



VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth – Muhammad Ali

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our treasured volunteers and supporters. With your help and generosity we have all been able to assist over 9,000 of our neighbors so far this year who are having a little difficulty making ends meet. We are so very grateful to all of you for all you do!

CURRENT STATISTICS

2024					
30-Sep-24	ADULTS	SENIORS	CHILDREN	CLIENTS	FAMILIES
HAMPERS	406	60	352	818	262
BREAD & EXTRAS	1211	331	1056	2598	623
GOOD FOOD BOX	1091	182	775	2048	592
SNACK ATTACK			3500	3500	700
AFTER THE BELL			560		242
MEALS ON WHEELS		55		3	2
ROTARY BIKES	2		24	18	13
COMMUNITY GARDEN	76	3	68	147	32
BACKPACK			38		19
ADOPT A FAMILY					
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS					
TOTAL	2786	631	6373	9132	2485

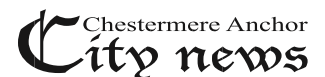
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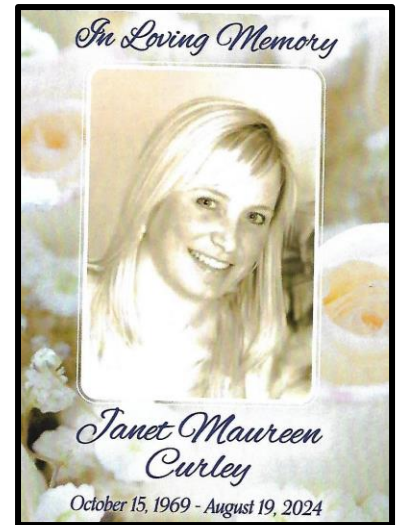
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VOLUNTEER VIEW

So very sad to hear of the passing of one of our dedicated volunteers. Janet was such a joy to be around each week and always ready and willing to go above and beyond and help out wherever needed. She is truly missed by all of us and our deepest sympathies to her friends and family.

Our Board of Directors have been working diligently in keeping up with changes and challenges we are all facing with the rapid growth of our City. Frequent meetings with Food Banks Alberta, Food Banks Canada, our new City Council and other local non-profit organizations have been very beneficial in planning our path forward and preparing for the future. Our thanks for their dedication!



Karen Gillian Tara Morgan Dayle Cindy Liz
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As we gear up for our busiest season, we reflect on the past 9 months. Close to 3,500 hours have been donated by our volunteers and it will be interesting to see how the average increases over the next 3 months. The first week of October has already seen a great increase in activity and will continue to year end. Always an exciting and challenging time!

Don't forget to "like" our Facebook Page "Chestermere Food Bank" and share with your friends. Thank You! In 2023 5,065 volunteer hours were donated to our Food Bank 😊😊😊

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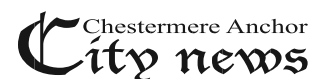
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EVENTS

Our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament was held on Friday, September 6 and a good time had by all. Our sincere appreciation to all those who participated and of course to our sponsors. In one day, we raised close to \$12,000!



Saturday, September 28 our local Firefighters Association held their second food drive this year for us and transported over 1900 pounds of our most needed food items along with \$162 cash from No Frills and their doorstep campaign. We can't thank them enough for all they do for us and our City!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, October 19 HARVEST FEST 1 – 5pm

Chestermere Main Street

Local businesses engaging the community; food, drinks, items for sale, dog market and more!

SATURDAY, October 19 PUMPKIN PATCH 10am – 1pm

Rec Centre

Chestermere Lions Club invites you and your kiddos to come out for free coffee, hot chocolate, hot dogs, popcorn, face painting, and a balloon artist. Wander through the pumpkin patch and pick your favorite pumpkin for \$10.

SUNDAY, October 20 TRUNK OR TREAT 12:15 – 3:30pm

Chestermere Library

Bring the kiddies around to see us in our best Food Bank costumes 😊

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY October 11 through November 1

Haunted House

Dr. Giggles has been scaring our community for years now and this year will be no different. Visit www.drgiggleshouseofpain.ca to get your tickets; you won't be disappointed!

SATURDAY, October 26 10:00am

SGG Real Estate Pumpkin Giveaway

WEDNESDAY, October 30 COMMUNITY POP UP 10:30am – 12:30

Chestermere Library

Focus on seniors and grandparents; tea and pastries provided. Cozy vibe for seniors to come in and engage and encouraging residents to find resources for their parents or other loved ones.

