



Community
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REVELSTOKE SOCIETY

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Please Support our Food Bank this Holiday Season

The Holiday season is just around the corner and Community Connections will be providing support to people in our community struggling with the affordability of the season in a number of ways. Historically, we accepted donations of toys, gifts, and gift cards from the community for redistribution amongst families, seniors and individuals in need. This is in addition to the food support we offer year-round via our Food Bank.

THIS YEAR the resources have continued to diminish and as a result, capacity of food programming has continued to be reduced. We are prioritizing food support going into the holiday season for our community members in need. With this shift, **we will not be offering the Gift portion of the Holiday Program, instead we are asking the community of Revelstoke to focus their holiday giving on food or monetary donations.** This change is the result of an increasing crisis in food insecurity being felt nationally across Canadian food banks. The usage of food banks is at a historically high, record-breaking level- support for food bank programs has never been more needed. We recognize the value of gift contributions and have worked with the local banks to ensure lists of requested gifts are available for community members to sponsor.

There are a few ways you can support our Food Bank this holiday season:

1. Start a 'Virtual Food Drive' Campaign (see reverse of letter for more information)
2. Cash or Cheque donations for purchasing food and emergency resources
3. Donate Non-perishable food items or Grocery Gift Cards
4. Sponsor a family or senior by collecting an 'Angle Tree' gift tag at RCU or CIBC

Monetary donations can be dropped off at our Main Office at 314 Second Street East; Monday to Thursday 9-4, or Fridays 9-12. Small food donations are always accepted in the 'Food Donation Bin' at the front of the Food Bank, located at 416 Second Street West. Large food donations can be dropped off at the Outreach building 416 2nd St W by calling before 837-2920 or dropping off during our Drop In times.

As we come to the end of another year, we want to thank those who have contributed to our ability to support our clients. We depend on the generosity and compassion of our community to support our programs and your donations help the most vulnerable in our community to live a life of dignity, community, and good health.

Thank you for considering us this festive season.

Sincerely,

Jenna Thomsen , Community Food and Outreach Coordinator





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Start Your Own Virtual Food Drive Fundraiser!

Our program was used over 8000 times in 2023 and **we cannot continue to do that without your support and generosity**. Creating a [Virtual Food Drive](#) allows you to rally your colleagues, friends and family in meaningful, collective action that helps put food into the hands of people in need immediately.

[Register your Virtual Food Drive today!](#) Go to: <https://bcvfd.foodbank.bc.ca/>

VFD support staff are always available to help you in every step of your fundraising efforts.

In gratitude,

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