

Annual Report 2023



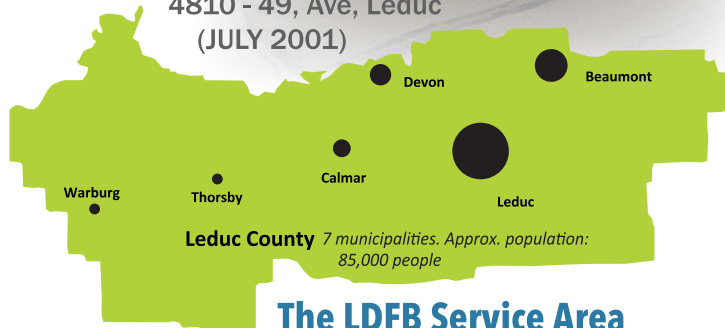
Leduc Food Bank founder
Charles Klass



40 1984 - 2024
YEARS of serving the
LEDUC COUNTY REGION



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(JULY 2001)



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40 YEARS of serving the LEDUC COUNTY REGION

1984 - 2024



It's hard to believe that this food bank has been in operation since Feb 2 1984. 40 years of operation that has seen tremendous growth over those years.

2023 was a very busy year. The addition of the two bays brought with it lots of construction, changes and expansion for this food bank. We were able to move our "Kitchen Learning Center" from Gaetz Landing and set up the "Shields Community Kitchen". Resulting in all our programs now being operational out of one location. It's an honor to have the Shields' family who have supported the food banks since its inception as the sponsor of the Shields Community Kitchen and a huge thank you to all the corporate and personal sponsors who helped make both kitchens a reality. We could not have done this without you.

We also worked with the City of Beaumont and staff to set up a small satellite food bank along side the Community Circle Thrift Center. A big thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this a reality.

The economy in 2023 was exceptionally challenging for everyone and this has resulted with increase demand for food bank usage across Canada. All food banks find themselves with increase demand, decreased donations and increased operational costs such as food purchases, gas and utility costs.

Yet our community has been there to support in any way that they can, and we are blessed to have such a caring community.

This is definitely apparent with our group of approximately 60 volunteers who selflessly continue to give their time and hard work to make sure we are able to continue to offer our varied programs. A whole-hearted thank you to our volunteers as we would not be able to maintain our services without you!

This is also true of our staff who work hand in hand alongside our volunteers every day to keep our operation going. They are

committed to make sure the work gets done so our programs are successful in meeting the community needs.

Thank you to the donors, sponsors, and overall community for their unwavering support. This also includes our board who take their governance seriously, volunteer their time and to diligently make sure we are able to continue to offer our program supports within the region.

Every one of you "Truly do make a difference"!

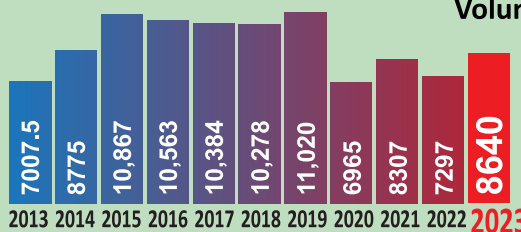
Gert Reynar

DIRECTOR, Leduc & District Food Bank

Volunteer Hours

100,113

Volunteer Hours* Since 2013



* Equivalent to
\$2,002,260.00
at \$20/hour

MISSION STATEMENT

To empower our community to aid those in need of food support through strategic: ● Collaborations ● Educational programs, and ● Re-distribution of food and goods

VISION STATEMENT

Where all individuals are empowered to achieve their full potential, by having the opportunity to access basic social needs.

VALUES

- **Helping** - Taking care of others to meet their needs.
- **Client Empowerment** - Enabling our clients to move things forward.
- **Fulfillment** - Personal, organizational and/or community accomplishment
- **Teamwork** - Effective collaboration, as part of the community, towards a common goal
- **Organizational Growth** - Being effective and relevant at what we do

FOOD PRICE INCREASES

"The year 2023 posed significant financial challenges for Canadian families, one of the toughest in recent memory,"

said **Dr. Sylvain Charlebois**, Project Lead, Professor, and Senior Director of the Agri-Food Analytics Lab at Dalhousie University.

