



Strathcona Food Bank

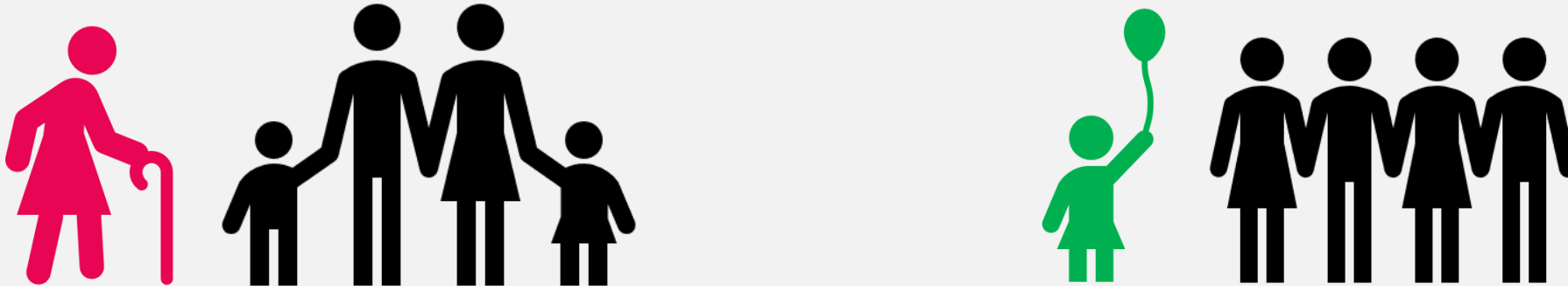
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Food Insecurity in Strathcona County - it's real

>one in 5 Albertans face food insecurity*.

Of those,
4 out of 5 hesitate to seek assistance at a food bank*.



This means, ~20,000 of our County neighbors are food insecure.

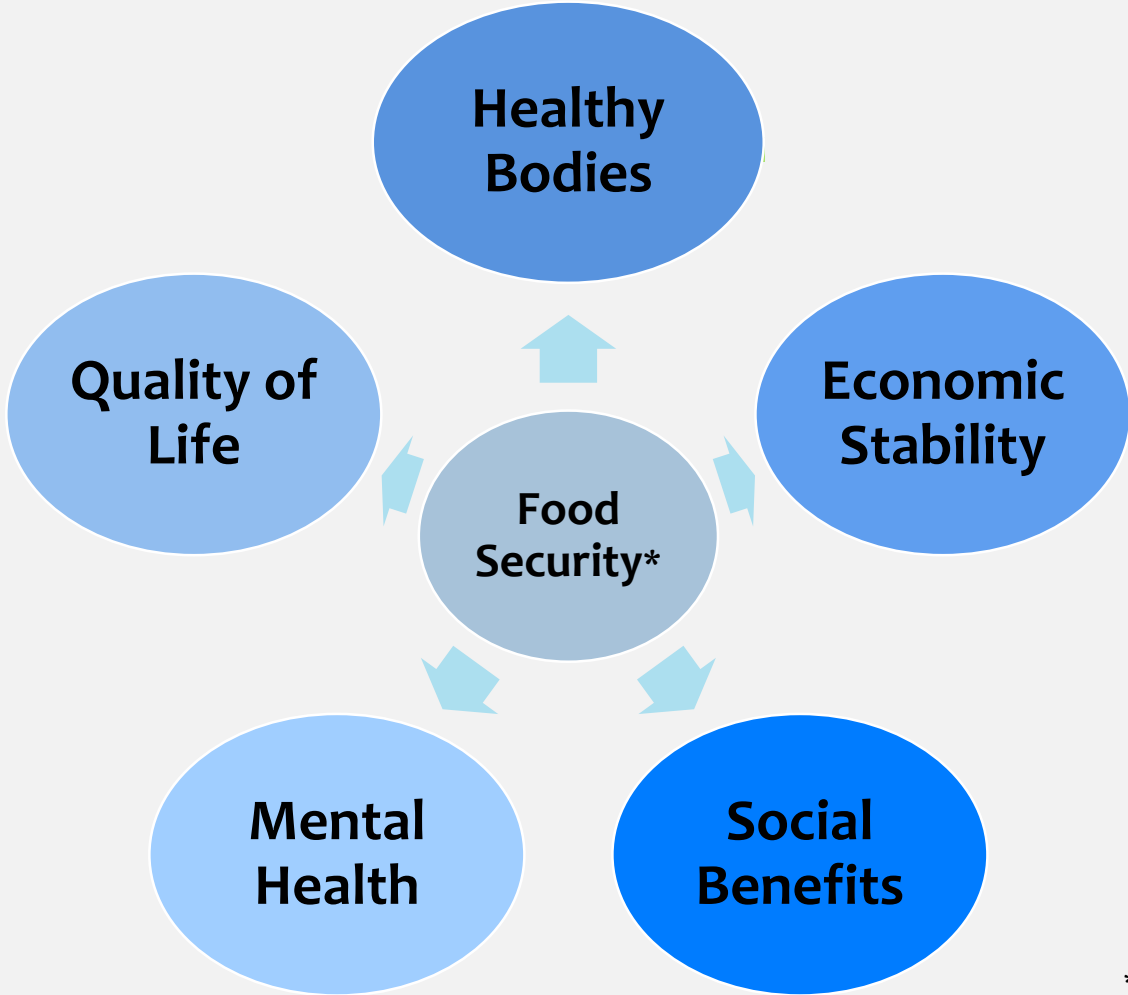
**Everyone deserves to eat, and
everyone has a right to nutritious, appropriate food.**

