

YEAR END UPDATE 2023 2024

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AUGUST 2024

Serviced	August - 24	August - 23
Households Served	554	465
Individuals	1422	1151
Kids	479	365
New Clients	88	87
Unhoused	51	50
Own their own Home	60	45
Seniors	168	183
Singles	257	123
Working individuals	204	131
FOOD IN		
Lbs. of Food Recovered	7,428	10,861
Lbs of Food Donated	13,619	16,226
Total	21,428	27,087
FOOD OUT		
Lbs. to Clients	48,342	41,877
Lbs. to Community Agencies	3,825	3,760
Total	52,167	45,637

Monthly Community Update August 2024

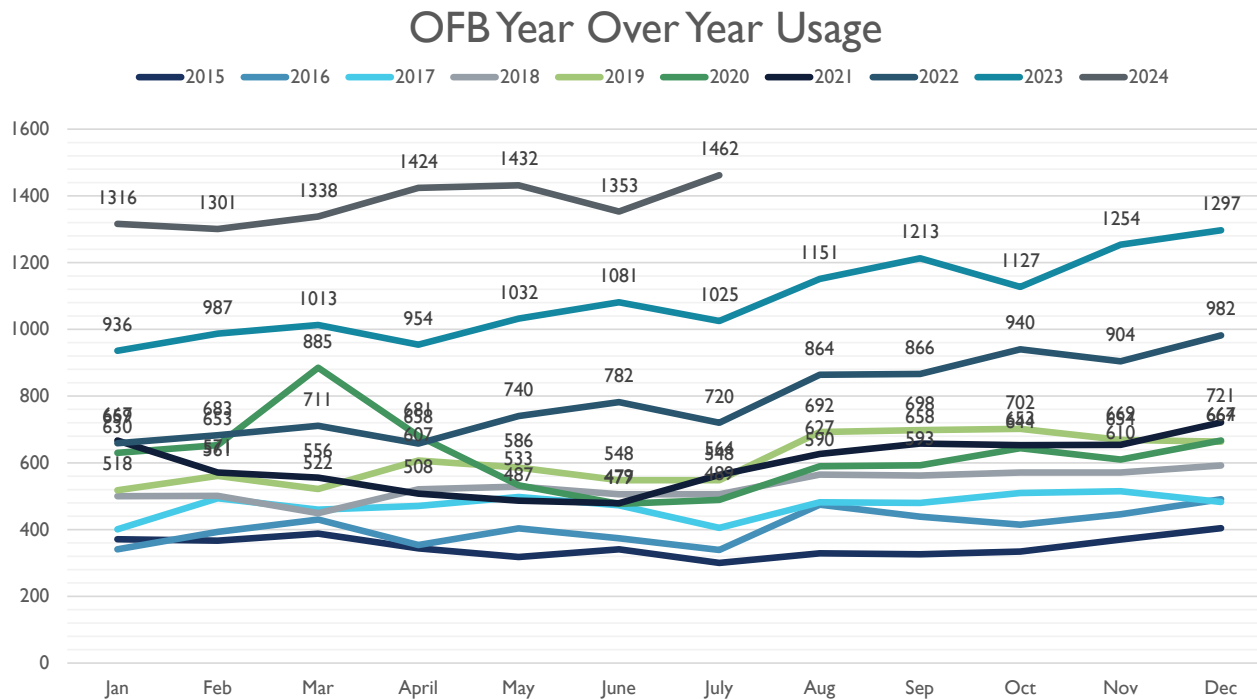
Highlights

- We distributed 143% more food than we had donated
- 19% increase in usage over last year
- 37% of those accessing the food bank are working
- 37% increase in those who have mortgages needing a food bank
- 109% increase in single individuals

• Include Dufferin Food Share

On January 1st, 2024, the Grand Valley Food Bank joined forces with Orangeville Food Bank, now known as Dufferin Food Share Grand Valley.

