



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

GBF COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Strengthening Connections

A Message from Our Leadership

In 2025, Grimsby faced unique challenges from rising housing costs to food inflation. Yet, for every challenge, our community offered a connection. This report is not just about the services GBF provided; it is about the \$5.4 million in local impact made possible because a community chose to support those in need in our community.

The rising cost of living in the Niagara region transformed basic needs into luxury items for many. GBF met this challenge by connecting residents with the two most fundamental pillars of stability, that being nutritious food and secure housing.

Our Housing initiatives focused on prevention, keeping families and individuals housed during temporary financial difficulties.

Our frontline staff helped provide navigation by connecting clients to other resources and providers as required. This ensured needs were met without duplication of services.

At GBF, we believe that true connection means moving from relief to resilience. In 2025 we proudly celebrated 60 years of community service, reflecting on six decades of turning local compassion into life-

changing empowerment. Our focus shifted toward empowering clients to take the lead in their own stability.

Through our Client Services and Wellness navigation, we provided more than just emergency aid; we offered a roadmap by connecting residents with professional development and resources. Empowerment is about dignity, ensuring that every person who walks through our doors leaves not just with groceries, but with a renewed sense of agency and a clear path towards a self-sufficient future.

The 60-year legacy of GBF is written in the tireless efforts of the people who show up every day to serve. We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and directors whose collective compassion is the engine of our impact. Whether you have been with us for six decades or six months, your commitment is the community connection that defines us. We celebrate your hard work, your empathy, and your unwavering belief that Grimsby is stronger when we look out for one another.

As we close this chapter on our 60th anniversary, we are reminded that GBF is more than a building – it is a promise. It is a promise that in Grimsby, no one must choose between a roof over their head and a meal on their table. While we celebrate the decades of impact behind us, our focus remains firmly on the road ahead. With your continued support, we will expand our reach, deepen our connections, and ensure that the next generation of community inherits a Grimsby where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Thank you for being the most vital part of our story.

Together, we are the heart of Grimsby.

Stacy Elia
Chief Executive Officer
GBF Community Services

2025 Financial Highlights

Thank you to all the donors who made contributions in 2025 that enabled us to invest in the Grimsby community.

Excellence in Connections: 60 years of community impact

For 60 years, GBF Community Services has been more than just a safety net; we have been a symbol of Grimsby's collective compassion. Our reputation for excellence is not something we claim, but something we

earn every day through transparency, fiscal responsibility, and the measurable success of our clients.

Our reputation is built on the belief that no Grimsby resident should be left behind. We are committed to maintaining the high standards that our donors and clients have come to expect.

GBF Community Services Direct Investment in Community	2025 Actual	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
Rent Supplement and Direct Housing Assistance	\$402,586	\$467,112	\$431,079
Other Client Assistance (Winter warmth, utilities, beds, transportation, medical, dental, etc.)	\$117,337	\$111,511	\$114,480
Food Bank	\$479,383	\$357,612	\$250,037
Wellness/Mental Health/Hub	\$15,145	\$20,580	\$35,870
Community Partner Donations*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clothing and Furniture	\$179,980	\$118,406	\$135,523
Youth Initiatives (Bursaries, back-to-school meal programs, Kids Zone, hunger awareness, etc.)	\$37,518	\$53,104	\$85,327
Volunteer Recognition and Program Promotion	\$67,740	\$34,492	\$34,768
Seasonal Hamper Program	\$128,156	\$118,413	\$77,688
Retail value of perishable food and non-perishable products**	\$3,929,415	\$3,175,364	\$2,011,757
Totals	\$5,357,261	\$4,456,594	\$3,176,529

* In 2025, a total of \$76,500 was donated to community partners. These have been allotted to School Life/Youth Programs, Mental Health, and Housing.

** In 2025, GBF distributed 489,952 kg of perishable and non-perishable products to the community. Per Food Banks Canada, the 2025 monetary equivalent approximated \$8.02/kg (3.64 LB). Total value in 2025 = \$3,929,415.

GBF Social Services Division

“The GBF Operational Model Works! Here’s Why.”

The Retail Store is the primary funding arm for our programs and services. This operational model is fundamental to our success. At GBF, we provide a holistic approach to enable our clients and community to be well, which has led to GBF being recognized as a leading social service agency across Ontario.

