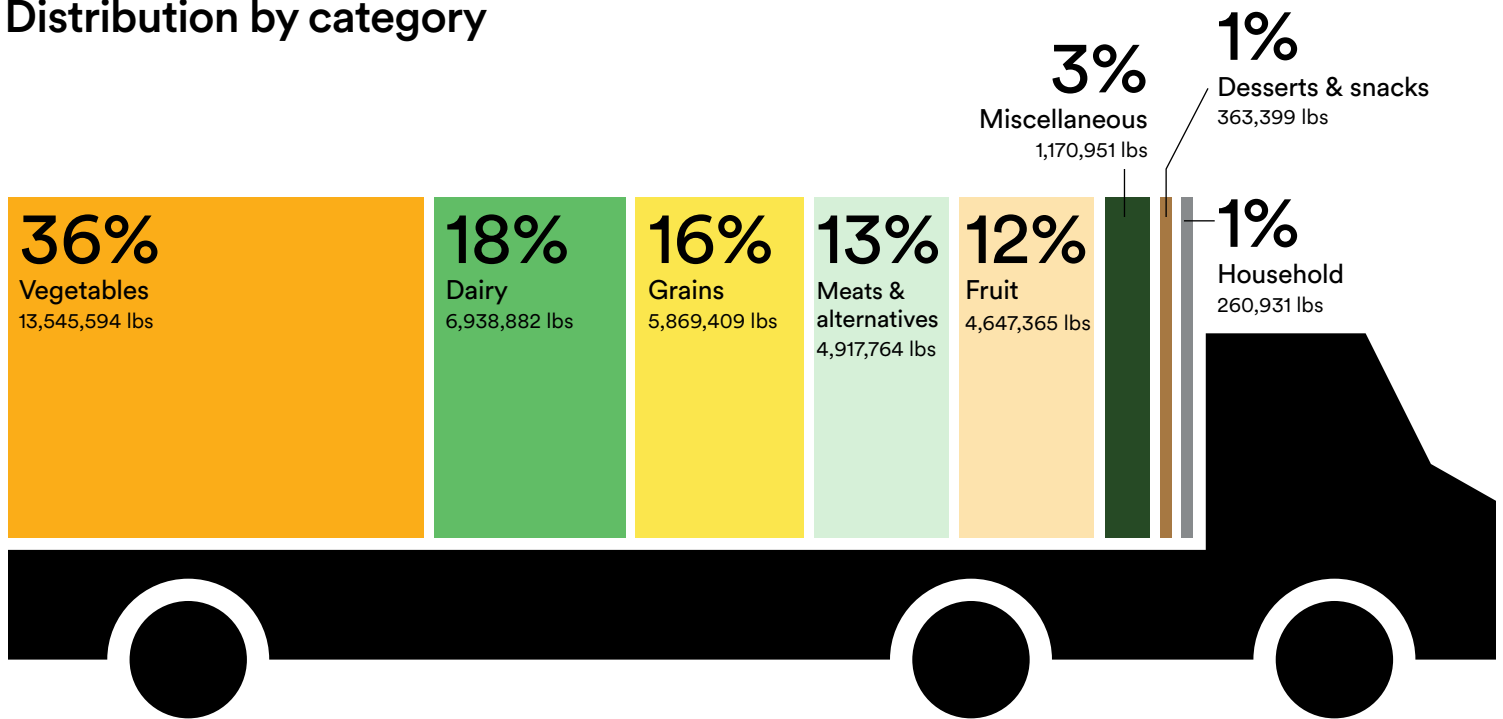
Despite everything, Jacklin finds relief in the fresh produce and meats she receives. “It means everything to be able to provide nutritious meals for my daughter,” she said. Today, Kate is thriving—a strong, healthy two-year-old who enjoys milk with cereal for breakfast.

Stories like Jacklin’s are made possible thanks to the generosity of our partners and donors. Your support ensures that families facing crisis have access to the food—and hope—they need to rebuild.

