



OKOTOKS FOOD BANK ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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TO OUR DONORS & SPONSORS

We want to take a moment to reflect on all we have accomplished together and express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support in 2024. Thanks to your contributions, the Okotoks Food Bank has been able to provide critical assistance to individuals and families in our community during a year marked by increasing need.

Highlights of 2024

- **Christmas Hampers:** Your donations ensured that families received not only the essentials but also the joy of sharing festive meals together. On December 21st, we distributed 245 hampers packed with everything needed for Christmas Day, serving families of all sizes.
- **Expanding Programs:** With your support, we've grown our food rescue program, collaborating with local grocery stores to reduce waste and access more fresh, nutritious food for those in need.
- **Community Impact:** Together, we've supported thousands of individuals, giving them hope and relief when they needed it most.

This year, we saw a growing number of young families and seniors seeking help as they faced rising costs and financial pressures. With your help, we were able to ensure that no one was turned away. From fresh produce grown in our community gardens—over 2,000 pounds harvested this season—to nutritious groceries rescued from local partners, your generosity has been the cornerstone of our efforts.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, we remain committed to addressing the challenges our community faces. Your continued support will help us improve our cold storage facilities, upgrade transportation for our food rescue program, and ensure that every donation goes further in creating a hunger-free community.

From all of us at the Okotoks Food Bank thank you for standing with us. Your compassion and commitment make our mission possible.

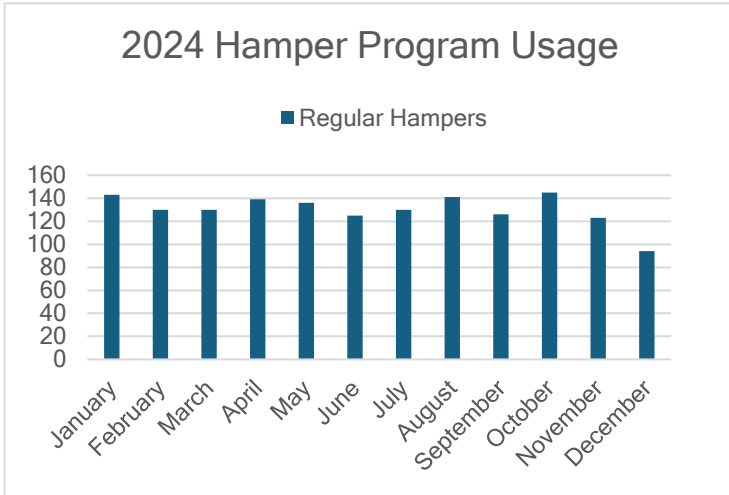
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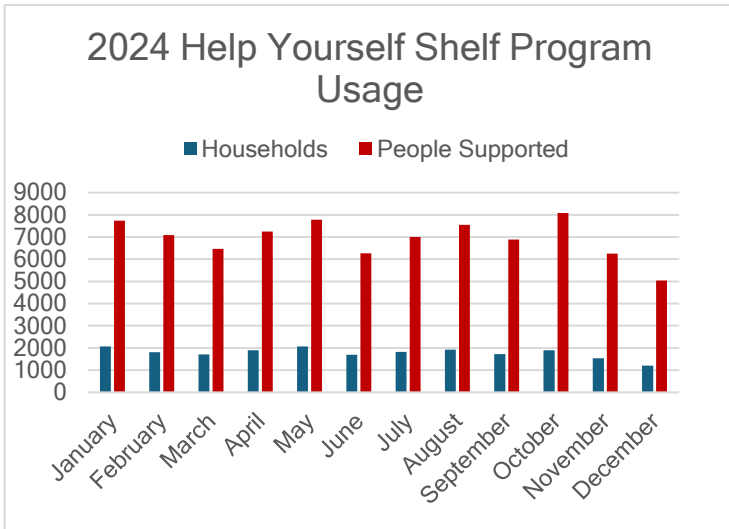
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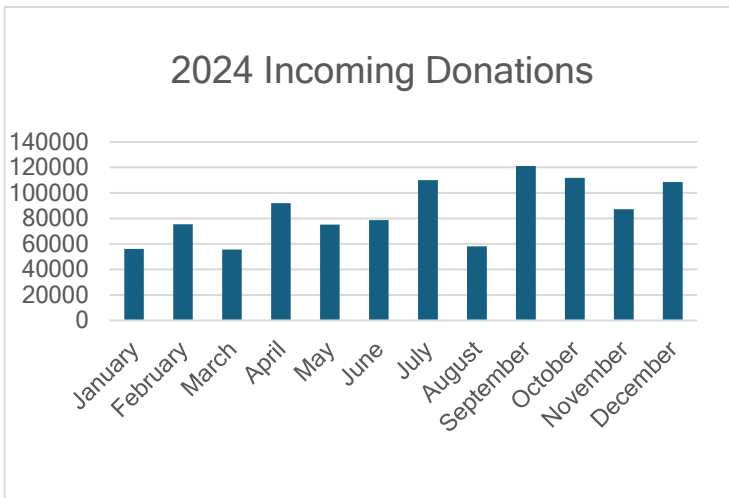
2024 Summary



