

Thank You to Canadian Rangeland

Edmonton's Food Bank is a central warehouse that distributes food to over 210 agencies, churches and food depots. The organization is serving between 15,000-17,000 people through the hamper programs and providing food to almost a half million meals & snacks each month. We do not receive government funding for any programs or operations. It is the commitment of our donors who continue to help us help people in need. The following is just some of the impact your donation has made to our work. Each of these programs benefited from your contribution.

Action for Healthy Communities hosted a celebration of learning for their after-school program participants. The celebration provided an opportunity for low-income families to find out more information on affordable recreational opportunities for children during the summer.

The Youth in Care Group Mentoring Program and the *Girls TEAM Program* with the *Boys & Girls Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton* took low-income youth to camp. At the camp, the teens worked on activities to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze or Silver Level Award. The youth were required to do an outdoor meal on a bonfire and used the Bison Smokies for this activity.

Fusion Fellowship/West End Outreach Centre held a community BBQ for low-income families.

The *Salvation Army* held an outreach BBQ to raise awareness of aboriginal women who have been murdered or missing as well as bring awareness of human trafficking.

Catholic Social Services has a Cultural Links Program that matches volunteers to newcomers in order to help with the settlement process. At their annual picnic, Canadian traditions and summer activities were shared with newcomers.

Edmonton John Howard Society hosted a client BBQ in the inner city. The BBQ creates an opportunity to provide a positive family gathering for their clients who are youth and adults facing multiple challenges.

Inner City Youth Development held a student BBQ for youth in the inner city high school.

Boyle Street Community Services held a BBQ for tenants at one of their apartment complexes. The purpose of the BBQ was to help create community and supportive relationships.

These are just a few of the stories from some of the amazing groups doing valuable work within our community. Their direct-service work with individuals and families, adults and youth who have multiple barriers and live in poverty is very important. Food is the common bonding denominator for everyone. Nurturing people's minds and bodies feeds the soul and creates hope. It is because of committed donors like Canadian Rangeland we are able to continue our work with and in the community. The aforementioned groups are some of the wonderful organizations who have benefited from donations from [Canadian Rangeland](#) and other committed donors. Thank you for your commitment to keeping every plate full.