OFB YEAR OVER YEAR USAGE



Year over Year Increases

2020/2021 = - 4%
 2021/2022 = +28%
 2022/2023 = +37%
 2023/2024 = +38%

Forecast 2024-2025 (OFB & GV)
 June 2025 - 1800 people per month

2023/2024 STAT'S

- 524,000 lbs. of food distributed to clients --- increase of 33% over last year
- 176,000 lbs. of that was purchased
- 753% increase in nonperishable purchases
- 47% of what we distribute is perishable including milk, eggs, produce and proteins
- 38% increase in food bank usage
- 50% increase in number of employed people accessing the food bank over 2023-MHC (March Hunger Count)
- 57% increase in the number of individuals on Ontario Works accessing the food bank over 2023- MHC
- Including in-person client food distribution, food distributed to community partners, and other outreach programs, the Orangeville Food Bank **impacted 32,000 tummies**

Community Food Support

Vending Machine – Orangeville Public Library

- Is filled Monday – Friday
- In 2023/2024 it supplied 2,774 meals

Community Food Share 2023/2024

- Supports 15+ community organizations with 56,475 lbs. of food supporting 11,000 + in our community

Food Reclamation

- Reclaim food from all major grocery chains & Ray's Bakery, Starbucks (Airport Road), Little Caesar's
- Recovered 139,847 lbs. of food

Community Produce Programs

- Give a Row/Grow a Row; Happy Harvest Community Garden and Urban Harvest brought in **2,741** lbs.





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DUFFERIN FOOD SHARE GRAND VALLEY

On January 1, 2024, we were pleased to merge with the Grand Valley Food Bank to form the Dufferin Food Share.

The residents of the Valley continue to be well served by a dedicated group of volunteers, but now with additional resources to better support those experiencing food insecurity.

THE BRAVE CANOE



The Brave Canoe is a visionary Indigenous-led not-for-profit organization dedicated to revitalizing Indigenous culture in Dufferin County by providing comprehensive programs and services founded in an Indigenous worldview, guided by Indigenous ways of knowing, fostering unity and healing.

The Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Food Share are pleased to partner with The Brave Canoe, offering space to this new community resource.

Neighbours Community Market

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Neighbours Community Market is a sliding scale, weekly produce market that strives to make fresh food more accessible to community members.

Fresh produce is priced on a sliding scale with the reduced end being approximately 50% below market value, and the other end at grocery store prices. By paying retail prices, community members 'pay-it-forward' to support those in need and make nutritious foods accessible to all.

This market serves Orangeville on Tuesdays at Westminster Church, Shelburne on Wednesdays at Jack Downey Park, & Grand Valley on Thursdays at the Grand Valley Public Library.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers have been the life blood of the food bank since its inception in 1992. From a group of concerned citizens, the volunteer program has evolved to a vibrant and dynamic family of young's and old's providing the hearts and hands of our programs.

We were pleased to be asked to present at Feed Ontario's annual conference on our Inclusive Volunteer and Community Engagement program this year.

We are now 209 strong and enriched by all who choose to make a difference in their community, donating over 23,000 hrs. annually equivalent to 13 full time staff.



“When I am asked, "What, in your view, is the worst human rights problem in the world today?" I reply: "Absolute poverty." This is not the answer most journalists expect. It is neither sexy nor legalistic. But it is true.”

-Mary Robinson, 7th President of Ireland (b. 21 May 1944)

Advocacy

1. Reduce the ClawBacks on the money people earn.

When those relying on OW earn income from working, the money they receive from OW is clawed back at a rate of 50 cents per dollar after the first \$200 per month earned, which can act as a barrier to work.

2. Account for the rising cost of living.

A single person on OW only receives \$733 per month to cover shelter and their basic needs. Since 2018, rent has gone up by 32 per cent and the cost of food has gone up by 43 per cent, but the financial assistance provided by OW has not increased at all.

3. Implement automatic tax filing.

Finally:

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