# Annual food distribution

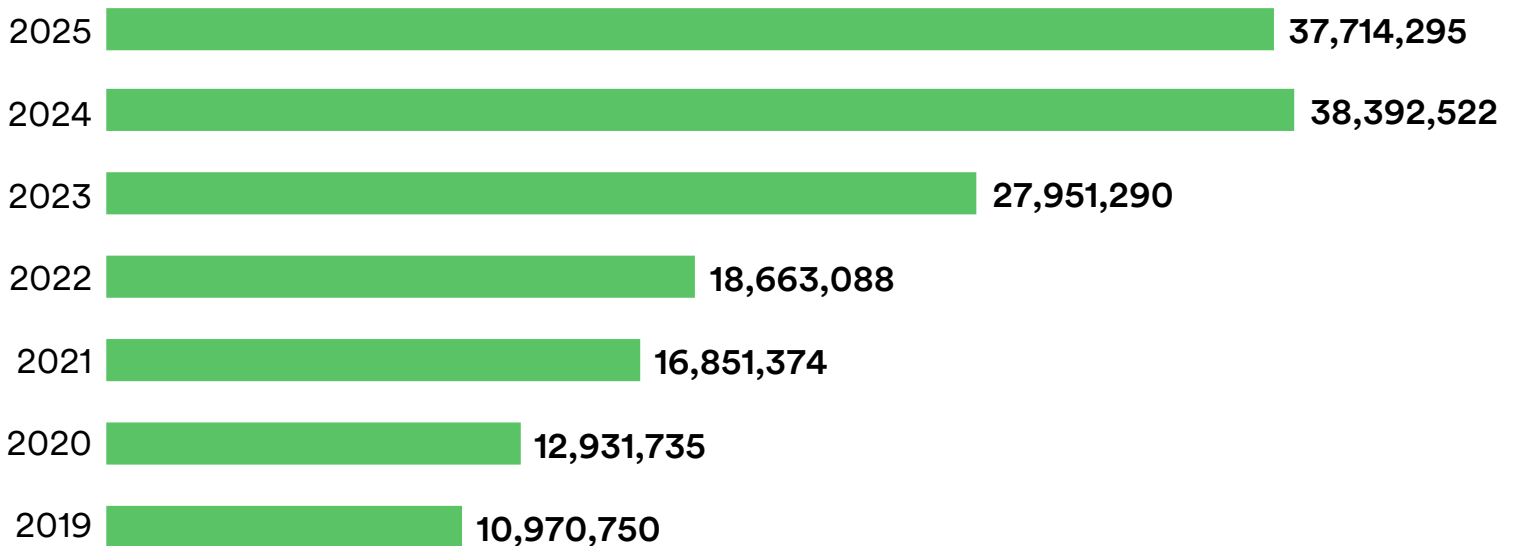
From July 2024 – June 2025, Daily Bread Food Bank distributed **37,714,295 lbs of food** across the city.

## Distribution by category



## Distribution by year

Pounds of food



# Food donation programs

## Retail food program

Over the past year, more than 50 grocery stores across the city donated a total of **790,454 lbs** of food for redistribution to our network of member food banks. Notably, this included over **430,000 lbs of meat and protein**—nutrient-dense foods that are often out of reach for people experiencing food insecurity.



### The program in action

At Metro Store #719 (at St. Clair W. and Keele St.), all departments start the day by scanning items approaching their best-before dates. These are pulled off the shelves, then frozen or stored in the back, ready for pickup by Daily Bread's trucks.

For Adriano, a department manager at the store, the work is personal. As a child, he and

his mother relied on food banks, and now he's proud to take the extra steps to ensure perfectly good food reaches the people who need it most.

Since 2023, Metro Store #719 has recovered over 50,000 lbs of food and has played a crucial role in laying a foundation for this program now adopted by many other stores.



## Farm to food bank

Fresh, healthy food is at the heart of building a balanced, nutritious meal, yet it's often the hardest for families facing hunger to access. Our Farm to Food Bank program bridges that gap by connecting local growers with our network of member food banks so that clients can enjoy the same seasonal abundance available in grocery stores and markets.

This past year, the program made great strides. We welcomed four new farm partners, bringing our total to **20 dedicated growers across Ontario**. Together, they donated an incredible **4,345,000 lbs of fresh, local produce**—from crisp apples and sweet peppers to leafy greens and hearty root vegetables.



## Daily Bread kitchen

In 2024-2025, our chefs and volunteers made **270,901** meals in the Daily Bread kitchen. This includes **25,348** meals distributed in partnership with the Red Cross Mobile Food Bank and isolation program, which delivers ready-to-eat meals to individuals not able to access traditional food bank/meal programs due to health and/or other challenges.

Behind these numbers is a dedicated team. Each week, it takes 250 volunteer hours—on top of five kitchen staff—to bring these meals to life. That’s hundreds of pounds of vegetables chopped and trays of casseroles stirred and simmered!

The team takes pride in creating healthy, balanced meals made with wholesome ingredients. By working with local businesses, embracing seasonal produce, and building around versatile staples like potatoes, peppers, beans, and tomatoes, the kitchen ensures that every meal is nourishing and made with care.



## Beyond our wildest dreams – Swifties come together to fight hunger

In November 2024, 22 street signs designated the path from Rogers Centre to Nathan Phillips Square as “Taylor Swift Way”, honouring the superstar when her Eras Tour landed in our city. At the end of the tour, all the signs were auctioned off, raising a total

of \$216,842.96 for Daily Bread’s emergency food services.

A huge thank you to former Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie for her incredible support and the community of Swifties who bid on these collectibles. Not only did the highest bidders get to take home a piece of the Eras Tour history, they also helped support the fight to end hunger in Toronto.

# Volunteer highlights



Last year, 10,651 volunteers donated an incredible 132,925 hours of their time. From school students and youth to newcomers and corporate teams, volunteers are the backbone of Daily Bread's operations.

One of the year's most inspiring initiatives was a new volunteer program that welcomed more than 100 refugees. Despite limited English language skills,

they contributed 5,026 hours by packing produce and bagging granola for distribution to our network of members. These volunteers bring their time and energy, and their determination to help end hunger in the city they now call home. This also enabled them to receive the Canadian experience and language skills needed to assist in their new careers.

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## Champion volunteer: Augustina Michael

Augustina Michael is the volunteer that has donated the most time last year: a whopping **1,625 hours!** Every weekday, Augustina leaves her home in Scarborough by 5:45am, travelling an hour and 45 minutes by TTC to open Daily Bread Food Bank's Welcome Centre before other volunteers start to arrive.





