



# AIRDRIE FOOD BANK AGM 2020

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NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS





# LORI MCRITCHIE

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As you are all aware, 2020 was a year filled with challenges, uncertainty, financial instability, and isolation for residents in our community. Many found themselves in a place they never dreamed they would be and that included being food insecure.

The reasons for this insecurity were numerous including loss of income, fear of leaving their homes, illness and loss, and mental health challenges. With our amazing staff team, dedicated volunteers, and unprecedented support from our community we were able to assist all who came to us. We provided food support, referrals to partner agencies, and many times a listening ear to combat the isolation and aloneness our community members were experiencing. Swiftly changing regulations from our province meant that we had to continuously adapt. With flexibility, positive team culture, and creativity, we were able to nimbly modify our processes.

The support from individuals, businesses, organizations, and government recognized the need and offered their support. With the community walking with us, we have been able to ensure, to the best of our ability, that no one in our community went hungry. That is no small thing!

I am grateful, inspired, and blessed to be part of a community that cares. I am humbly thankful to each and everyone who has played their part in caring for their neighbours. Together, we have made a difference, we have mattered, we have provided hope in hopeless times. We have been a community! Thank you so much!

# TRACY SEAMAN

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR - BOARD OF DIRECTORS



2020 has been a year like no other and the Airdrie Food Bank has not been immune to the effects of the pandemic. We saw an increase in the number of people accessing support from the food bank through the hamper program and walk-ins, with a significant increase in the number of new recipients.

The impact of events of the past year has had an effect on the financial status of the Food Bank and despite the cancellation of signature events, programs, and community activities, we were able to leverage available government programs and are extremely fortunate and appreciative of the support from our community through individual and corporate donations. This past year also brought greater complexities in providing food security to the community in terms of how to operate within ever-evolving changes to government regulations and health guidelines.

Due to the Food Bank staff's unwavering commitment and hard work, ability to reimagine service delivery, and adaptability to a continuously changing landscape, the Food Bank continued to fully operate and serve the needs of our community. This would not have been possible without the dedication and hours of service provided by the Food Bank volunteers, for which we are grateful. Initiatives for our Board in 2020 focussed on refining the strategic direction and enhancing corporate governance.

On behalf of the Airdrie Food Bank, thank you to our community, Lori and the staff and our volunteers – your contributions and continued support are a true testimony to the resilience of the organization.



# Hampers

Our hampers are hand-picked by our volunteers for each family



**3205**  
**HAMPERS**  
**2020**





# Pantry Program

People can come into the food bank and pick out their own food in our Pantry Program, much like a grocery store



**32,749**  
**PEOPLE**  
**FED**  
**2020**





# School Supports 🍏

We offer breakfast, lunch, snacks and weekend packs to 28 schools in our area

**44%**

**OF THOSE WE SERVE  
ARE CHILDREN**





# Food Donations

**247,798 LBS**

of food from  
**Community  
Donations**





# Food Recovery

**472,036 LBS**

of food from

**Retail Food Recovery**



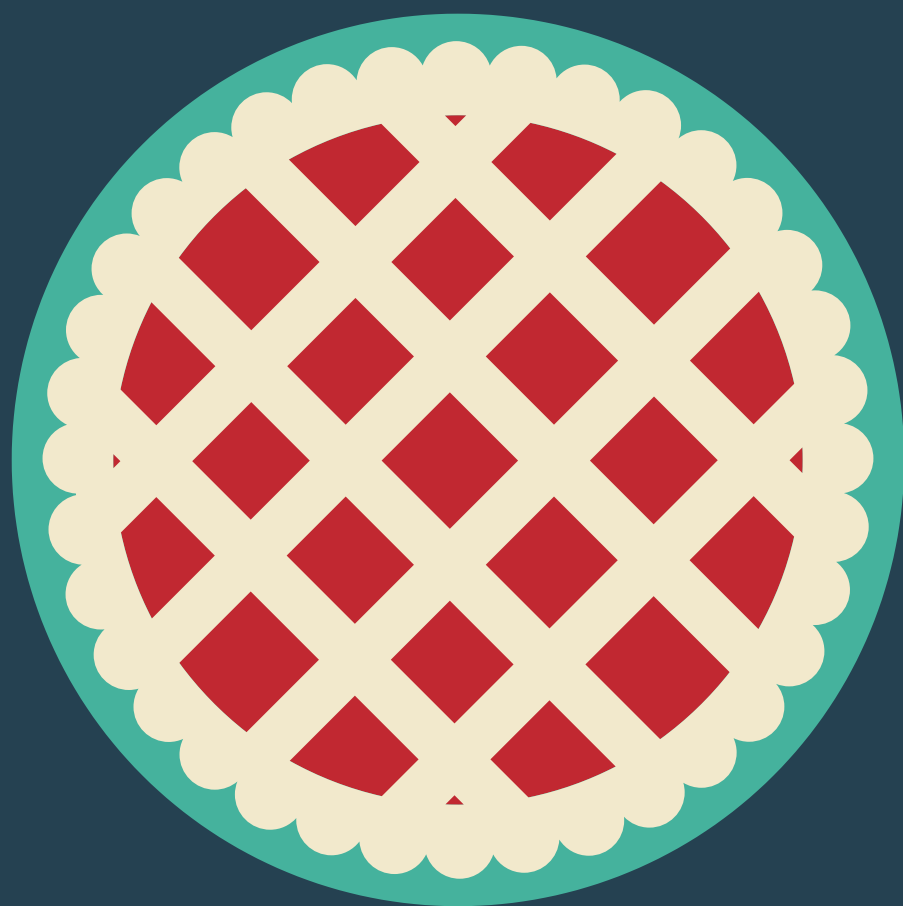


# Community Kitchen



- Offer cooking classes to our community
- Due to Covid-19, these classes are now done virtually

250  
people  
have  
learned  
to bake  
pies!





# Volunteers

# 300+

- Volunteers help in our warehouse pulling hampers, sorting food, picking up food, and taking care of the food bank.
- Volunteers also assist with events, special projects and other various needs



**Volunteer  
Hours 2020**  **7.5 Full  
time staff**





# Partner Agencies 🍏

**15** FOOD  
BANKS

**30** LOCAL  
AGENCIES





# Impacts of Covid-19 🍏

...“The restrictions just kept coming and there was a lot more fear, and no ability to know what this all meant or what it would look like when the pandemic was new,” she said. “I think we’ve come a long way in knowing how to deal with things – we realized we couldn’t operate in the same way anymore.”

**Lori McRitchie –  
Executive Director**







# 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS