



CCFC Newsletter

Centretown Community Food Centre



January 2026

A message from Dennis Hansen, Manager

It is hard to believe that it has been just over a year since I started as Manager of the Centretown Community Food Centre (CCFC). In reflecting on the past year, I can say that it has been one of the greatest honours of my career to be able to serve the wonderful people of Centretown to help them put nourishing food on the table. And it is a privilege to work with such a dedicated team from our small but mighty staff to the many volunteers who work tirelessly to make sure that every need we encounter is met in a warm, welcoming manner. I am also so grateful for the support we receive from the community and our generous donors – including, of course, the congregations of the 22 churches of the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee, our parent organization. With no government funding, we rely completely on the generosity of the community that surrounds us. On behalf of the CCFC team and the people of Centretown, thank you and I wish you all the best for the 2026.



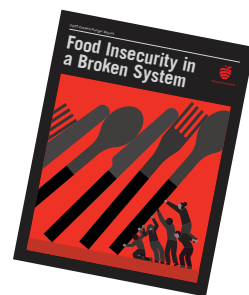
The Survey Says...

In 2025 the Centre undertook a client satisfaction survey and the results showed that our clients are very happy with the service they receive. One need that was expressed was a desire for more fresh produce. The Centre is taking strides to provide more in terms of the quantity and variety of fresh produce to meet this need.



The Hunger Report

The Ottawa Food Bank's (OFB) 2025 Hunger Report showed that food insecurity is not improving but it is holding steady at what is described as emergency levels with more than one in four households in our city now food insecure. The OFB, which provides much of the food given out by CCFC, has this past year announced cutbacks to what it can provide to its network – of which our Centre is a part. This puts additional pressure on CCFC to fund more for food purchases to meet the needs of our approximately 1,400 monthly visitors.



Donor Highlights

The Centre has benefited in 2025 from a number of fundraising initiatives, most notably the Walk for the Centre organized by the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee which raised a record amount of \$55,000. But there were many other community initiatives including concerts, benefits and school food drives that have helped immensely with the cause.

A special shout out to **Red Apron** who has been showing up consistently for CCFC by donating the proceeds of container returns which provide a steady source of income for the Centre. Check out Red Apron's delicious ready-made meals and choose to participate in its Return to Donate program. You'll not only enjoy a great meal, you'll be helping the Centre.



Get Involved! Find out how you can get involved with the Centre by either volunteering or organizing a food drive – or both! Check it out at ccfcottawa.ca/get-involved

DONATE NOW Please consider helping us to meet the needs of those in Centretown experiencing food insecurity. Any amount is appreciated and monthly donations are welcome. Donate by e-transfer or online at ccfcottawa.ca/donate. Or, mail a cheque to Centretown Community Food Centre 370 Catherine Street, Ottawa, ON K1R 5T5.

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