# Research and advocacy

At Daily Bread Food Bank, we leverage research to advance meaningful policy change. Together with partners across the sector, we advocate for long-term solutions to end poverty and food insecurity.

# Advocacy in action



## Who's Hungry 2024

In partnership with North York Harvest, Daily Bread released the *Who's Hungry 2024* report, profiling poverty and food insecurity. Based on 1,400 client surveys and 10 in-depth interviews, the report shines a spotlight on the urgent food insecurity crisis that cannot be ignored.

### Call to action



The report calls on **all three levels of government** to:

- strengthen income supports
- expand and protect affordable housing
- promote decent work

## Key findings:

- We saw 3.49 million visits to Toronto food banks — nearly 1 million more visits than the year prior and a 273% increase since pre-pandemic.
- More than 1 in 10 Torontonians rely on food banks, a 36% increase in unique clients compared to the year before.
- After paying rent and utilities, food bank clients have a median of \$7.78 left per person, per day, to pay for food and all other essentials.
- 80% of food bank clients are renters. Almost 9 in 10 clients (87%) live in unaffordable housing, meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on rent and utilities.
- Unhoused clients have increased by 420% and clients from emergency shelters have increased by 90% compared to last year.
- Of the 1 in 4 food bank clients (25%) who have a disability, 52% rely on social assistance as their primary source of income, leaving them at least \$1,000 below the poverty line each month.
- Nearly 1 in 4 clients (23%) are children or youth and 19-44 is the fastest-growing age group.
- 49% of food bank clients have at least one member of their household who is employed.



**Watch this video** to learn more about the findings

## City of Toronto declares food insecurity an emergency

No one should have to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table. As we continue to meet urgent needs today, we remain committed to addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty for lasting change.

In December 2024, the City of Toronto adopted a motion **declaring food insecurity**

**an emergency**—a landmark acknowledgment of the worsening hunger crisis. This milestone, achieved through Daily Bread’s deep collaboration with the City, aligns with our longstanding advocacy for the right to food and underscores the urgent need for systemic solutions.

But we cannot do it alone. Daily Bread engages with all levels of government to advance policies that strengthen income security, improve housing affordability, and raise wages.



## Canada Disability Benefit becomes a reality

On March 3, 2025, the federal government completed the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) regulations, with first payments starting in July. This milestone marks the culmination of years of advocacy for disability rights across the country.

For years, Daily Bread has led a multi-pronged advocacy campaign with over 40 coalition members—combining grassroots mobilization, media outreach,

and meetings with government officials—to push for a fully funded benefit. **The CDB is designed to reduce poverty among working-age persons with disabilities.**

While this marks meaningful progress, the current CDB still falls short: of the 1.5 million Canadians with disabilities living in poverty, only 600,000 will qualify, and just 25,000 are expected to be lifted out

of poverty by 2028, according to the government’s estimates. Daily Bread continues to push for a benefit that is adequate and accessible.

### Provincial CDB advocacy win

The Ontario government announced that the CDB will be exempt as income, ensuring it supplements—not replaces—existing provincial supports like Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program and the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD). Daily Bread has long been an advocate for this change, without which thousands of Ontarians with disabilities would have had their social assistance benefits clawed back, leaving them no better off.

Bills

### A strong CDB matters!

In 2024, every household in Canada relying on social assistance lived below Canada’s official poverty line. *Source: Maytree, 2025.*

Even with the monthly CDB of up to \$200, Ontarians with disabilities fall nearly \$1,000 below the official poverty line.

## School food program to address child hunger

This past year, both the federal government and the City of Toronto made major strides toward ensuring every child has access to healthy meals at school.



Evidence shows that school meals improve children's health, well-being, and academic performance, while yielding **\$3–\$10 in economic returns per \$1 invested.**

In 2024, Daily Bread's CEO, Neil Hetherington, joined the then-Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and community partners to announce \$108.5 million in federal funding to expand Ontario's Student Nutrition Program.

In June 2025, Toronto City Council adopted a bold **Vision and Strategy for a Universal School Food Program**—with a goal of providing a morning meal in every Toronto school



by 2026/2027 and adding a lunch program by 2030. Neil Hetherington spoke at City Hall in support of the initiative, backed by a letter co-signed by 67 agency members and community organizations. Together, we sent a strong message: no child in Toronto should have to learn on an empty stomach.



## A day of action at Queen's Park

On May 28, World Hunger Day, Daily Bread joined food bankers across Ontario to deliver a united message as part of Feed Ontario's Day of Action: **food banks cannot shoulder this crisis alone.**

We met with Premier Doug Ford, Minister Michael Parsa, Ontario NDP Leader Marit Stiles, and MPPs from all parties.

↑ **30%**

**Food bank usage** increased by more than 30% in every area of the city in 2024.

**61%**

Some areas have **child poverty** rates as high as 61%.

