

The Food Bank Code of Ethics

Eden Community Food Bank



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Preamble

Eden Community Food Bank, in solidarity with national and provincial, regional and local food banking principles and practices, believe that everyone in Canada has the right to physical and economic access, at all times, to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food which meets their dietary needs and food preferences.

The Food Bank Code of Ethics

Eden Community Food Bank, as a community organization providing food access to those in need with over 20 years of experience and a positive reputation in the community, will:

1. Provide food and other assistance to those needing help regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, income source, age, or mental or physical ability.
2. Treat all those who access services with the utmost dignity and respect.
3. Implement best practices in the proper and safe storage and handling of food.
4. Respect the privacy of those served, and will maintain the confidentiality of personal information.
5. Not require payment of any kind for donated food or consumer products, at any time, from those assisted by their respective programs.
6. Acquire and share food in a spirit of cooperation with other food banks and food programs.
7. Strive to make the public aware of the existence of hunger, and of the factors that contribute to it.
8. Recognize that food banks are not a viable long-term response to hunger, and devote part of their activities to reducing the need for food assistance.
9. Represent accurately, honestly, and completely their respective mission and activities to the larger community.

Commitment to the Community

In addition, ECFB commits to be accountable to our community partners and stakeholders to uphold this standard of food banking principle and practice.

Re-affirmed Monday, July 15th, 2013 by:

Michelle Martin, Board President
On behalf of the board of directors

Bill Crawford, Executive Director
On behalf of the staff and volunteers