



Slowly Adjusting Our Operations

As time moves on and we emerge from the years-long pandemic, we have changed many of the ways we operate to adapt to the ever-evolving situation. As of late June, masks are no longer mandatory. A greater proportion of the food we offer is now available in a market-style format, but we continue to provide a shelf-stable bag (cans, pasta, rice, cookies, soap, etc.) and a fruit/vegetable bag. We also maintain our practice to limit the number of people in the hall, with no plans to return to providing lunch in a crowded space.



Volunteers unloading the Daily Bread Food delivery on July 12.

We now receive 10 pallets from Daily Bread. Recently, we have been receiving approximately 400 lb. (180 Kg.) each of onions, carrots, and potatoes, along with apples, oranges, various vegetables, 2,400 eggs, and at least 500L of milk.

Increasing Numbers

As of June 2023, the Consumer Price Index shows a 2.8% year-over-year increase, with grocery inflation still exceeding 9%. Inflation and food insecurity have become well-known issues, and their impact is evidenced in the increase in demand for our service. This has led to longer lines and increased tensions, both among clients and in some interactions between clients and volunteers

To mitigate this, we are transitioning to an appointment system, requesting clients not to line up until 15 minutes before their designated time. We are also taking steps to better adhere to our catchment area policies aiming to reduce

the number of families served each week to below 400. To ensure continued access to food, we direct clients outside our area to their local food banks.

Over the years, Daily Bread has been opening more food banks to meet the rise in demand. They had a total of 65 food banks in 2019, 68 in 2020, 87 in 2021 and 90 in 2022. While we hear that more food banks are being planned, we are uncertain if they will provide substantial relief to us.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support!

Marie Truelove, Chair