Our Mission

To create a healthy, hunger-free community.
On July 1, 2015 the Kelowna Food Bank and Westside Food Bank amalgamated to become the Central Okanagan Food Bank.

More than 150 volunteers contributing over 30,000 hours per annum!
10 full-time staff and 3 part-time staff
Nine Board of Directors
Annual Budget of 6.2 million (4.2 Goods Donated)
Our objective is to provide healthy food from Canada's Food Guide – fruit and vegetables, protein, grains, and dairy products – to provide a balanced diet for community members in need for 7-9 days per month.

Hundreds of individuals and families from Kelowna and West Kelowna rely on us every day.

We operate in two locations West Kelowna and Kelowna

Collectively we serve in upwards of 4,000 individuals per month

33% are children under the age of 15

12% are seniors
Our West Kelowna Location

We served 2,595 households last year
Approximately 500 individuals per month
Average monthly food donations is 22,000 Lbs.
We have 35 active volunteers
The Central Okanagan Food Bank's Perishable Food Recovery Program has been in operation since March 2019 and is designed to assist grocery retailers of all sizes, identify and take advantage of viable, surplus perishable foods that are "fit for consumption", but not "fit for sale" and redirect the food that would otherwise be sent to the landfill, into the hands of those most vulnerable.

COFB pickups up perishable foods intended for the landfill from 6 retail partners 7 days/week, 364 days/year.

**Recovered food fits into three categories:**

- fit for human consumption,
- fit for animal consumption,
- fit for composting.
COFB & COVID-19

As our community continues to deal with the effects of COVID-19, the future has never felt so unpredictable. These are challenging times for all, especially for those many hard-working families who live paycheck to paycheck and who are now facing the additional hardship of losing their employment.
The Central Okanagan Food Bank experienced an enormous uptake of residents in need of service, in fact within the first 28 days of the COVID crisis we assisted 2,403 households and of those households 1,751 children were registered and over 900 seniors were identified as needing assistance.

Collectively we can ensure everyone has nutritional food on their table – every day of the week and that no one goes hungry in the face of financial insecurity.
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