

HISTORY

In 2001 Food Banks across Canada were directed to regionalize to optimize donated transportation and ensure rural food banks had access to food. The Tri-County Food Network evolved from Gleaners service to area food banks.

From 1990 to 2000 our warehouse rental cost was kindly donated, however since then we have paid escalating market rent for the Tri-County Food Network warehouse.

The QRFSS was founded in 2001 as a coalition of 9 food banks which are located in Belleville, Brighton, Deseronto, Madoc, Marmora, Picton, Quinte West, Stirling and Loyalist College, with occasional assistance to Campbellford, Cobourg and Port Hope.



Loyalist College Receiving Granola Bars For Snack Sites

GLEANERS TRI-COUNTY FOOD NETWORK
 P.O. 20029, Belleville, ON K8N 5V1
 Warehouse Location
 25 Wallbridge Crescent, Belleville

WHAT ARE OUR CHALLENGES?

Gleaners Tri-County Food Network is continually challenged in obtaining ongoing funds for warehouse operations to continue service for:

- 9 area food banks & meal programs
- 60 school breakfast programs
- 5 Senior Housing Projects
- 30 Non-Profit Agencies
- Variety of School & Community Placements
- 9 Community Meal Programs



Living Hope Meals Program

AFFILIATIONS

The Gleaners Tri-County Food Network is registered and under the umbrella of The Gleaners Food Bank Quinte Inc., with the Government of Canada as a charitable, non-profit organization and is incorporated under Ontario law. Gleaners charitable registration number is 118939487RR0001



*“Providing a Food Network
 To Improve The
 Quality of Life
 For Communities
 In The
 Tri-County Region”*

*June 6th is
 Hunger Awareness Day!*

613-962-9043
www.gleanersfoodbank.ca
 Click: Tri-County Services

SOURCES OF FUNDS

The Quinte Region Food Share Shelter

The Member Food Banks assist by paying 40% of the Gleaners Tri-County Food Network warehouse cost.

The QRFSS also received Trillium Funding to purchase an industrial cooler & freezer units.

Corporate & Private Donations

SOURCES OF FOOD

Large Surplus Food Collection

Donations come from the Canadian Association of Food Banks National Food Share System (CAFB/ NFSS), Ontario Association of Food Banks (OAFB), the local food industries and farmers.

Milk Donations

Each month The Quinte Dairy Association donates their milk quota to the QRFSS member food banks and it is generously processed by Reid's Dairy.

Local Sources of Food & Services

Pepsico Foods (Quaker Oats), Sprague Foods, Santa Maria Foods, Unilever Best Foods, Pillsbury, General Mills, and others donate throughout the year.

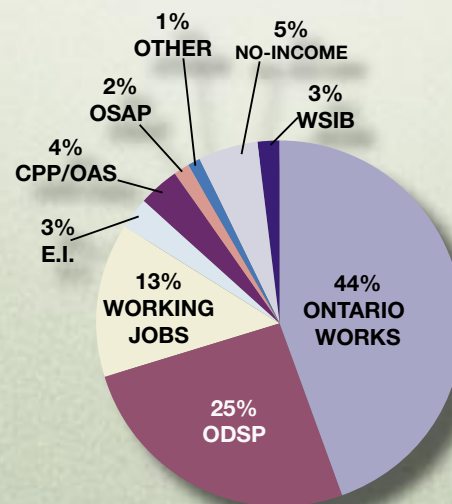
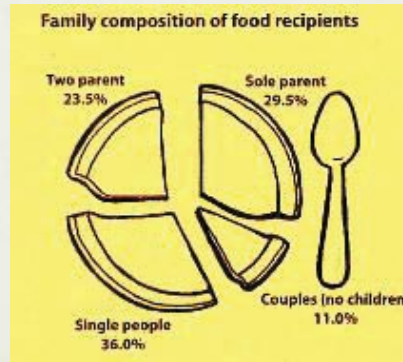
Services are provided by Trenton Cold Storage, Warkworth Inst., Erb & Meyers Transport, Standard Paper Box, Rose Scales, Discount & Penske Truck Rentals, Hamilton Smith and Kovac Electrical and many more.

WHO WE SERVE

It could be your neighbour, a friend, even a relative, working families, people on social assistance, singles, couples, seniors, the disabled, and children all visit food banks.



Each Year QRFSS Food Bank Members participate in the CAFB March Hunger Count. In 2006 the QRFSS members assisted 1,569 households, which included 2,184 Adults and 1,439 Children. The Meal & School Programs assisted 26,890 children and 4,367 adults.



March QRFSS Hunger Count 2006

WHY A TRI-COUNTY FOOD NETWORK?

In 2001 the CAFB & OAFB set up regions to ensure donated trucking and donations could be networked to the many rural communities. Gleaners as the central food bank expanded their role in the region by providing the warehouse infrastructure to receive food donations from across Canada.



THE TRI-COUNTY FOOD NETWORK WAREHOUSE

- 600 Tons of food is shipped & received annually at the Tri-County Food Network
- Alternative High School Placements receive a valuable warehouse experience.
- Ontario Works placements receive warehouse training.
- Community Oriented Sentencing Program have an opportunity to give back to their community