*Source: Social Planning Toronto, 2024.*

*By engaging leaders across party lines, we are building momentum for policies that ensure more people have access to the food and support they need, reducing reliance on food banks.*



## Making poverty & food insecurity a political priority

The year 2025 began with back-to-back snap elections in Ontario and across Canada, as millions faced soaring living costs, unaffordable housing, unstable jobs, inadequate income supports, and a looming

trade war. **Elections are a critical moment to demand change, and Daily Bread seized the opportunity**—mobilizing thousands to send letters to candidates calling for bold action to address poverty and hunger.

We co-hosted a federal and a provincial Etobicoke–Lakeshore local candidates’ debate with community partners, produced

easy-to-understand voting primers for the public, created pop-up voting locations at our facility with support from Elections Canada and Elections Ontario, and amplified our message of tackling poverty through CEO Neil Hetherington’s appearance on the podcast series *Dave Trafford on the Ledge*.

*The elections may be over, but our work has just begun. We’ll continue to meet elected officials of all political parties to push for the systemic changes needed to end hunger and poverty.*



### Knowledge sharing win

Daily Bread’s dedicated voting information webpage became one of the most visited pages on our site—helping empower thousands to make their voices heard at the ballot box.

## Meetings with politicians/ government staff

Meeting with elected officials and government staff is a cornerstone of Daily Bread’s advocacy. Over the past year, we met with 43 officials through policy discussions, facility tours, and food sorting events, building relationships and advancing long-term solutions to hunger. These conversations ensure that the realities faced by our clients are heard at the highest levels of government—helping shape policies that move us closer to ending hunger.

## Engaging in budget processes

Daily Bread engaged in federal, provincial, and municipal budget processes through deputations and formal submissions to prioritize critical issues. **Investments aligned with our priorities were secured in Toronto’s City**

**Budget, particularly for the Student Nutrition Program and housing stability initiatives.**

Through these efforts, Daily Bread helps shape government decisions, ensuring resources target the root causes of hunger and poverty.





# Advocating for solutions to end poverty

## Advocacy areas of focus

### Bills

#### Income supports

Advocating to close the gaps in our social safety net, so that every person living in Canada has sufficient income to afford their basic needs and realize their right to food.



#### Affordable housing

Advocating to increase supply of affordable rental housing, expand the reach of portable housing benefits, and enhance renter supports to achieve the right to food and housing for all.



#### Decent work

Advocating for a livable wage, paid sick days, portable employment benefits, and protections for low-income workers.



## Client spotlight: Vivian

Photo credit: Canva.com

In 2018, Vivian was working full-time at a law firm when a flare-up of osteoarthritis made it impossible to continue.

“I couldn’t perform my duties,” she said. “I had to walk with a cane. I couldn’t go to the grocery store and carry groceries back for meetings, I couldn’t go to the bank ... and that was part of my position.”

Eventually, she had to leave her job. The pain made it difficult to find new work. Her condition worsened, and she needed both hips replaced. At the same time, she began experiencing diabetic neuropathy in her feet and hands. Then came another diagnosis: Parkinson’s disease.

Her main source of income is the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), supplemented by a small government subsidy. It covers her rent and bills, but food is “a luxury.”

That’s why she started going to one of Daily Bread Food Bank’s member agencies. Although the trip is a challenge — she needs to schedule roundtrip transportation and coordinate with a friend to carry her food — the fresh produce is worth it. And if the package of fruits or vegetables she receives is too much for herself, she shares it with her neighbours.

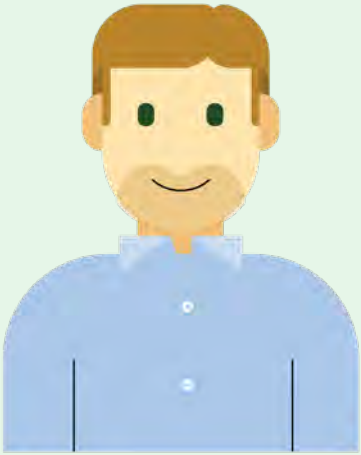
“The building I live in has a lot of lower-income people and seniors,” she said. “So when I get home, I split it up and I say ‘meet me!’ and I give it to other people I know could use it.”

A single individual on ODSP receives \$1,368 per month, putting them about a thousand dollars below Toronto’s poverty line of \$2,397. **According to the 2024 *Who’s Hungry* report, nearly 3 in 10 Toronto food bank clients report social assistance as their main form of income.**

*“I’ve got \$10, what can I do with \$10 for five days, what can I eat?”*

That’s why Daily Bread is calling on the government to strengthen the Canada Disability Benefit, so Canadians with disabilities don’t have to turn to food banks to access the food they need.

In the meantime, Vivian is grateful for Daily Bread Food Bank. Without it, she said she doesn’t know what she would do: “I’d have to say, okay, I’ve got \$10, what can I do with \$10 for five days, what can I eat?”



# Member network highlights

We work hard to provide the best support to meet the needs of our diverse membership and the communities they serve.

# Food programs

Daily Bread Food Bank's network consists of **144 members** running **214 food programs**.



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### Food bank programs

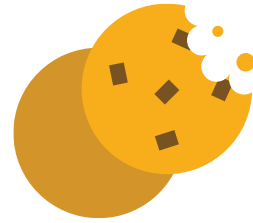
Distribute up to three days of fresh and shelf-stable grocery items. Clients may visit a food bank in the network once per week.