The report forecasts that overall food prices will increase, but by less than last year. Food prices will likely rise by 2.5% to 4.5% (compared to 5% to 7% in 2023). The 2024 increases align with inflation, which is something. Andrea Rankin, Research Associate at the Agri-Food Analytics Lab at Dalhousie University, says the report "offers some good news" and that "Canadians can anticipate possibly calmer food prices through the coming year."

"Although the report shows that Canadians are spending less on food this year, despite inflation, this is a concern to researchers. Reduced expenditures in the face of elevated food prices indicates Canadians are decreasing the quantity and quality of food they are buying."



FOOD PRICE INCREASES

Many scientists think Earth has a maximum carrying capacity of 9 billion to 10 billion people



55% of world's crops are actually used for human consumption.
36% is used for animal food.

9% goes towards biofuel & other industrial uses.
1/2 of the global landmass is used for agriculture.



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2023 Food Hamper Statistics

Leduc & District Food Bank Family Usage - 2023

	BEAUMONT	CALMAR	DEVON	LEDUC	THORSBY	WARBURG	LEDUC COUNTY	BREAD BASKET PROGRAM**	TOTALS
Total Families*	94	47	95	607	25	17	78	149	1156
Total Hampers Accessed	240	130	245	1762	65	24	194	641	3301 [†]
Adults - Unique*	164	86	148	1023	41	17	134	258	1871
Children - Unique*	164	34	101	716	22	24	58	209	1328
Lbs Distributed Per Area	63,606	27,254	51,409	387,606	13,690	6754	37,156	66,816	654,291
Approx \$ Amount Distributed Per Area	\$223,893.12	\$95,934.08	\$180,959.68	\$1,364,373.12	\$48,188.80	\$23,774.08	\$130,789.12	\$235,192.32	\$2,303,104.32

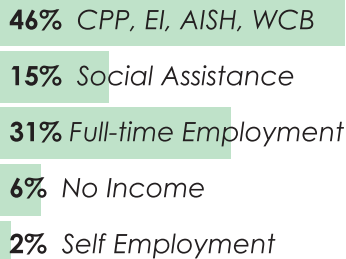
Count of adults and children with multiple hamper usage: Adults: 4524[†] Children: 3472[†]

* Unique - represents a family or person counted once regardless of how many times they use the service.

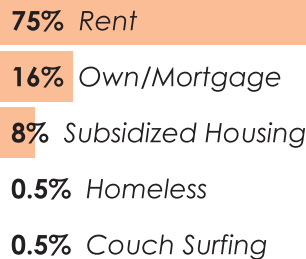
** The Bread Basket - Unique Clients: 149 in 2023. Clients can be registered to receive a bread hamper in between or instead of a regular hamper. Bread Basket hampers contain extra items when available (bread, pastries, fruit, vegetables, potatoes, etc)

[†] Clients with multiple usage.

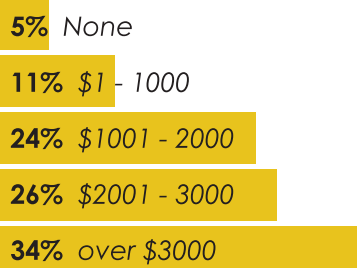
PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME



HOUSING TYPE



MONTHLY INCOME



45% FRESH

PRODUCE, MEATS, EGGS, DAIRY, ETC.

264,082 lbs or \$932,166.40

21% CLIENT AREA

BREADS, BUNS, MUFFINS, PET FOOD, BABY FOOD, ETC.

99,898 lbs or \$351,640.96

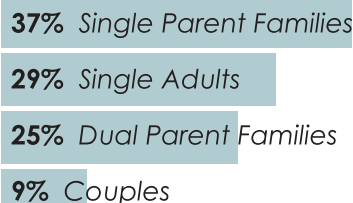
34% NON-PERISHABLE

CANNED & PACKAGED SOUPS, STEWS, SALMON, TUNA, PANCAKE MIX, ETC.