Food Security Program

The cornerstone of social services at GBF is the provision of healthy, nutritional food. GBF is the only Food Bank providing seven days worth of food on a weekly basis. On average, we spend approximately \$40,000 per month to ensure the Food Bank is supplied with fresh and healthy foods such as: milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, frozen meals, pantry staples, bread products, pastries, baby food and supplies, personal hygiene products, household cleaning products, and pet supplies.

GBF takes into consideration clients’ dietary and cultural needs, which is why we provide halal, gluten-free, low sodium, sugar-free and organic foods. Our model is designed as a client-choice facility by providing our clients the opportunity to choose nutritious food offerings that meet their health needs and enjoy eating too! We strive to ensure our food and household supplies are well stocked for our clients’ visits.

2025 Highlights:

- Registered clients accessing our Food Security Program may request food support through multiple channels: in-person, by phone, or online which has improved accessibility, inclusivity, and better support for different needs.
- Extended the Food Bank operating hours to increase services to our clients.
- 1,104 individuals received support with emergency food services, with 18,179 visits to the Food Bank, an increase of 1,382 in comparison to 2024.
- Total Food Investment was \$479,383, a 34% increase from the previous year. This is due to the increase in client visits to our Food Bank, and inflation of food costs.

- Food and items provided through the Food Bank include:

Milk (3.25%, 2%, 1%)	5,803 Bags/23,212 L
Lactose Free Milk	304 Cartons/608 L
Alternative Dairy Beverage	395 Cartons/790 L
Eggs (12 Pack)	5,945 Cartons
Infant Formula	259 Canisters
Infant Diapers & Wipes	611 Packages
Adult Depends	87 Packages
Household Supplies (Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Cleaning Products)	3,722 Bottles
Personal Hygiene Kits (Shampoo, Body Wash, Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush)	1,326 Kits

- 722 Seasonal Food Hampers (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas) provided to registered households to enjoy celebrating the holidays while minimizing financial stress. A total investment of \$128,156.
- As a member of Food Banks Canada, GBF was a successful recipient of:
 - After The Bell Program, which provides child-friendly, nutritious food packs to families with children during the summer months. GBF distributed 1,120 snack packs.
 - Menstrual Period Grant Program, which provides free menstrual products to diverse low-income groups in Canada while raising awareness about menstrual equity and helping to end period poverty. GBF distributed 190 cases of menstrual products.
 - As a member of Second Harvest Food Rescue Program, GBF partners with Sobeys, Starbucks, and Shopper’s Drug Mart to rescue and redirect food to help people facing food insecurity.

A special thank you to our community partners for their care for people and the planet!

- Because of you:

- \$104,618** retail value of rescued food.
- 20,593** meals provided to people in our community.
- 43,229 kg** greenhouse gases diverted from entering the atmosphere.
- 24,513,078 L** of water saved from rescuing good food by conserving the water that was used in food production.
- Strong community partnerships are vital to driving change in poverty reduction and food insecurity. Below is a summary of the total of food donated, purchased, and distributed:

Food Donations Received	135,546 kg
Food Bank Membership Donations	21,284 kg
Food Purchased	105,943 kg
Food Distributed to Clients & Community Partners	489,952 kg

- Please note discrepancy between food coming in vs. going out. These numbers do not take into consideration current inventory on hand prior to the year starting. Client food distribution is an approximate given the estimated value of food provided per household size per visit.
- The above summary demonstrates that GBF could not meet our clients’ needs on our own, but depends heavily on the generous and compassionate support of our community. Because of you, a total monetary value of \$3,929,415 was invested through our Food Security Program.