We're here to help.

*Statistics Canada, Food Insecurity Among Canadian Families, Nov 2023.

The Social Impacts of Food Security

Recent research shows that every dollar donated to food banks can save society **\$9.84***.

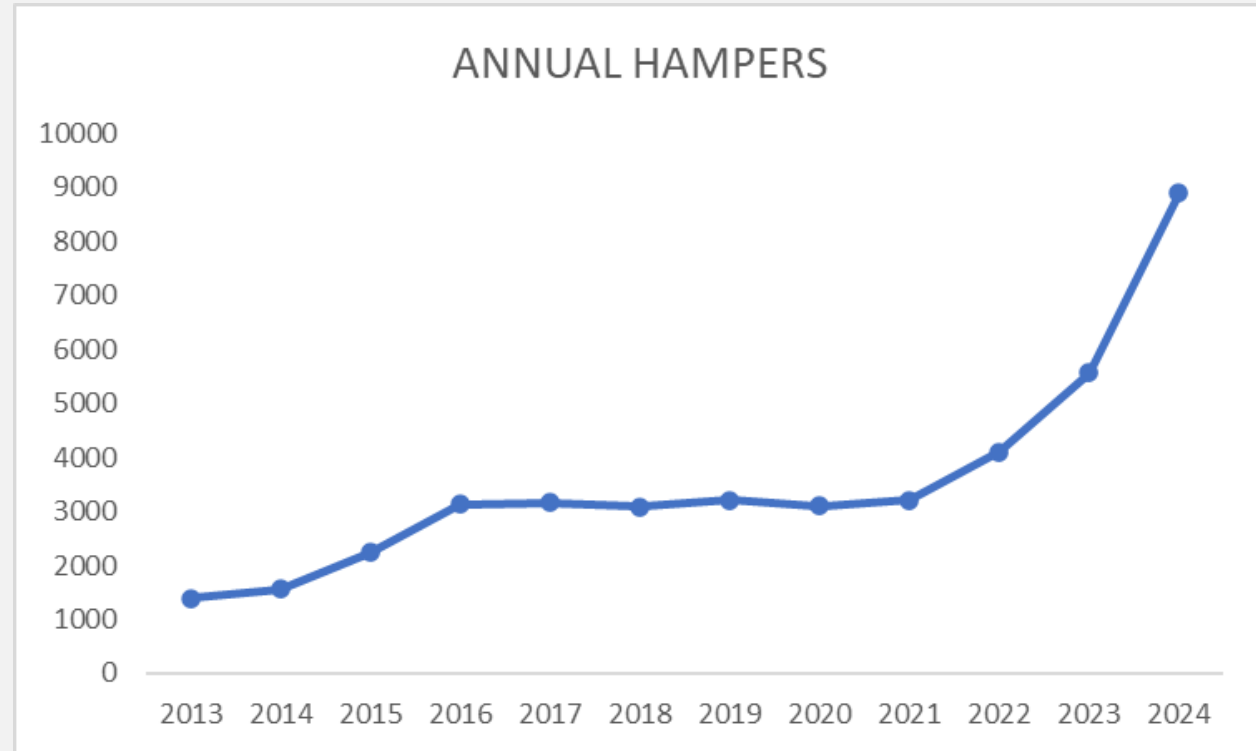
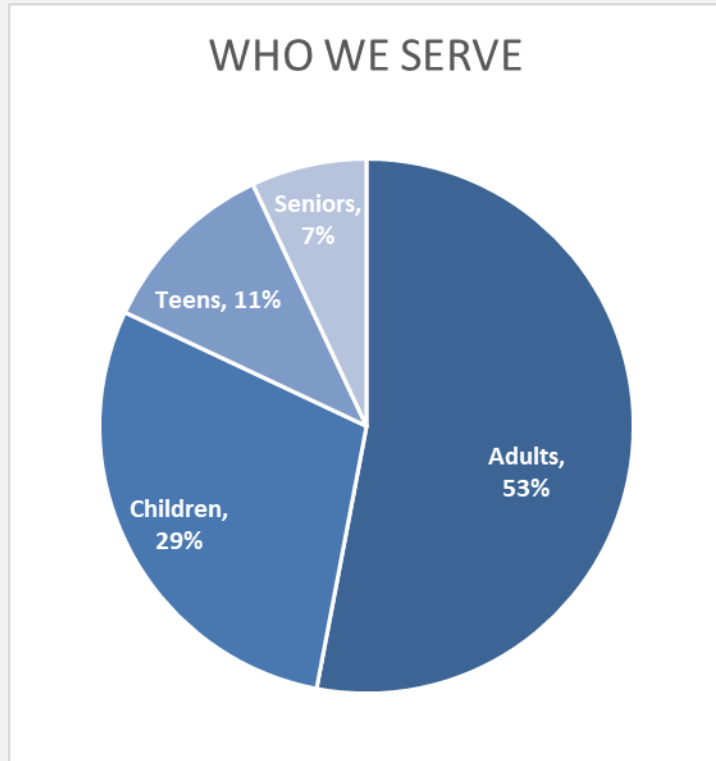


