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## Official Volunteer Newsletter

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## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION



## A Message from the CEO

The operation of any charity is always challenging and each year brings new obstacles to overcome. With these obstacles, operational changes need to be introduced in order to respond.

The Calgary Food Bank exists in a difficult environment where demand always exceeds supply and we have no control or influence over either of them. Our support is dependent on the public perception of our cause being worthy, and their judgement and trust in how well our organization operates. I am pleased to be able to report that over 90% of all funding goes directly into programs.

The success of the Inter-Agency Referral Program has seen phenomenal growth from 30 Agencies to over 300 in and around Calgary over the last three years. Being linked together has enabled all programs to identify root problems that are sending many of our clients to the Food Bank.

We continue to respond to the needs of economic migrants unprepared for the high cost of accommodation and living in Calgary. This group represents the fastest growing sector of our clientele and while overall client numbers

are somewhat in decline, the majority group remains the working poor.

In response to the changing demography and a rapidly changing socio-economic environment in Calgary, we have been able to expand and improve our Emergency Food Hamper Program, Hampers for the Homeless and the Childrens Milk Program as well as introduce the Pre-natal Program over the last 12 months.

As for our abilities and effectiveness in program delivery, I am pleased and proud to inform you we are, for the fifth consecutive year, a finalist in the Donner Canadian Foundation Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services.

Thank you to all of our donors, sponsors, volunteers and staff for another successful year in meeting our Mission to feed the hungry in our community.

Chris Harris, CEO  
September 20, 2006



# Christmas Events

## IKEA CHRISTMAS TREES

Volunteers are needed to help out with Ikea Christmas Tree sales each day from Wednesday Nov. 29 until Tuesday December 19 at the very earliest. Volunteers will be assisting Ikea shoppers to pick out their prepaid Christmas tree. A percentage of each tree sale will be donated to the Food Bank. For more information on volunteering please contact Kristen at 319-0840 or [kristen@calgaryfoodbank.com](mailto:kristen@calgaryfoodbank.com)



## FAME FOR FOOD

Dec. 2 - Noon to 6:00 p.m. City TV partners with Sobeys to bring families and businesses their 15 seconds of fame! For a donation to the Food Bank you can record a holiday greeting on City TV which will air throughout December. Call Holly at 319-0827 for details.

## STUFF A BUS

Dec. 9 – Calgary Transit and Calgary Co Op team up to fill city buses with food and cash donations! Volunteers needed at ALL Calgary Co Op locations (10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.) and at the Food Bank warehouse at p.m. to help unload the buses. Call Kristen at 319-0840 for details.

## DECEMBER MADNESS - Calling All Volunteers!

Contact Volunteer Resources to sign up! Call 319-0830 or e-mail [volunteering@calgaryfoodbank.com](mailto:volunteering@calgaryfoodbank.com)

**Turkey Vouchers** – Afternoons @ 4 p.m. to coordinate vouchers for next day Christmas supplements.

**Volunteer Drivers** – All of December – days – work in teams – bring a friend to lend a hand!

**Greeters** - Afternoons and evenings – ‘Traffic Director’ and ‘Information Provider’.

**Call Centre** - Afternoon & evening shifts – trained and active by end of October.

**Walk - In Interviewers** - Afternoon & Evening shifts – trained and active by end of October.

**Reception** - To assist with phones, issuing receipts, greeting donors.

**Receivers** – Assisting at loading dock – mornings, afternoons, evenings.

## HOLIDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEONS

Nov. 27 - Dec. 1st, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cold buffet for evening volunteers. Watch for sign-up sheets in Volunteer Land.

## CBC PETRO CANADA - Christmas Food Drive!

The CBC Petro Canada Christmas Food Drive is December 4 - 24 and currently has openings for individuals or small groups of 2 - 3 volunteers. Please contact Kristen at 319-0840 to sign up for this event.

The Brick Warehouse Commercial Sales Division are please to offer Wholesale pricing to EMPLOYEES and VOLUNTEERS!!!

Save on Furniture, Electronics and Appliances!  
Call Blain Covert or Mike Sorby @ 301-2533 if you are interested.

Order your **VIP** items before December 7th for guaranteed Christmas delivery!!! Order from Sara or online at the Friends of the Food Bank Store!

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