Food Security Program Statistics

Households & Individuals Served (Unique Count)

490 Households Served
1,104 Individuals Served

18,179 Visits to GBF's Food Bank

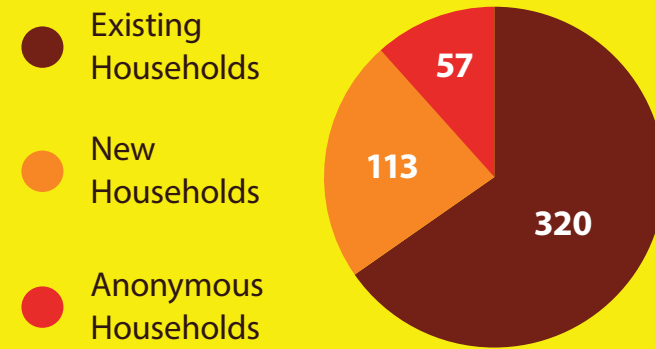
Households & Individuals Served (Duplicate Count)

7,588 Households Served
18,179 Individuals Served

Age Group Breakdown (Unique Count)

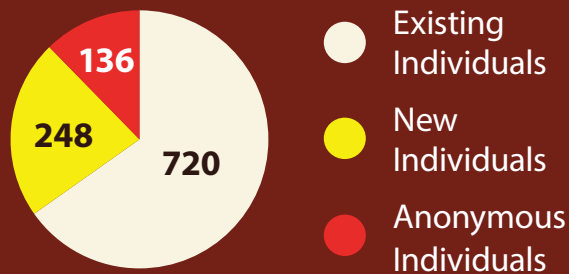
Adults (25–59 Years) **426**
 Children (0–17 Years) **326**
 Seniors (60+ Years) **138**
 Anonymous **136**
 Young Adults (18–24 Years) **78**

Households: New vs. Existing (Unique Count)



490 Total Households

Individuals: New vs. Existing (Unique Count)

