



FRESH
DELIVERIES

Program Update

Fresh Deliveries launched in March 2020 as an emergency food delivery service in response to the increasing food insecurity Albertans experienced due to COVID-19. With mass layoffs and so many people isolating at home in the pandemic's early days, thousands of Albertans who had never experienced food insecurity before were suddenly struggling to put food on their tables.

We quickly recognized that a delivery service was needed. At the time, grocery stores were overwhelmed by demand and taking weeks to deliver food to customers. With each wave of the pandemic, the barriers to accessing food have only increased.

We heard stories of single mothers who were immunocompromised and couldn't get to the grocery store, elderly couples who were isolating without family members to help them, and young people with little savings, who had suddenly lost their jobs.

Our team quickly mobilized to bring our Fresh Deliveries program to life to ensure that our community members could receive fresh food delivered to their doorsteps in emergency situations so they would not go to bed hungry.

Since March 2020, the program has been powered by volunteers who have given nearly 6,000 hours of their time to get food to the folks who need it the most in our communities. There have been 9,905 boxes of food donated to 5,753 households in Calgary and Edmonton and we have served 16,120 people.

The program is winding down this month and starting in June, clients will be redirected and referred to other available resources for free food in Calgary and Edmonton. Our team will continue to reduce food waste and increase access through our other programs. We are so grateful for the support of the community and our volunteers.

If you are in need of food, you can find [Food Resources in Calgary](#) or [Food Resources in Edmonton](#).

If you have any questions, please contact freshdeliveries@rescuefood.ca or call 587-779-5009.