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### Meal programs

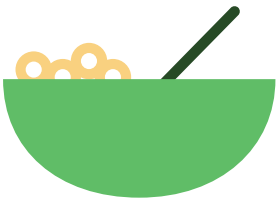
Serve a prepared meal to their community members.



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### Snack programs

Serve portable snack items that are quick and easy to eat (e.g. granola bars, cookies etc.).



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### Breakfast programs

Serve a light breakfast.



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### Tenant programs

Tenant-led and distribute grocery items (mainly shelf-stable) to members within a specific community.



## 5

### Pre-natal programs

Distribute fresh and shelf-stable grocery items to expecting parents and those with children up to age 5 within their community.



# Member network highlights

Over the past year, Daily Bread's network of food programs expanded significantly. We welcomed three new agencies, while our members added 10 new programs to meet growing community needs.



**144**

member agencies

**214**

food programs

**\$5.1M**

distributed to member agency network to increase capacity and resiliency

After a nearby food bank closed, elders at **Grace CRC McCowan Food Bank** stepped in to fill the gap. They now run a low-barrier and physically accessible food bank near Scarborough Town Centre, a central hub in North Scarborough.

**Loyan Foundation** opened a food bank in North Etobicoke, serving about 1,000 seniors, families and underhoused individuals in a Toronto Community Housing complex. With the nearest grocery store 10 kilometres away and nearby food banks reaching

their capacity, Loyan has brought food security to this isolated community.

In North York, **Ruchema Fraidel Relief Organization** provides community support and culturally appropriate food for over 400 Jewish families across Toronto.

In the fall, Frontline Connections and The Neighbourhood Group started the **Scarlet Woods Friendship Food Bank**, drawing on their volunteers' lived experience and expertise to continue providing food access after a local program closed.

Grassroots member West Hill Community Support Program (WHCSP) expanded their hot meals and snack programs to launch the **West Hill and Galloway Food Bank**, which became especially vital after a nearby food bank closed. With support from Daily Bread, WHCSP refined their mission, vision and values, fundraising, and strategic plans to secure a sustainable space.





WoodGreen Community Services opened two additional food banks: **St. Hilda's** is a multi-faith, non-profit seniors' residence with a mix of affordable, market, and rent-geared-to-income units, while **Logan Food Market** serves 167 seniors' units. WoodGreen's passionate and experienced staff provide residents with food access alongside independent living supports, medical care, and harm reduction services.

**Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre** opened a food bank serving seniors, single parents, unhoused individuals, newcomers, and others in need. In a safe, inclusive space, their clients receive culturally relevant groceries, personalized support, and a warm welcome.

**Homes First** added six meal programs across the city—serving nearly 25,000 meals monthly—and opened the **Kendleton Food Bank**. Serving an isolated community with mixed housing, including supportive housing for residents with mental health needs. Homes First brings extensive experience supporting low-income and marginalized populations,

making their expertise a valued asset to our network.

**Christie Refugee Welcome Centre** added an additional meal program at a site housing unaccompanied minors, while **Centennial College's** food bank introduced a snack program for nearly 2,500 students.

**Fred Victor** launched an additional meal program at Dunn House, a four-storey modular supportive housing building with 51 rent-geared-to-income homes for formerly unhoused UHN patients. As Canada's first social medicine supportive housing initiative, Dunn House offers deeply affordable housing with on-site supports to help residents live independently.

**Toronto People with AIDS**, the only food program in Toronto dedicated exclusively to people living with HIV/AIDS, added a meal program to their **Essentials Food Market**, which offers staple groceries, culturally appropriate foods, fresh produce, pet food, baby items, and special diet accommodations.

# What our members are saying

“In Q1 2025, our food bank experienced incredible milestones and valuable lessons. We served more families than ever, thanks to a dedicated team and Daily Bread.”

– **Mary Francis**  
*Officer Manager, The Housing Help Centre*



“We ensure that everyone who comes to the food bank never leaves without food, even after we finish serving for the day. As long as we are on site, they will always get something to take home.”

– **Fayth Lennon**  
*Program Coordinator, Mount Olive Food Bank*

“It always touches me to be able to give back through my food. Food is a mainstay. If you don’t have food, you can’t live, you can’t survive.”

– **Maureen Watson**  
*Food Access Supervisor, Sistering*

“We want to start training people to be employment-ready, and connect people with the resources they need to bounce back and get out of poverty.”

– **John Emore**  
*Community Liaison, West Hill Community Support Program*

“Our client’s heartfelt thank you stuck with me. She said our food bank helped her family through challenging times, stating it was more than just getting food—it was hope. Her gratitude to our volunteers was truly heartwarming.”

– **Marnie Bernstein**  
*Lead Family Support Worker, Cooper Mills Gooch Community Food Bank*





# Network evaluation and training program highlights



## A revamped training program

In response to growing demand, Daily Bread expanded and refined our training with **new workshops, webinars, videos, reference materials and on-demand trainings** to strengthen member competencies.