223,525 lbs or \$786,808.00

TOTAL: 587,505 lbs or \$2,068,017.60

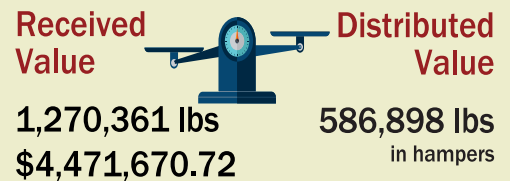
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION



EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



2023 Total Pounds



plus 66,816 lbs for the Bread Basket program

13,391 lbs for the Kitchen Learning Centre
\$48,341.51 value

Total 667,105 lbs or \$2,348,209.60

This is equal to 55,592 lbs or 28 tons per month distributed in these 3 programs*

* This does not include Snack Attack or the Bagged Lunch Program.

DONATION BREAKDOWN



LDFB 2023 Programs

United Way Tools for School



The LDFB, in partnership with United Way is the collection / distribution centre for the Tools for School program (TFS).

We work closely with local school divisions and all regional agencies. Families can register with the LDFB starting in May and receive TFS kits through September. School supply donations can be made to the LDFB any time of the year.

400 Students supported

195 Families helped

\$41,475.60

Sponsors: Leduc Black Gold Optimists Club, Ascendant Financial



Snack Attack

The LDFB Snack Attack Program is a program designed to address the increasing need for snacks in our schools for children and youth who come to school hungry. The program will ensure the school districts have access to healthy snacks at school to support their students' success in education.

92,320 Snacks

\$49,093.05

Sponsors: Beaumont Columbus Alberta Association, SEARIC, Cargill Ltd, Meal Share



School Bagged Lunch

The School Bagged Lunch Program was started in response to the need for bagged lunches for those students who needed more food security.

9150 bagged lunches

4627 lbs (approx. cost \$36,600)

Sponsor: Costco Nisku

Bread & Produce Basket

Clients can register to receive a bread basket in between food hampers.

A basket can consist of bread, buns, pastries, as well as a variety of any extra fruit, vegetables and dairy when available.

This program gives clients the flexibility of accessing a bread basket in between paycheques rather than a full monthly hamper.

641
baskets distributed
(149 unique*)
66,816 lbs or
\$241,205.76

** Represents a family or person counted once regardless of how many times they use the service.*

Bagged Day Kits

Bagged Day Kits were made available for those without cooking accommodations.

139 Kits, 69 Unique participants
2121 lbs or \$7,465.92

Food donations were also provided to the shelter for meals

13,835 lbs or \$48,699.20

Shields Community Kitchen

The Leduc & District Food Bank would like to give a huge thank you to the Shields Family for their sponsorship of this kitchen, designed to expand our food programs.

It offers the ability to incorporate more volunteers to help with the School Bagged Lunch and Food Recovery programs.

It also opens up opportunities for collaborations and partnerships with other agencies who work with clients struggling with food security issues.



Kitchen Learning Centre (KLC)

71 unique* participants (800 sessions) made 10,982 meals. This is equivalent to 13,391 lbs or \$48,341.51.

Total number of visits = 800*

**Unique family members benefitting from the kitchen program is 54 with repeat sessions 793 adults and children*

The Kitchen Learning Centre is located in the Leduc Food Bank building. This program is designed to work directly with LDFB clients, youth and low-income individuals who learn ways to:

- Prepare quick, easy, healthy, affordable meals using food hamper items
- Expand awareness of a broad range of foods and ways to prepare them
- Learn strategies to stretch their food dollar, food safety and nutritional food knowledge

Participants reported that they increased their knowledge regarding cooking, as well as strengthening their confidence and self-esteem, expanding their social network, help build natural supports into their lives, and increased Mental Health stability.

SPONSORS:

Warren Gaetz Family, United Way Community Investment



*We want to thank everyone for
their kind support*

LDFB Affiliated Programs

Mealshare



Mealshare partners with top tier restaurants and puts their logo beside a few menu items. When a customer orders one of these Mealshare branded menu items, they get their meal, just like normal, and they are also providing one meal to a youth in need. There's no extra cost or action for the customer - just buy one, give one! A portion of the proceeds collected are directed to the Leduc & District Food Bank.

Ways to Support Us



United Way
Alberta Capital Region

**United Way of the
Alberta Capital Region**

The Leduc & District Food Bank is a partner member. Designated donations through work or personal donations can be made directly through United Way to the LDFB. United Way grants go towards our Food Hamper program and the Kitchen Learning Centre..

On behalf of agencies within the region, we also received a technology grant to help those individuals who find themselves with technology barriers that make it difficult to connect with helping agencies.



Habaneros Mexican Grill offers a special appetizer that patrons can order. Proceeds from this item goes directly to the food bank. A big thank you to staff and management!



Fall Food Round Up & Virtual Auction - 2023 Update

Held in October, this event is organized by community members and **Latter Day Saints** who work with schools, churches, organizations and individuals within the community. A virtual silent auction campaign was also held and monetary donations were accepted.

A big thank you to the committee and community for their support of this campaign. A huge thank you to Vivid Signs & Designs, Leduc Chrysler, and Maxwell Heritage Realty who help sponsor this event, and all the business and individuals who donated items for the auction. We received such great support & feedback from all of you!



The LDFB is an organization that relies on community donations and volunteer support in order to provide short term assistance.

The LDFB is about building relationships to fill the gaps in the community.

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Food Donation Connection



Food Donation Connection manages food donation programs for food service companies interested in donating food to non-profits. They coordinate all aspects of their donor partner's food donation programs. **In 2023, LDFB received 1919 lbs of food (\$6,754.88) from KFC.**

WECAN Food Basket Society

Anyone can access and use this food co-op. Operated by the St. David's United Church, the food bank is a drop-off and pick-up point for monthly orders. We encourage client participation.

In 2023, 452 WE CAN orders were placed with 140 volunteer hours.



WE CAN
Food Basket Society



RCMP Stuff a Cruiser Christmas Campaign 2023

A big thank you to the Leduc RCMP Detachments for taking the time to organize and host this campaign again this year.

ATB Cares is a way for donors to donate to the food bank.



ATB Cares



Holiday Train

The Holiday Train Program began in 1999. Every two years, the Holiday Train visits this community with hundreds of thousands of festive lights and a live show featuring well known performers. It is the only fundraiser of its kind for food banks in Canada. Look for this event in 2024.



CanadaHelps.org
giving made simple

Donating On-line

Canadahelps.org helps Canadian charities by enabling them to easily receive online donations. The LDFB is registered with this organization and donations can be made by accessing www.canadahelps.org. Type in "Leduc & District Food Bank Association" and print out your receipt on-line.

Country Christmas Lights Event

Look for Kinsmen Club of Leduc and Leduc Antique West Society's Christmas Lights event, held at their Antique West Society location.



Leduc County Christmas Convoy 2023



A big thank you to the participants of the 4th annual event and collection of food for LDFB. **4324 lbs, value of \$15,220.48.**



Bottle Recycling Program

Feel free to donate your empty bottles and milk cartons to the LDFB. A collection bin is located in these locations: Canadian Tire, The Food Bank, and Leduc Bottle Depot. These bins are for **BOTTLE RECYCLING ONLY**.

The Hobby Spot

A big thank you to Luke for his great Christmas campaign. **5384 lbs, value of \$18,951.68 and monetary donations of \$15,813.89.**



The Food Bank Community is Invaluable

If it were not for the community spirit of this region, the LDFB would not exist. We wish we could zero in on every function, organization, service club, school, church and the many personal and business supporters that provide us with goods and the funding to meet our goal of helping others. You are the backbone of the LDFB.

