



FROM LEFTOVERS' EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2021 was a year of new faces. Through the year, Leftovers built new partnerships with service agencies, food donors, and funders, and welcomed new volunteers and staff members to our team. In March, Leftovers said farewell to our founder and past Executive Director, Lourdes Juan, wishing her the best in her new adventure (Lorenzo Alejandro Norman, born March 21, 2021). Following Lourdes' departure, Interim CEO Audra Stevenson brought the team through 2021, then stepped aside for me to take the helm as Leftovers' new Executive Director.

2021 was a year of successes. Our Rescue Food program continued to grow, especially in Winnipeg, where our volunteers, donors, and City Coordinators pulled together to redirect more food than in Calgary and Edmonton combined. All together, the Rescue Food program redirected over 1 million lbs of food, preventing over 800,000 lbs of greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting nearly 700,000 meals. From January through May, Leftovers took over the COVID Emergency Delivery program from our partner, Fresh Routes. With massive support from our communities, the renamed Fresh Deliveries program delivered almost 3000 fresh food hampers to Calgarians and Edmontonians facing barriers to food access in 2021. With the amazing support of small Albertan breweries, we ran our first annual Beer Survivor challenge.

2021 was a year of challenges. Our planned pay-what-you-want cafe faced its share of in-person pandemic delays, leading to a revision of the model and the 2022 launch of a more streamlined Kin coffee cart and pop-up market in both the Shawnessy and Saddletowne YMCAs in Calgary. As the pandemic continued, and government-sponsored COVID supports ended or changed, our service agency partners felt the strain of increased demand for food programming from clients while their own resources shrank, leading more agencies to apply to the Rescue Food program than Leftovers had the capacity to support.

2021 was a year of opportunities. Leftovers was a recipient of the first round of the Government of Alberta's Civil Society Fund, enabling us to plan the expansion of the Rescue Food program across Alberta. Our staff and volunteers also had the chance to work with Elise Ahenkorah of Inclusion FACTOR, inspiring us to examine and rethink our policies and processes through the lens of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA). Leftovers' IDEA Committee partnered with Black People United and Afros In Tha City to learn more about the food access challenges faced by BIPOC Calgarians and to amplify the voices of the people working to make sure that no one falls through the cracks of our food system.

Leftovers has come a long way since the first unofficial Rescue Food route in 2012, and we're far from done. Food waste is still with us, and too many people in our communities are facing systemic barriers to food access. Looking back on Leftovers' work through 2021, I feel proud to be a part of this organization, and to work on changing our food systems ideas and practices, one rescued food item at a time.

Cory Rianson
Executive Director

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Voices from our community

Volunteer

Leftovers is always very beneficial for me to get out of the house to be able to talk to people, especially in the COVID time. It's very pleasurable to talk to people that are happy with what you're doing. I enjoy talking to people and Leftovers gives me that opportunity.

- Josephine Singh, Edmonton

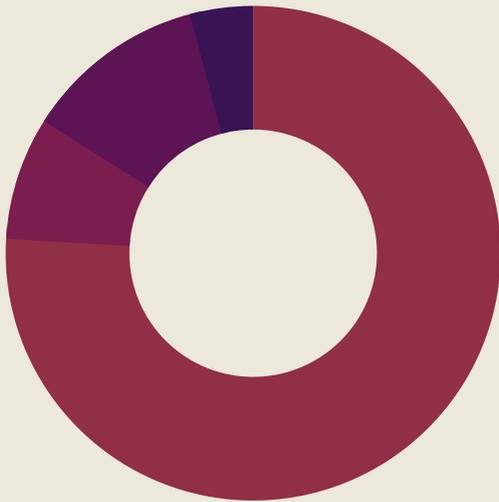
I've picked up 1000 pounds more than once from them and it's great that there's so much food to be donated to Leftovers from them. Volunteering at Leftovers is very gratifying and it's very needed.

- Paul Macdonald, Edmonton

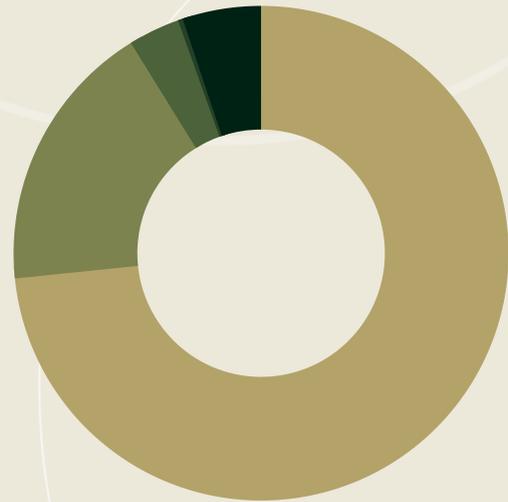


FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE



EXPENSES



- Food Donations: \$2,737,010
- Financial Donations: \$289,916
- Grants: \$429,354
- Other Income: \$148,394
- Total: \$3,604,675**