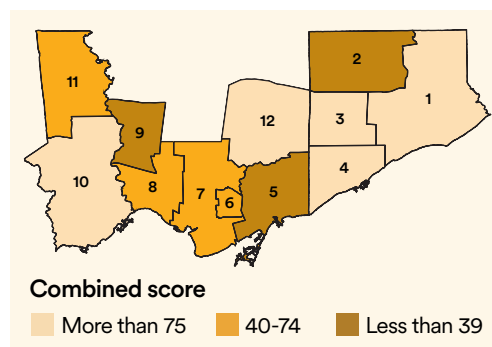
Sessions on de-escalation and effective crowd management, rationing and customer service, volunteer management, as well as expert-led webinars were well received.

We also offered **specialized organizational support** for grassroots members, focusing on governance, strategic planning and partnerships, as well as infrastructure and processes. Participating groups included West Hill Community Support Program, Mount Olive SDA and Loyan Foundation. This program will continue to evolve in 2026.

## Network performance metrics

As part of a larger data integration project, last year we developed a resiliency measure to gauge our network's capacity and resiliency.

This year, we introduced network performance metrics to get a combined score of program coverage, availability, efficiency, and proximity. This score reflects the relative level of need and demand in each area versus local food program capacity, helping us prioritize support and investment strategically. A lower score indicates higher need or strain on the current food program infrastructure in that zone.

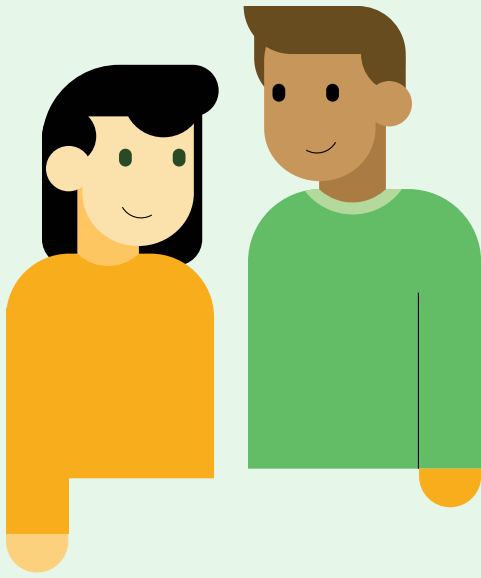


## Improving accessibility of food programs under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

With one third of our clients identifying as having a disability, **accessibility is our priority.** Using results from our network accessibility survey, we offered learning opportunities and resources to help members meet AODA requirements and enhance program accessibility.

Between January and June, we held six webinars about AODA compliance and program accessibility. We posted ten resources to the member portal, including explanations of requirements for food programs, training modules for employees and volunteers, and samples of accessible policies and website content. At the Daily Bread Member Conference, we conducted two workshops on improving accessibility for clients.

In 2025-2026, we will continue to support compliance and accessibility efforts by hosting webinars and peer-learning events.

