

CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK FACT SHEET, December 2014

Overview

Founded and sponsored by the Churches on-the-Hill*, and a regional agency of the Daily Bread Food Bank, we operate an **Emergency Food Program**, supplying groceries to households who have a place to live but whose income is often insufficient to make ends meet. This group of families facing regular but generally short-term hunger is our target population. We are not a free grocery store, but rather an emergency resource.

The Food Bank's **Community Information Centre** qualifies new clients. It also does an in-depth assessment of clients' non-food needs and assists them in accessing other support services in the community.

Clients come for food between 6:00 and 8:00 pm on Mondays and between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm on Wednesdays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays volunteers are dedicated to receiving, repackaging, sorting, stocking and other aspects of operations management.

Our organization is **100% volunteer** staffed with over 130 individuals contributing their time and talent. No-one is compensated in any way. A recent in-depth survey confirms they are a committed and happy group. The Food Bank's Board of Directors is made up of one representative from each of the Churches on-the-Hill.

Costs and Sources of Food

About 30% of the food distributed is delivered from the Daily Bread Food Bank. Local food drives, church collection baskets and donations of food from our supporters contribute approximately 15%. The remaining 55% is purchased.

In 2014 some \$88,000 was spent on food and supplies for our clients. The funds were provided by our sponsoring churches, their congregations and individual donors.



Facts at a glance

- Over 500 households of from 1 to 8 people are active files; some 300 of them use our service 2 to 3 times a month.
- Client turnover year over year is about 50%; we hope those not returning have become able to manage on their own.
- Almost 25% of our food goes to children.
- Our **Babies Program** provides 100% of the recommended nutrition for the key formative years from birth to 3 years.
- In 2014 over 10,550 adults and children received 3 days' worth of groceries – food for 100,000 meals!
- 20% of clients are fairly recent immigrants; 50% are temporarily down on their luck; the remainder have long-term health and social issues.
- Programs have been developed to address the needs for specific foods for diabetics, some cancer patients and allergic clients.
- Registered Canadian Charity number: 888671179RR0001

* Calvin Presbyterian Church, Christ Church Deer Park, Deer Park United Church, Grace Church on-the-Hill, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Latvian Church, Timothy Eaton Memorial Church and Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.