

President's Message



On behalf of the Food Bank Board, I want to say a BIG thank you to our community for your generosity towards the Food Bank. We appreciate so much not only your donations of food and money, but the fund raisers you put on and the awareness you bring to food security/sustainability. As spring comes, I am excited for all the garden that are being planted and for the generous donations that come in the Fall from these gardens. Having fresh produce to give out with our food hampers helps us to provide nutritionally balanced hampers. Prince Albert is a great community that cares and embraces others in so many ways. Once again, thank you!

May you enjoy time in your gardens this summer, time at the lake or wherever you can find the sun and a place to relax!

Blessings, Sharon

During the course of a normal year, the PA Food Bank distributes approximately **13,000 emergency food hampers**, with an average of 3.4 people per hamper - **50% of whom are children**. Covid-19 caused us to switch gears to increasing support for direct feeding programs, in addition to our hamper program.

The summer feeding that we assist with provides fresh fruit and snacks in partnership with organizations such as The Prince Albert

School & Summer Feeding Programs	Weekly	Annual
Summer Playground & Other programs	1,110	8,880
Regular School snack/lunch programs	200	5,600

Indian and Metis Friendship Centre, individual schools and the City of Prince Albert's Parks Department, all of whose efforts provide direct access to children in need. **We expanded services to provide fresh fruit, and other food support to schools – assisting with the provision of over 10,000 lunches and snacks to children, annually.**

The increasing issue of homelessness has placed great pressures on various agencies and volunteer groups providing assistance. The PA Food Bank has stepped up in offering support to those agencies and groups providing meals to those in need.

Given the challenging situation of a of post-Covid economic recovery, and **rising inflation, 7% and rising, (with upward pressure on food prices outpacing the overall inflation rate by as much as double)**, places increased pressure on household food budgets. We face a foreseeable increase in demand over the next year and beyond.

Given the state of the economy and other challenges facing Prince Albert and surrounding area, too many find themselves and their families in need of basic assistance to survive – thanks to your support, we're here to help.

Kim Scruby, Executive Director