*Social Return on Investment Report, Calgary Food Bank, 2024

Demand Continues to Surge

We serve one new family per day.

We project we will serve **over 27,000 individuals** in 2024.



Our Service and Impact

We have three distinct areas of service and impact.

Food Provision

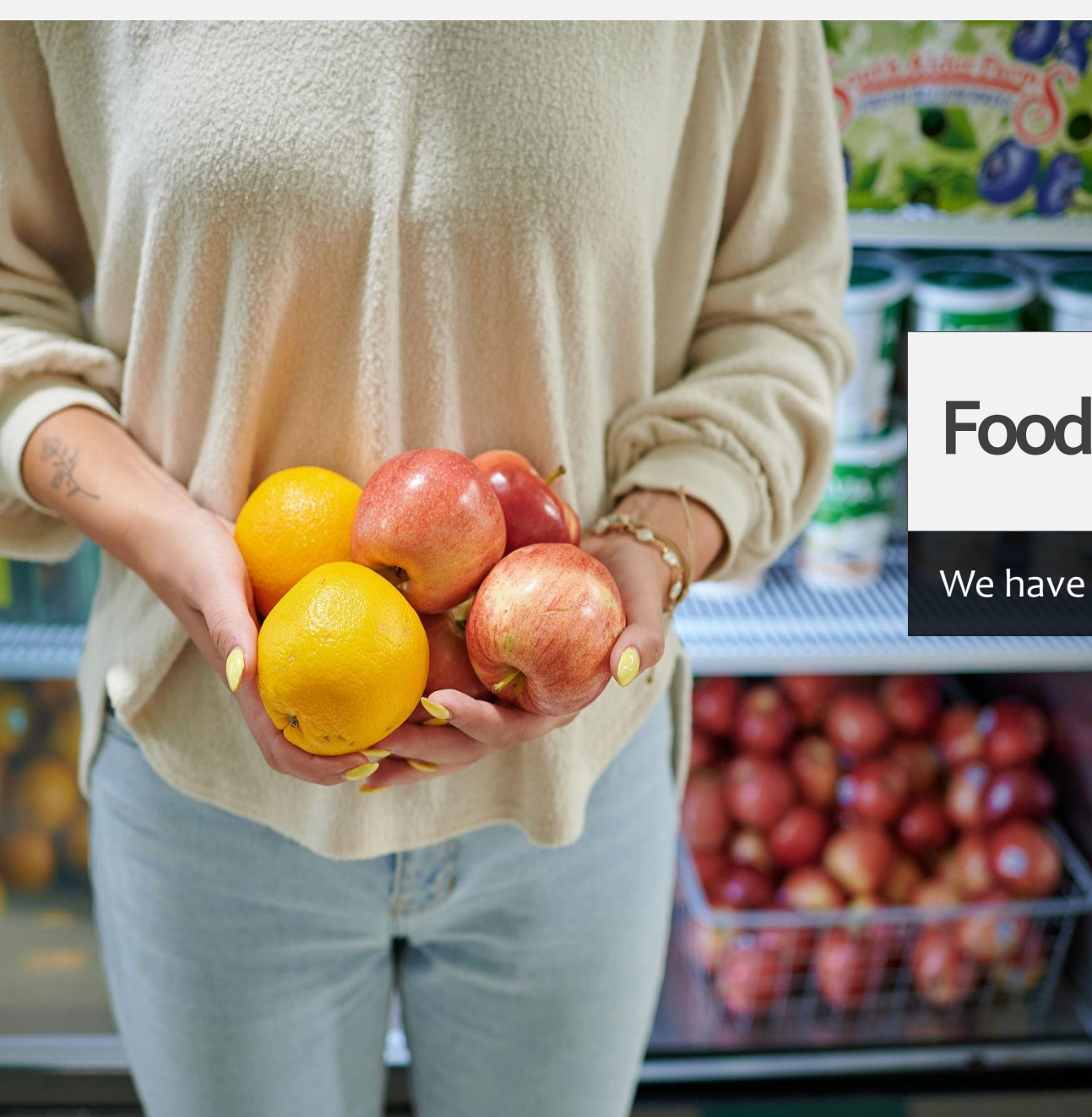


Volunteer & Community Engagement



Food Rescue





Food Provision

We have a responsibility to provide the healthiest food possible.

- **641 hampers provided monthly** (average)
- Our monthly hampers now provide 7 days of a nutritionally balanced diet, plus an additional 7 days of sustenance
- Weekly/biweekly food supplies for area agencies
- Mini pantry with FCS and ARC
- **Hours expansion** (Thursday evening and Saturday)
- Choice area – moving to shopping model enhances dignity and cultural preference



Volunteer & Community Engagement

34,300 hours volunteered in 2023 by over 200 County citizens

- **Over 200 regular volunteers** – weekly+ shifts
- 8 dedicated Board members bring **245+ years** of professional/board experience
 - plus 12 skilled team leads
- Special events in the community
- Group & corporate work bees
- Strong community support with donations (large and small) and food drives



Food Rescue

Food insecurity is not caused by a shortage of food.

- Rescued over 200,000 pounds of good food in 2023
 - Strong relationships with food retailers in Strathcona County – our truck picks up daily
 - Glean what we can use
 - Love Food Program with Salisbury Composite to repurpose foods destined for farmer or landfill
 - Part of Waste Diversion Pilot with County

Our Economic Impact

Estimated annual economic impact in 2023 was

\$3.55 million

Food Provision

\$2,100,000

