



**TABER EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH  
MISSION CONFERENCE 2019  
PROJECT**

In keeping with our mission to fight food insecurity, we have a few items that we are hoping to procure in an effort to increase access to healthy, nutritious food, as well as provide some extra sanitation support for our facility.

Our "store front" is accessible to anyone experiencing food insecurity. Individuals utilizing this program are not required to register; they may help themselves to two grocery bags a day from available produce, bread/bakery items, yogurt, and other non-perishables. Our current set-up requires upgrading to help maximize our space, be more efficient and effective and to increase access to food.

An appropriate display for our produce, non-perishables and bakery items will allow us to increase access at a given time, as well, it will contribute to the overall cleanliness of the space.

**We would also like to invest in commercial fridge and freezer units with glass doors so clients can view available food items quickly and easily. These units will also allow us to maximize food access to clients. The new units are energy smart, have wider, deeper and adjustable shelving which will allow us to provide more access to healthy, nutritious food at any given time.**

Following the upgrades, we will see a significant increase in access to healthy, nutritious food as well we will be creating a safe, efficient, and productive space for clients and volunteers.

The overall cost of the items we have priced out are as follows:

Shelving Units \$1,500.00

Stainless Steel Counter \$750.00

**Electrical upgrades \$1,500.00**

**Commercial Fridge \$2,545.09\* Commercial Freezer \$3,485.66\***

**(freight/taxes for both units totals - \$7,300.00\*)**

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**THE FACTS ABOUT FOOD INSECURITY**

Thirteen percent of Canadians live in a state of food insecurity, which means they do not have reliable access to adequate amounts of safe, good-quality, nutritious food. The root cause of hunger in Canada is low income, which consistently affects more than four million of us at any given time. Food banks are an important method of addressing this need. Each month, over 850,000 people in Canada turn to food banks for help; more than one-third are children and youth. The people who visit food banks come from all walks of life. They include families with children, employed people whose low wages do not cover basic living essentials, individuals on social assistance, and Canadians living on a fixed income, including seniors and people with disabilities.

**PROCEDURES AND ELIGIBILITY**

When clients meet with us for the first time they are entered into our Link2Feed System, which allows us to effectively collect client data and create personalized reports on our client demographics. Clients will provide us with government ID for themselves and their household as well as proof of income and a list of their eligible expenses. This information is entered into our system and if a client is left with less than \$500 (plus \$100 per child) for the remaining month they are eligible for a hamper every 30 days. Though minimal, there are cases (terminal patients) where a client may access a food hamper every 2 weeks.

**LOCAL STATISTICS**

The statistics provided below include those clients that are registered through our Link2Feed software. These numbers do not include the various other folks that access our "store front" for available produce, yogurt, bread, pastries and a variety of non-perishable items. We serve an estimated 1,100 individuals in a given month.

2018 STATS		
	TOTALS	AVERAGES
TOTAL HAMPERS	1737	134/mnth
TOTAL lbs of Food	120,804	9,293/mnth
Unique Families Served		386
Unique Individuals – Adults		625
Unique Individuals – Children		338

AGE OF REGISTERED CLIENTELE	
0-18	33.17%
36-50	24.12%
25-35	15.08%
51-59	12.06%
19-24	9.55%
60+	6.03%

MAIN INCOME SOURCE	
Child Tax Benefit	23.44%
Employed Full Time	13.59%
AISH	12.03%
Alberta Works	11.83%
Employed Part Time	10.17%
Unemployed	7.78%
Canada Pension	6.22%
Disability	4.15%
Employment Ins.	3.73%
Seasonal Worker	3.11%
Other	2.18%
Spousal Support	.83%
OAS	.73%
Spousal Death Ben.	.21%

AREAS SERVED	
Taber	82.91%
Warner	2.51%
Milk River	2.01%
Wrentham	2.01%
Cranford	1.51%
Grassy Lake	1.51%
Coutts	1.01%
Barnwell	0.50%
Purple Springs	0.50%
Unknown	5.53%

HOUSING STATS	
Rent	77.39%
Own	10.55%
With Family	6.53%
Undisclosed	2.01%
Social Housing	1.51%

**DONATIONS & GRANTS**

We are a charitable organization that relies on the generous donations, food and monetary, of the local community. We hold several food drives and fundraisers throughout the year that allow us to continue providing daily nourishment for those that need an extra hand up. We are also able to make grant applications to supporting organizations throughout the year.