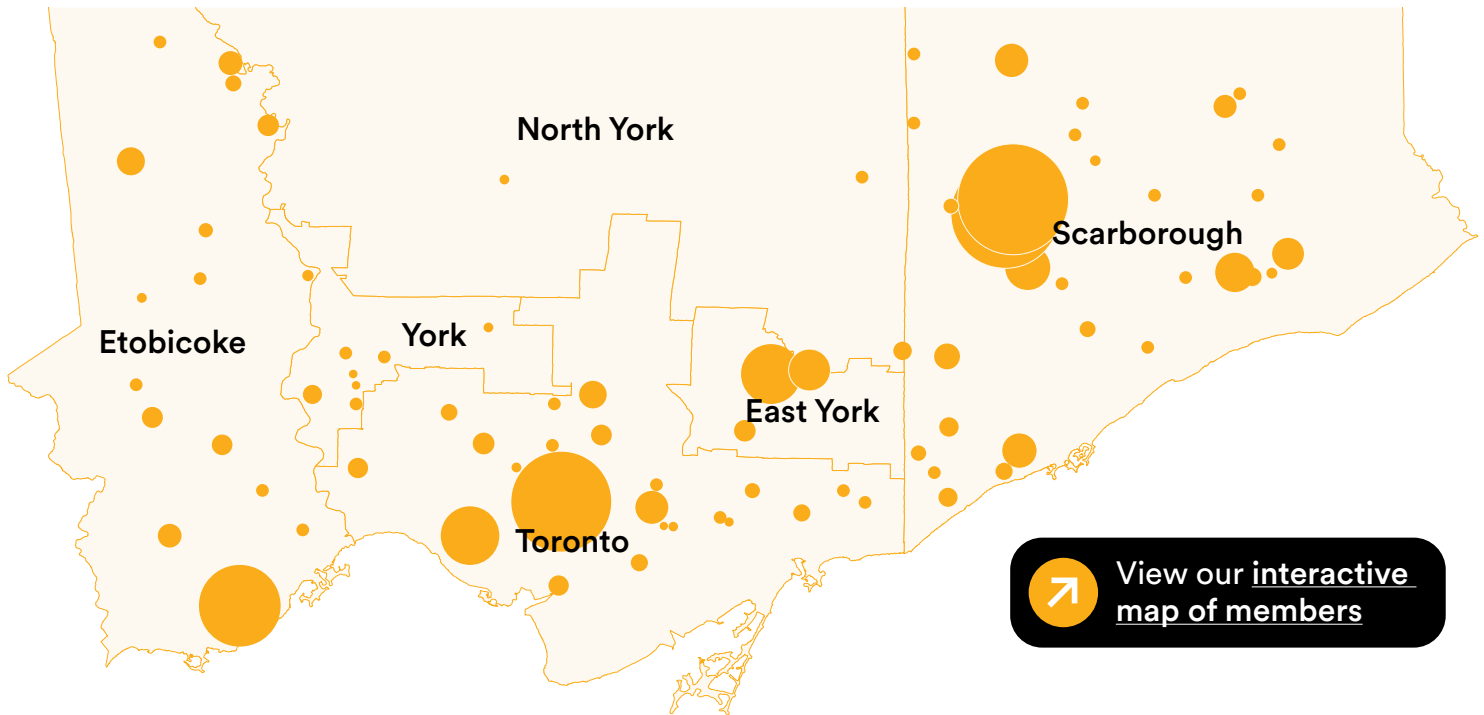


# Member listing

Together, we facilitate dignified, barrier-free food access to adults, seniors, and children experiencing food insecurity.

# Member listing

Member listing



[View our interactive map of members](#)

5n2 Soup Kitchen Project

Abiona Centre

Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services

Agincourt Community Services Association (ACSA)

All Saints Church Community Centre

Allan Gardens Food Bank

Alpha House

ArtHeart Community Art Centre

Beach Interfaith Outreach

Bethany Baptist Church

Bethlehem United Church Apostolic – Toronto

Bloor West Food Bank

Bluffs Food Bank

Braeburn Neighbourhood Place

Breakaway Community Services

Canadian Red Cross

Canadian South Asian Growth & Support Services

Capstone Community Bible Church

Centennial College Student Association Inc.

Centre for Immigrant & Community Services

Christ Church St. James

Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre

Christie Refugee Welcome Centre

Church of the Holy Trinity

Church of the Holy Wisdom

Church of The Messiah

Church of the Redeemer

Churches on-the-Hill

Calvary Grace Food Bank

College-Montrose Children's Place

CommunitiCare

Community Living

COSTI

Covenant House

Creating Together

Dr Roz's Healing Place

East End United Regional Ministry (Nourish East End)

Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre

Emmanuel Life Management Center

Evangel Hall Mission

Eva's Initiatives

Flemingdon Community Food Bank

Fort York Food Bank

Franklin Horner Community Centre

Fred Victor

Friends of Jesus Christ

Good Shepherd Ministries



## Member listing

|                                                                    |                                                                     |                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Grace Christian Reformed Church of Scarborough                     | Oasis Dufferin Community Centre                                     | Student Association of George Brown College |
| Grace Place Food Bank                                              | OneChurch.to                                                        | Syme Woolner Neighbourhood & Family Centre  |
| Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church                           | Our Lady of Lourdes                                                 | TAIBU Community Health Centre               |
| Haven on the Queensway                                             | Our Saviour Lutheran Church                                         | The 519                                     |
| Haven Toronto                                                      | Parent Resources EARLYON Child and Family Centre                    | The Housing Help Centre                     |
| Hillcrest Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)                   | Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre (PARC)                          | The Neighbourhood Group                     |
| Homes First Society                                                | Parkdale Community Food Bank                                        | The Neighbourhood Organization (TNO)        |
| House of Compassion                                                | Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (5 Ps Program)          | The Stop Community Food Centre              |
| ICNA Relief Canada                                                 | Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church - Staff of Life Food Bank | Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre |
| Islington United Church                                            | Ruchama Fraidel Relief Organization                                 | Toronto East S.D.A Church                   |
| Jane Alliance Neighbourhood Services                               | Sanctuary Toronto                                                   | Toronto Metropolitan University             |
| John Howard Society of Toronto                                     | Scarborough Campus Student's Union                                  | Toronto People With AIDS Foundation         |
| Juliette's Place (Homeward Family Shelter)                         | Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities                          | Toronto Perth Seventh-day Adventist Church  |
| Kingsview Village SDA Church                                       | Scarborough Food Security Initiative (Feed Scarborough)             | Toronto West SDA Church                     |
| LAMP Community Health Centre                                       | Scott Mission                                                       | Transition House                            |
| Lighthouse Centre                                                  | Seeds of Hope (Spadina-Fort York Community Care)                    | Tropicana Community Services                |
| Living Word Assembly of God Church                                 | Sistering                                                           | Turning Point Youth Services                |
| LOFT Community Services                                            | Sojourn House                                                       | University of Toronto Students' Union       |
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| Margaret's Housing & Community Support Services                    | South Asian Women's Centre                                          | Warden Woods Community Centre               |
| Meadowvale East Apostolic Church                                   | St. Ann's Parish Toronto                                            | West Hill Community Support Program         |
| Midaynta Community Services                                        | St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church                                   | Weston King Neighbourhood Centre            |
| Mount Olive SDA Church                                             | St. James Food Basket                                               | Westway Christian Church                    |
| Native Child and Family Services of Toronto                        | St. John the Compassionate Mission                                  | Women's Health In Women's Hands             |
| Native Men's Residence                                             | St. Margaret New Toronto                                            | WoodGreen Community Services                |
| Native Women's Resource Centre                                     | St. Michael's Homes                                                 | YMCA of Greater Toronto                     |
| Neighbours Community Homes (formerly Houselink & Mainstay Housing) | St. Stephen-in-the-Fields                                           | YWCA of Toronto                             |
| Nellie's                                                           | St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church                                   | Yonge Street Mission                        |