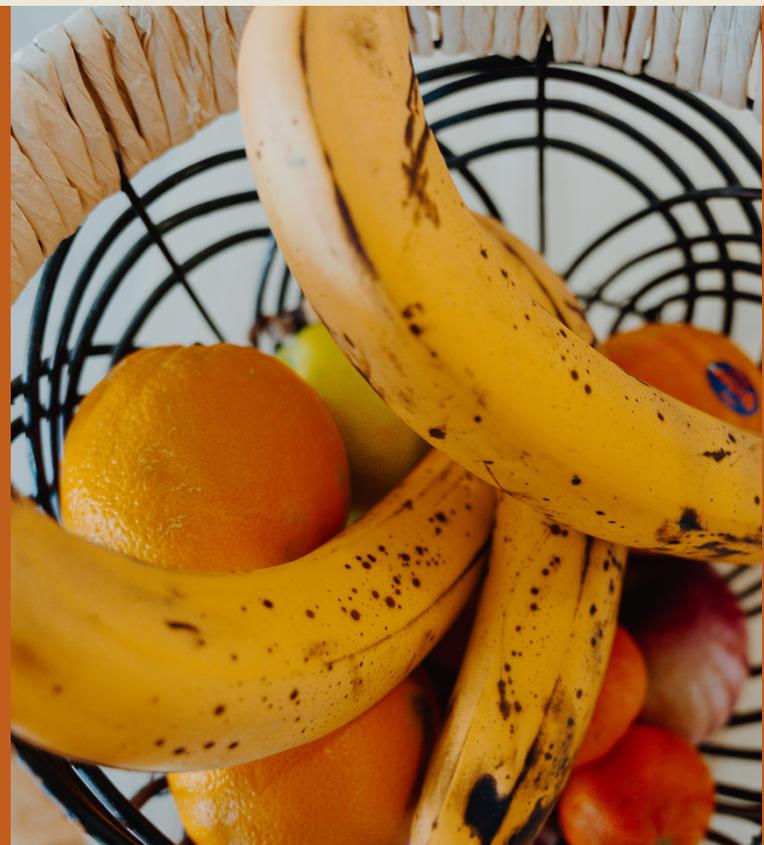
- Programs: \$2,812,316
- Labour: \$682,670
- Administration: \$129,150
- Marketing: \$11,946
- Other: \$197,031
- Total: \$3,833,115**

Voices from our community

Food Donor

As a cooperative, we are committed to giving back to the communities, addressing food insecurity in our markets and volunteerism. Leftovers provides this network of social agencies to get the food for their clients as well as use volunteers for their pickups and deliveries, Making leftovers an ideal fit for us. We've loved the partnership so far.

- Kelly Romas, Red River Co-op, Winnipeg





Voices from our community

Service Agency

At Towerlane Medical we were seeing patients that were picking and choosing between meds or food, right, or if they needed to pay bills and things like that.

At Humanity Helpers, we offer the food box program every week for them, so they can come back every week and request. It's been so great having Leftovers partner with us. It's added a lot of variety to our food boxes for families and helps us add the number of families that we're able to help every week in our project.

- Linda Au, Humanity Helpers, Airdrie

GETTING SOCIAL

Over the last year, we've seen growth and increased engagement across all of our social media platforms. In June 2020, the Marketing and Communications team began collecting and reporting weekly social media analytics. The weekly averages and percentage growth is based on data from June 15, 2020 to December 15, 2020.

LEFTOVERS SOCIAL

Facebook

Total Page Likes: 3,415

Follower Growth: 27.2%

YYC Community Page Members: 308

YEG Community Page Members: 243

YWG Community Page Members: 656

Weekly Averages:

People Reached: 3,484

Post Engagements: 363

New Page Likes: 16

Instagram

4593 Followers

Follower Growth: 28%

Weekly Averages:

New Followers: 33

Accounts Reached: 1,506

Impressions: 5651

Website Clicks: 20

Twitter

Total Followers Across All Accounts: 4,308

Follower Growth: 12.5%

YYC Followers: 3039

YEG Followers: 1082

YWG Followers: 187

KIN AND ANEW

In 2021, the Kin and Anew social media accounts were used to promote and grow our upcycling and Pay-What-You-Want programs.



anewupcycling.ca

Instagram: [@anewupcycling](https://www.instagram.com/anewupcycling)

Twitter: [@anewupcycling](https://twitter.com/anewupcycling)

Facebook: [Anew](https://www.facebook.com/Anew)



weareallkin.ca

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Twitter: [@weareallkinCA](https://twitter.com/weareallkinCA)

Facebook: [Kin](https://www.facebook.com/Kin)

Voices from our community

Service Agency

Turning Leaf is a nonprofit charitable organization that works with adults with intellectual disability and mental illness. We provide unconditional acceptance and empower change. Our experience in partnering with Leftovers has been positive, all the way through. We have a lot of participants that look forward to Thursdays because they know that that's when food rescue is coming in. It's a motivating factor for participants to come out and meet with staff and that gives us a chance to build bridges, start building relationships and move forward from there.

