



Pandemic Operations

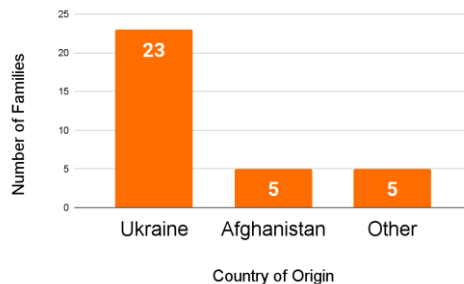
As the pandemic persists, and we deal with vulnerable people getting food, we continue to operate under COVID-19 protocol:

- masks are required while on premises,
- physical distancing is kept by allowing only 6 food recipients in the building at once, and
- most food items are pre-packaged into 3 bags to keep our line moving past all food tables.

Increasing Numbers

More people are relying on us for food. Displaced peoples and the rise in cost-of-living have been the major factors driving this trend.

In June alone we had 54 new families, with an average of over 10 new families per week – a new experience for us that involved a lot of help from our volunteers. More than half of our new families were newly arrived refugees:



The increased cost-of-living is clearly having an impact on people's access to food. Not only are we seeing an influx of new families who are accessing a food bank for the first time, but we are also seeing families return who have not relied on food bank use for several years. In June:

- 5 families have never accessed any Daily Bread Food Bank in the past,
- 5 families have not accessed any food bank between 1 to 3 years, and
- 3 families have not accessed any food bank between 4 to 8 years.

The food supplied to us by Daily Bread and Second Harvest is not enough to meet this higher demand. We have been supplementing by purchasing food to ensure our clients have equitable access to quality food; something that could otherwise not be done without your generous support and donations.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we cope with continuing change!

Marie Truelove, Chair