



STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING FACT SHEET 2025

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Charitable Number: 119200020RR0001

BACKGROUND

Began in 1983 as "Operation Blessing". Incorporated as a charitable organization in 1987 and operating as Stratford House of Blessing. We give everything away to those in need, free of charge.

GOVERNED BY:

Board of Directors (6 volunteers and 1 non-voting officer)

CO-OPERATING with agencies for Community Service: Probation, Ontario Works, High School Students

AGENCIES that refer clients to us – Children's Aid Society, Canadian Mental Health, Family Services, Public Health, Optimism Place, Emily Murphy Centre, Ontario Works, local churches, and other Social Service Organizations within the community.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Food Bank – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Food Home Delivery – Tuesday A.M. & P.M., Wednesday A.M. & Thursday A.M.
- Office is open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12:15 to 12:45 pm
- Food Bank can be accessed once a month.

VOLUNTEERS: 212 volunteers donated their time weekly and/or seasonally for a total of 3,259 hours.

NEW FAMILIES USING SERVICES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2025: 262 (representing 445 individuals)

MONTHLY AVERAGES: Average of 75 people served per day. Average of 1,634 served per month. Average 37 new individual visits per month. November 18, 2025 was the biggest day ever with 210 served in foodbank and delivery.

TOTAL PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH FOOD FROM ALL PROGRAMS: 11,997 households were served in 2025

- Represents a total of 19,610 individuals
- 24% were children = 5% increase from 2024.

ESTIMATED # OF MEALS GIVEN OUT: $19,610 \times 15$ (3 meals x 5 days) = 294,150 meals

UNIQUE # OF UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS: 106 individuals served daily, as needed, in 2025

HOME DELIVERIES: 2,161

ONSITE FOODBANK VISITS: 3,021

ONSITE UNHOUSED FOOD VISITS: 6,822

WELCOME TO THE WORLD BASKETS FOR NEWBORNS: 15

CHILDREN RECEIVING CHRISTMAS TOYS: 1,219

OFF TO SCHOOL SMILING (SCHOOL BACKPACKS/SUPPLIES): 391

POUNDS OF FOOD DONATED BY COMMUNITY AND MEMBER AFFILIATIONS: 216,455 lbs

SOURCES OF FUNDING:

Generous people of the community	56%	Churches	9%	Businesses & Clubs	10%
Foundations	3%	Grants	4%	Government	2.5%
Fundraisers	13%	Other	2.5%		

MEMBERS OF:

Feed Ontario, Food Banks Canada, Canadian Centre for Christian Charities, and Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce.