

January 10, 2026

Candy Cane Lane Residents

Dear Friends,

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the incorporation of the Edmonton Gleaners Association, which is better known as Edmonton's Food Bank. We opened as a temporary response to hunger, however the need continues. Thanks to the steadfast generosity of supporters like you, we are still here serving Edmontonians when they need us most. Thank you for your work organizing of Candy Cane Lane. This holiday tradition collected 5,272 kilograms of food and \$24,681.79 online. Thank you for supporting our work.

Today, the need for our services is greater than ever and your support makes a direct difference for families like Brian's. Brian received a food hamper to help his family through a challenging period. In his words, "*Your work extends far beyond the food and essential items you provide. You've given us dignity during difficult times and reassurance that our community cares.*" Brian shared that his young daughter's first tastes of turkey, beans, and stuffing all came from the Food Bank. These meals reminded Brian that he and his family are not alone and that others were standing with them.

As we reflect on 45 years of serving Edmonton, we are inspired by the generosity that has sustained this work for decades. Together, we help ensure that people have food for themselves, their families, and that no one has to face hard times without support from our community.

Thank you for being part of this legacy of care. We wish you and your loved ones a healthy and fulfilling 2026.

With gratitude and warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Bencz".

Marjorie Bencz, CM
Executive Director