



Newsletter

Summer 2025

5 Years of Bloor West Food Bank!

It feels both like yesterday and a lifetime ago that we first opened our doors. In those early days of the pandemic, we only knew one another behind masks and at a distance. Since then, our numbers have grown, the masks have come off, and the way we serve has evolved. We've expanded our hours, adapted our



Opening Day, 2020

services, and gone from a fledgling start-up to a registered charity. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our incredible volunteers and the unwavering support of our community.

This fall, we're entering another exciting new chapter: **moving into our own location at 379 Jane Street!** The new space will allow us to offer a model with more choice; giving clients more dignity and flexibility in selecting their food, as well as access to services beyond food. Best of all, we'll finally be able to welcome everyone inside.



Volunteers, 2024

Though our address is changing, we are still in the neighbourhood. We look forward to continuing the strong partnerships with local businesses, faith groups, and community organizations that have sustained us from the beginning. **Stay tuned for further updates!**



Mary Anne with our new key

Community Support - it takes a Village!

- In February, **Our Lady of Sorrows** held an event at their church that raised over \$10,000 for Bloor West Food Bank.
- In June, the Peer Leader Program at **Humberside CI** raised \$500 through their Grade 9 Fundraiser Dance.
- The **Bloor West Village BIA** continues to include us in fun and engaging community outreach and fundraising opportunities such as the Easter Event and Jane's Walk.
- In June, the students and teachers of **St. Pius X Catholic School** held a food drive. The local Toronto Police brought two patrol cars to the school where the children gleefully "pack the patrol cars". Such a fun way to support our efforts!



Volunteer Spotlight: The Intake Team

The first people our clients meet when they arrive are our **Intake Volunteers** - the friendly faces who register new clients, provide appointment times, and check everyone in each week. The information they carefully record is vital, as it helps Daily Bread Food Bank know how much food to supply for our program.

This August, we said goodbye to **Ali**, one of our key Intake Team members, as she moved out of Toronto to begin a new chapter. We are so grateful for her contributions and wish her all the very best. Thank you, Ali!



Thank you Volunteers! 🧡

In February, we hosted a **Volunteer Appreciation Event** at Swansea Town Hall - an opportunity to celebrate the incredible team who makes our work possible. Our volunteers show up in every season, whether it's blistering hot or brutally cold, to ensure our community has access to food.

We were also proud to recognize several members of our team for their **longstanding service and commitment**. Their dedication, along with that of every volunteer, is the heart of the Bloor West Food Bank. We couldn't do this without you—thank you!



More fresh food! Odd Bunch Partnership 🥑

In early 2025, we set out to source more fresh fruits and vegetables for our clients. We are delighted to partner with Odd Bunch who make it possible for us to purchase fresh produce every week at cost. It has been wonderful to provide fresh cherries, peaches, grapes, broccoli, lemons and avocados to our clients. 🍇



Don't Miss our Upcoming Events!

Theatre Night

September 11, 8 pm

Grab a family member or friend - or enjoy a solo night out - and head to the **Village Players' production of William Inge's *Bus Stop***.

All proceeds from this special performance will support the **Bloor West Food Bank**.

An evening of local theatre and community spirit - you won't want to miss it!



[Click here for Tickets!](#)

Toronto Waterfront Marathon – Oct 18 & 19

Join us (or cheer us on) at this year's **TCS Waterfront Marathon!** Last year, we were honoured to receive the *Rookie of the Year* award for our outstanding fundraising results, and we're excited to be back with teams in the 5K and half marathon.

There's still space to register for the **5K run/walk**, so lace up if you'd like to join the fun! Not a runner? You can still be part of the team by supporting our fundraising efforts. **Go Team Bloor West Food Bank!** 🏃💙🍏



[Donate!](#)

[Join the Team!](#)

Thank to all of our supporters - community groups and churches, local business, individuals, corporate groups and our volunteers!

Thank you to our Supporters!



Copyright (C) 2025 Bloor West Food Bank. All rights reserved.