THURSDAY, October 31 MEDIUM NIGHT 6:30pm

Yacht Club

Come join us for an evening with spiritual medium Chris Stillar. Chris will be reaching out to those who've crossed over, helping audience members connect with loved ones. Visit www.ChestermereFoodBank.ca/Medium for tickets.

Mark your calendars and prepare to be part of a transformative journey where connections transcend the physical and reach into the spiritual.

All proceeds to the Chestermere Food Bank
\$75 - limited seats available - Doors open 6:30 pm
For tickets - www.ChestermereFoodBank.ca/Medium



SATURDAY, November 16/SUNDAY, November 17

Ace Casino Blackfoot

The Rotary Club of Chestermere has a Casino coming up on Saturday Nov16 and Sunday Nov17 at Ace Casino Blackfoot. If you can help out, please contact Bill Quinney at 403 630-4949.

TUESDAY, December 3 Older Adults Holiday Luncheon

Rec Centre

Once again, the Older Adults Coalition of Chestermere will be hosting their holiday luncheon from 11:30 – 1:30pm at the Rec Centre. Tickets will be available on November 4 at the Rec Centre for a price of \$5 per person (cash only). Entertainment throughout.

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DONATIONS and THANK YOU!!!

July started off well with the Chestermere Muslim Council donating 615.4 pounds of healthy foods. Our new City Council was here to help with unloading and for a tour of our facility. Thank you all!



Shortly afterward, our friends at Rainbow Falls Dental held their annual Stampede breakfast and provided us with 146.4 pounds of much needed food along with \$366.15. Thank you so much!

Just when the shelves were looking very empty, Pratts Food Service dropped off 882 pounds – plenty to comfortably keep us going. Pratts has been a great supporter of our Food Bank for years and we just can't thank them enough.

We received over 1400 pounds of food from Food Banks Alberta over the summer. We are fortunate to be able to order needed items through our Provincial Association – they always come through when they can!

Our new relationship with Kingdom Coffee has been fantastic. Over the summer they donated close to 3400 pounds of coffee pods and juices. Juice is always on our wish list and it's so nice to be able to give coffee to our clients.



The Kevin Prasad Foundation continues to support us donating various items from our wish list and our thanks to Devonna for the 112 pounds of garden fresh onions.

And thank you to Lakeshore Manor for your very generous donation through your craft sale – very talented ladies!



We are so grateful to all of our supporters for keeping us in mind. We couldn't possibly survive without you!

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And our thanks to Chestermere Public Works for all you do for our community. Public Works had flowers they couldn't plant due to construction so they sold them and donated the profit to us – over \$800!



Our ongoing thanks and appreciation to all those giving through Canada Helps, Benevity Causes, ATB, CAF and Paypal which continues to help us out on a recurring basis. And thank you to **CENOVUS, SHELL, OVINTIV CANADA, SUNCOR ENERGY, PEPSICO, TC ENERGY** and **TELUS** for matching employee contributions and of course our thanks to those **EMPLOYEES** who have chosen us as their Charity of Choice!

PROGRAMS

Our **AFTER THE BELL** and the **BACKPACK PROGRAM** are over for another year; now on to **ADOPT A FAMILY** and **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**. We hope to have families selected for our adopt program by the end of the month, so hopefully can give sponsors their wish lists prior to mid November.

GOOD FOOD BOX

Through many donations, we are able to provide clients with fresh produce for the week following the Good Food Box delivery. This program is open to all at a cost of \$30 - \$40 depending on the size ordered. Our latest order worked out to be \$1.02 per pound for a large box, \$1.17 per pound for a medium box and \$1.14 per pound for a small box so we see a considerable amount of savings through this program.

ROTARY BIKE PROGRAM



Our local Rotary club continues to provide our clients with 'like new' bikes, reconditioned by local resident, John Jenkins. John does a fantastic job – you'd never know these bikes are recycled; they come to us in pristine condition! 24 children were able to have a bike for the summer this year. Thank you, Rotary and John!



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Thanks always to our local drop off locations! Donations are now being accepted at:



And our thanks to our ongoing sponsors for supporting us on a daily/weekly/monthly basis!



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