The Hamper Program supported a total of 1,636 households. Of those 1,562 were regular food hampers, 40 were prenatal hampers, 4 were emergency hampers, and 30 were veggie packs.

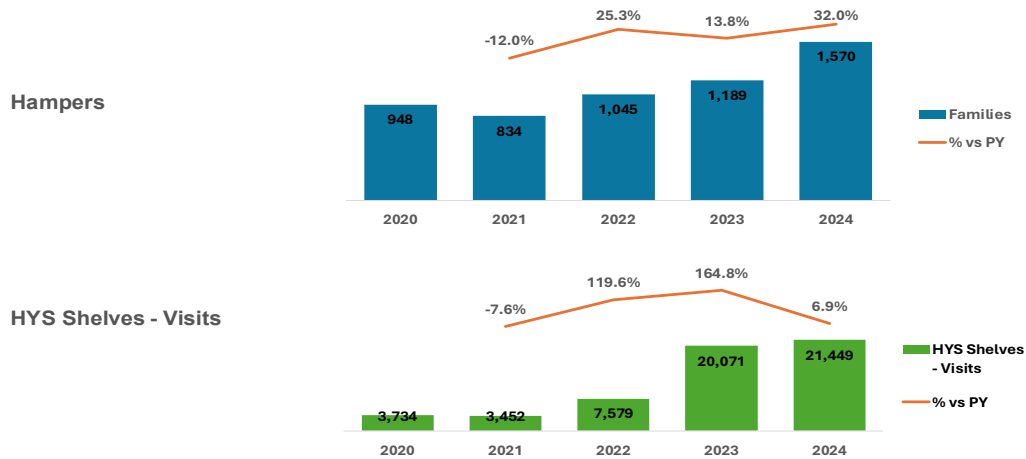


The Help Yourself Shelf Program had a total of 21,359 visits for all of 2024, supporting a total of 76,394 individual people.



From January to December 2024 the Okotoks Food Bank received a total of 1,029,353 lbs. of donations. Warehouse donations include food, clothing, household items, etc.

Client Hamper and Help Yourself Program Summary 2020 to 2024



*Average of the last 3 years



Client Testimonial:

“In the last couple years, I have had a few mishaps. I am 60 years old and now raising my grandsons. I have had some struggles along the way. Without the help of the Okotoks Food Bank, I'm not sure how I would have gotten by. They have helped me with groceries.... birthdays... all holidays. The people at the Okotoks Food Bank are such a wonderful group of people. They have never looked down on me and always made me feel welcome. Just want to say a big thank-you and my fullest appreciation to go out to this wonderful group of people. I am finally getting back on my feet and hopefully won't need the help as much but it's a nice feeling to know they are there.”