

The Whistler Food Bank is available to Whistler residents in need. Food is distributed on the **first and third Monday of every month** from the trailer behind the Catholic Church on Lorimer Road from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** However, when the Monday is a statutory holiday, we are then closed and will instead be open on the Tuesday following the holiday during the usual hours.

For more urgent inquiries please phone 604-935-7717 and speak to coordinator Sara Jennings. Confidentiality is assured.

People coming to the Food Bank are encouraged to bring a backpack and some reusable bags to cut down on the use of plastic bags and to make it easier to transport the food.

Donating to the Food Bank:

Small donations can be dropped off at Nesters Market, The I.G.A., or Creekside Market in their Food Bank donation bins.

For larger donations or financial donations please contact the Food Bank Coordinator at 604-935-7717.

How to run a Food Drive:

Running a Food Drive at your place of employment or during a party can be a fun and rewarding experience. It is really quite easy and people often love participating. Food Drives are also very important to the Food Bank as it helps remind people that there are people in need in Whistler and it doesn't take much to help them out.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- let people in your workplace or guests to your party know that you will be collecting food or cash donations for the local Food Bank, and put out a box to remind people.
- The flashier and the bigger the box the more people will notice it and remember to donate, and don't forget to mark on the box what it is for.
- If you are doing the drive at your workplace it often helps to give people a week to collect food or donate funds.
- If you run a retail store consider offering discounts, a prize draw, or other incentives for donations to the Food Bank. Though people rarely shop with an extra can of food to donate along with them, they often appreciate being able to assist the Food Bank financially and even small amounts can quickly add up. Another idea would be to pick a product where a percentage of funds from its sale will go to the Food Bank, and let your customers know this.
- If you work with a larger employer consider getting different departments to compete against each other to see who can raise the most money or collect the most food. Offer a prize to the winning team.
- If you are a teacher and want to run a Food Drive in your school, put a notice in your school newsletter and put a large decorated bin at the entrance to the school where both students and parents will see it on a regular basis. Consider running the Food Drive for at least a week and remind students and parents of the Food Drive half way through. Or consider each class running individual Food Drives and having the class that collects the most food winning a fun prize.
- For Food Drives at parties it helps to provide an extra incentive to get people to remember to bring food with them. Provide free entry or a free food or drink voucher with their donation.

For more information on How to Run a Food Drive or to discuss delivery of Food Drive donations please contact the Food Bank Coordinator, Sara Jennings, at 604-935-7717.