direct to citizens

\$575,000

to agencies

Volunteer & Community Engagement

\$685,000

labor donated

(approx. 34,300 hours at CFEP \$20 per hour)

\$191,000

grant funds brought into our County

Food Rescue

\$705,000

value of food saved from landfill

(200,000 lbs x FBC valuation of \$3.52 – this is included in food provision value)

Our Future – strategic objectives for 2025/26

New Facility

Use plan funded by federal CSRF grant – our current facility is inadequate and unsafe

New programs – community space, commercial kitchen, proper receiving/warehousing

Leadership Development

Staff team

Governance board

Our Vision

Nourishing Community
with Food and Hope

Client Service Improvements

Increase choice and dignity – shopping model

Enhance accessibility

More program partners to provide support

FBC Accreditation

Meet Standards of Excellence by spring 2025

Our New Facility – The Nourish Centre



- Project Timeline – break ground Q2 2025 and move in target Q2 2026
- Have an active offer to purchase land in Sherwood Park
- Ready to move to detailed construction documents (Kasian has been retained)
- High Level Project Budget is \$5.0M
 - Funded from SFB strategic reserves, capital fundraising, grants (including CFEP), and conventional mortgage debt

What we need from Council



- Acknowledgement of the important role SFB plays in Strathcona County & endorsement of our plans
- Letters of support for CFEP small (immediate) and CFEP large in spring 2025
- Direct financial support for our facility, or in-kind facility supports, valuing **\$250,000** per year for 3 years



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Thank You!

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