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### 10,000-24,999 lbs

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Daily Bread Food Bank is a Charity Intelligence A-rated, five-star charity. Charity Intelligence's overall ratings are based on an assessment of five objective aspects:

- Donor reporting
- Financial transparency
- Funding need
- Cents to the cause
- Demonstrated impact

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We also earned a spot on the list of:

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In May 2025, Daily Bread Food Bank received the Great Place To Work Certification, an accreditation that demonstrates we are an employer of choice and underscores our dedication to building a culture where employees feel valued, connected, and inspired. To be considered for the Certification, organizations must go through a two-step process:

1. Survey employees with the Trust Index Survey
2. Complete a questionnaire about workplace culture

The Great Place To Work Certification criteria are the global standard for quantifying and benchmarking employee experience.



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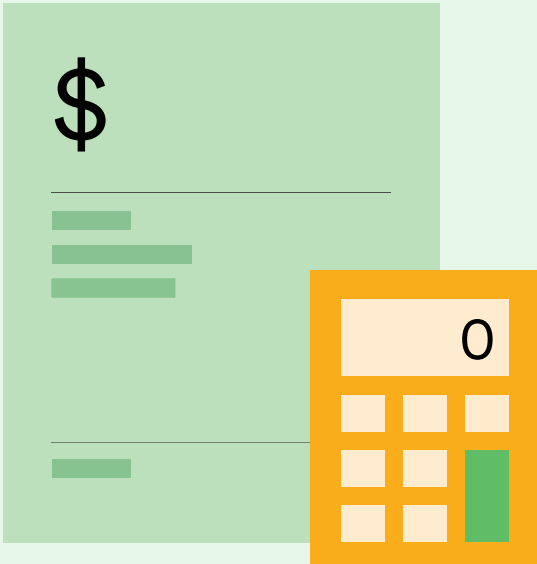
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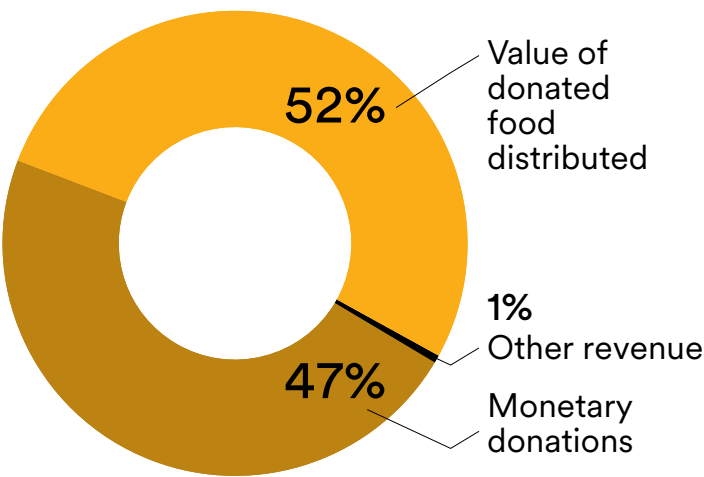
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July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

## Revenue

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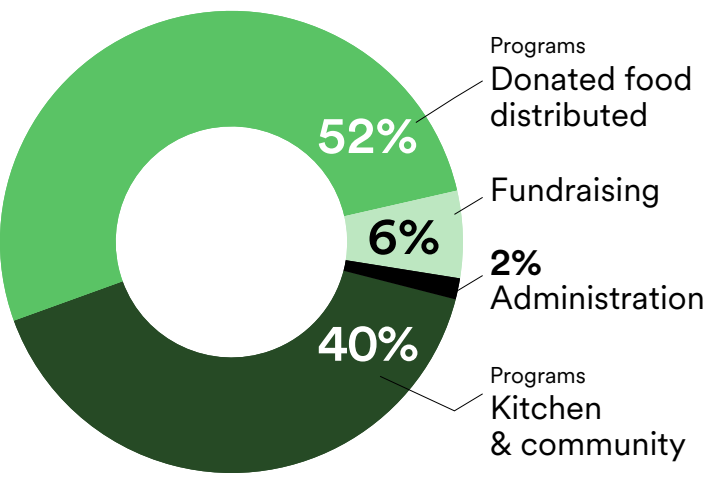


### Detailed revenue breakdown

|                                   |              |     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| Value of donated food distributed | \$45,352,447 | 52% |
| Monetary donations                | \$41,048,920 | 47% |
| Other revenue                     | \$456,680    | 1%  |

## Expenses

\$87,283,494



### Detailed expenses breakdown

|                                   |              |     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| Programs Donated food distributed | \$45,352,447 | 52% |
| Programs Kitchen & community      | \$35,325,653 | 40% |
| Fundraising                       | \$5,319,168  | 6%  |
| Administration                    | \$1,286,226  | 2%  |

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Note: Revenue and Expenses illustrated before Other Items, which includes investment income of \$1.4M and an unrealized fair value gain on long term investments of \$0.2M.