- April Klassen, Turning Leaf Support Services



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Below is a selection of media appearances and news articles that were published in 2021 featuring Leftovers in Calgary, Edmonton, and Winnipeg. To see more media appearances, please [visit our website](#).

CTV News Winnipeg - [Leftovers Foundation Winnipeg keeping food out of the landfill](#) - Jan 11

Airdrie Life - [Airdrie Food Bank partners with Leftovers Foundation](#) - April

National Post - [Waste not, want not: Leftovers helps feed those most impacted](#) - June 2

CBC Listen - [New app helps save those extra fruits and veggies from your garden](#) - September 16

CBC News Calgary - [Millions of pounds of food 'rescued' as waste diversion pushes food to charity sector](#) - November 29

Voices from our community

Volunteer

I started volunteering for Leftovers when me and my family moved to Winnipeg. It was just such a phenomenal way to get to learn the city. Volunteering for Leftovers has had a huge impact on me because it ticks off a lot of boxes for me, it fills my pockets.

I really am passionate about helping people. I'm passionate about social justice. I'm passionate about keeping food out of landfill. And just the immense waste that our society puts out. Volunteering for Leftovers has empowered me to know where I live. It's empowered me to learn about my community.

- Lisa Brown, Winnipeg

REDIRECTION STATS

		2021 TOTALS					
Metric	Units	YYC	YEG	YWG	Hinton	Airdrie	TOTAL
Environmental							
Weight diverted from	lbs	209,711	255,740	521,019	45,176	21,050	1,052,696
CO2 equivalents diverted	lbs	117,438	355,479	291,771	62,795	11,788	839,270
Social							
Meals provided	#	138,740	169,192	344,695	29,887	13,926	696,440
Service agencies	#	98	31	41	6	3	176
Food donors	#	87	43	36	3	2	171
Routes/donations	#	3,482	2,395	2,550	542	211	9,180
Percent of routes filled	%	96	92	89	89	96	93
New app accounts	#	637	537	446	12	31	1,663
Total app accounts	#	1,636	1,089	480	47	31	3,283
Active volunteers	#	180	172	119	13	7	491
Volunteer hours	hrs	2,540	2,843	4,255	473	122	10,111
Economic							
Value of redirected food	\$	\$545,249	\$664,924	\$1,354,649	\$117,458	\$54,730	\$2,682,280

In 2020, by comparison, 415 Leftovers volunteers contributed 3,553 hours to redirect 596,755 lbs of food from 221 donors to 146 service agency partners, preventing 303,700 lbs of greenhouse gas emissions, and providing 314,321 meals.

Voices from our community

Volunteer

[Volunteering for Leftovers has] been a very positive experience and impact for me. I really enjoy using my skills for something outside of my professional life and work-life to do something for the community and give back in a way.

Also, it's been really nice to see what happens at the community level... seeing how volunteers and different organizations work together, and also partner with other volunteer organizations as well as our donors.

- Shahleen Premji, Edmonton



WITH GREAT THANKS



NOVA Research & Technology Corporation
 E Penny Young
 Alberta Cancer Foundation
 Titchkosky Family Foundation
 Sherry and Harvey Doerr Family Fund
 D. R. Ashford Fund
 Redmond Family Fund
 Surphlis-Smigarowski Fund
 Tamaratt Term Fund
 Zissos Family Foundation Fund
 Aboriginal Friendship Centre

Concordia University of Edmonton Golf Team
 Ember
 Prairie Mill Bread Company
 United Way
 University of Calgary
 Darlene Ott Charitable Contribution Fund
 Jane Stevenson
 William Stevens
 1961 Popcorn
 Bent Stick Brewing
 COBS Callingwood



Voices from our community

Service Agency

As an agency, we do a lot of things to support youth zero to 29 who are experiencing different types of barriers. We also try to reduce as much food waste as possible, and ensure that our participants have access to food because especially in the current times, there are huge food insecurity issues.

We are so happy and proud of the partnership that we have with Leftovers, where not only are we reducing food waste by not over-purchasing food, but we're also helping save costs for the agency to ensure that we can use those funds to go directly into programming for participants.

We're also seeing the participants that we serve, especially participants we see on a regular basis, they know that we're coming with Leftovers on certain days, and are looking forward to it. They're making a point to perhaps not purchase the things that they know we're able to support through the agency and through Leftovers. We've also been able to receive some things that would be considered more special items like birthday cakes. And so having some of those kinds of special treats has been really important to remind people that celebrating is okay.

- Caryn Birch, RAY Inc., Winnipeg