Our apologies if we have missed thanking anyone

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Special recognition and thanks is given to those who donated \$1000 or more to the LDFB in 2023



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ABS Truck Wash & Lube Ltd
Adventure Foundation
Fraserway RV Leduc
Agrium Inc
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UFA Co-operators Ltd.
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Vallard Construction LP
Village of Thorsby
Village of Warburg
Vivid Signs & Designs
Walmart
Wilhawk Beef Jerky

COMMUNITY

Al Shamal Shriners
Allard Foundation
Beaumont Columbus AB Association
Black Gold Regional Schools
Blackjacks Christmas Dinner
Blue Cross Community Foundation
Boston Pizza Foundation - Leduc
City Life Christian Center
Devon Christian Reform Church
Devon Christmas Elves
Devon Lions Club
Devon United Church

Ebenezer Christian Reform Church
Edmonton Community Foundation
Edmonton International Airport
Farm Credit Canada Foundation
Food Banks Alberta
Kevin Gaetz Charity Fund at
Edmonton Community Foundation
Leducor Charitable Foundation
Leduc Golf & Country
Leduc Lions Club
Leduc Old Blades Team
Leduc/Nisku Rotary Club
Loblaws Spring & Fall Campaign
Mayor Bill Beaumont - Golf Charity
Tournament
Mazon Canada Foundation
McLab Centre for the Performing Arts
– Christmas Event
Safeway Leduc
Second Glance Clothing
Seventh Day Adventist Church
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Sobey's Southfork Liquor Store
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St. Michael's CWL
Telus Community Connections
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United Nurses of Alberta
UW of the AB Capital Region
Western Financial Community
Foundation
William and Florence Lede Family
Foundation

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Southam, Douglas & Isabelle
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Votkin, Judy & Seppo
Wideman, Heather

OUTSTANDING IN-KIND DONATIONS

We would like to recognize the following for their in-kind donations in 2023

CORPORATE

49 North Lubricants
Air Canada
AltaTec Auto Glass & Windows
Analida -Organics
Bloom'N Buckets Country
Greenhouse
Brenntag Canada
Canadian Tire Leduc
City of Leduc & Staff
Cobs - Leduc
Costco - Nisku
Craig's No Fills- Leduc
EIA - Premium Outlet Mall
EIA (Airport Security Program)
Giant Tiger
Global Medics
Global Pet Foods – Leduc
Goodmorning.com Charity
Green Works Farms
Ground Steam – Organics
Hardy's Independent - Devon

IGA Garden Market - Devon
Jeb's No Frills -Beaumont
Ken's Furniture
Leduc Bottle Depot
Leduc Car & Truck Wash
Leduc Co-op Gas Store
Leduc Co-op Food Store
Leduc Overhead Doors
Little Potato Company
Local Meats
Maple Tech Consulting
Maxwell Heritage Realty
Medicine Shoppe -Leduc
Myarc Electric
Nisku Digital Signs
Oil Country Towing
Pampered Chef
Pearson's Berry Farm EIA
Prestigio Bakery
Safeway - Leduc
Shoppers Drug Mart - Leduc
Sobeys' Beaumont

Staples - Leduc
The Rental House
The Rep & Staff
Tier-3 I.T.Solutions
Vivid Signs & Designs
Walmart – Leduc

COMMUNITY

Black Gold Quilters
Devon Quilters Club
Leduc Chamber of Commerce
Norma Dee's Kitchen - Devon
Paradies Lagardere - EIA Stores

INDIVIDUALS

Carlton, Steve & Penny
Gabielyan, Vahagn & Goharik
Gill, Harmon & family
Moussa, Ed & Faiza
Reynar, Syd
Shields, Clarence & family
Stasiewicz, Megan
Thompson, Cecile & Perry

KITCHEN SPONSORS

We would like to recognize the following for their support and sponsorship of the Shields Community Kitchen and The Kitchen Learning Centre

Apex Utilities
Aspen Leaf Energy Ltd.
Banister Pipeline
Burnco Rock Products Ltd.
David Marriott
DK Ford
Edmonton International
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& family
Intrepid Surveys LTD

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Shields, Clarence & family
Sid & Joan Fergusson
The Hobby Spot
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