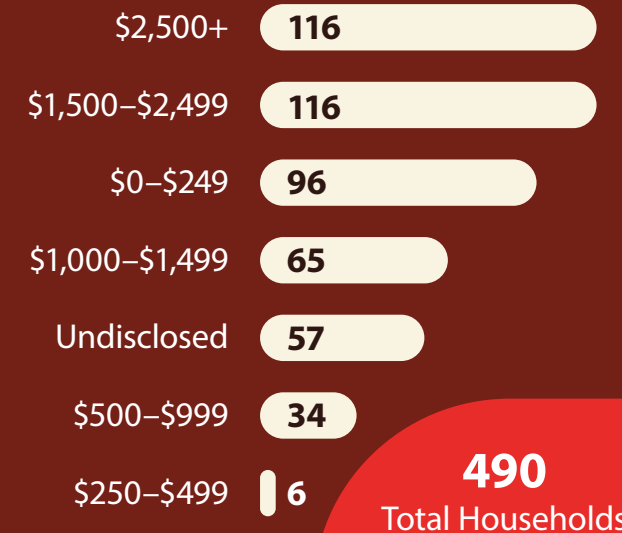


1,104 Total Individuals



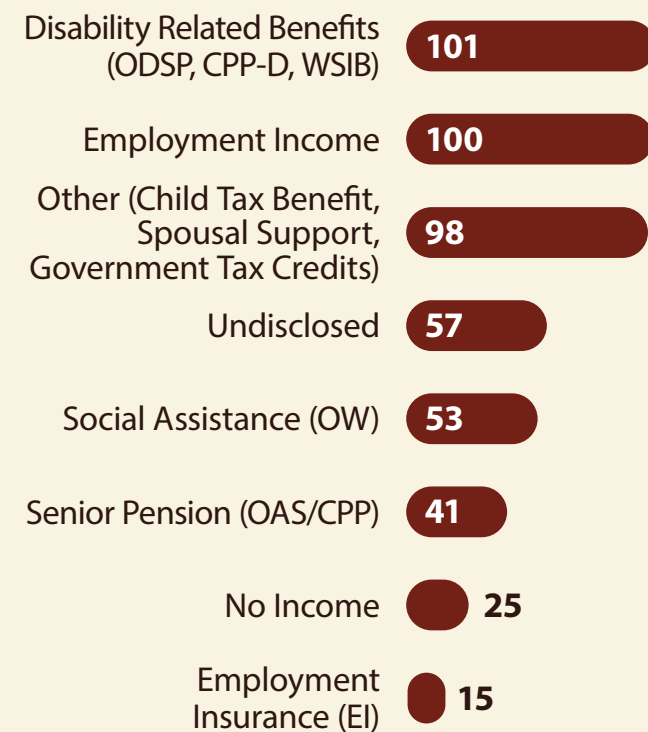
1,104 Total Individuals

Monthly Household Income



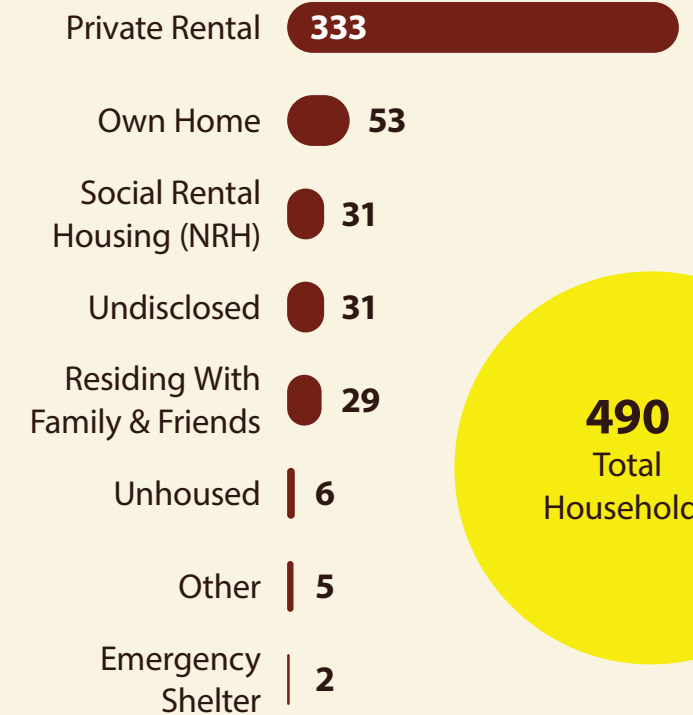
490 Total Households

Primary Household Income Type



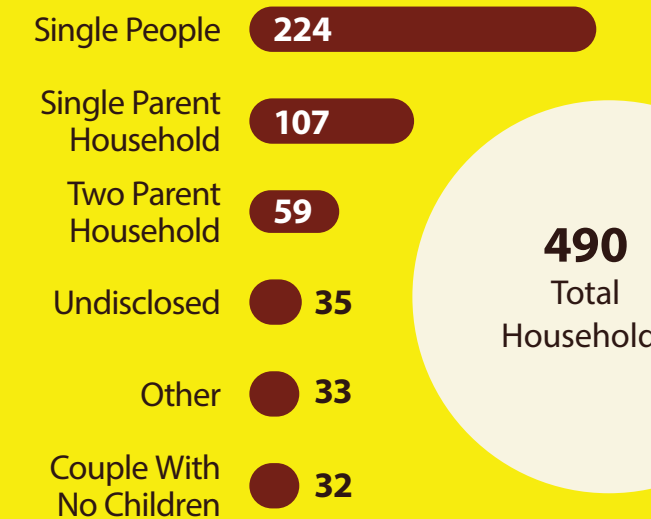
490 Total Households

Housing Status



490 Total Households

Household Types (Unique Count)



490 Total Households



Client Services Program

Emergency food services is often the initial reason for our clients to visit the GBF Food Bank, but we recognize with the increase in cost of living, stagnant incomes, and unforeseen circumstances such as a job loss, marital breakdown, and/or medical health conditions, more people are struggling to make ends meet. With increasing financial pressure, our clients are feeling overwhelmed, which is ultimately affecting their mental health too. To address these concerns, clients are provided with a Client Information Package outlining our Client Services and Community Wellness Programs. Our goal is to encourage our clients to schedule a one-on-one meeting with our Social Services Staff to complete a Wellness Assessment. Specific questions are asked pertaining to a client's environmental, physical, social and mental wellness to help identify areas of strengths and needs. It is through in-depth conversations that we develop a trusting relationship with our clients and can identify the specific areas of support needed.

Our staff recognize clients are struggling with competing challenges such as being at risk of eviction and homelessness, utility disconnections, medical, dental, and vision care needs, and other basic living costs that provide quality of life. As a result, a treatment plan is developed with the client to access support through GBF's programs, and referrals to other community services.

2025 Highlights:

Utility Support Programs

\$7,805 Total Invested **18 Households Supported**

- Eligible individuals at risk of disconnection received utility assistance.
- In partnership with the Ontario Energy Board, and Grimsby Power, GBF is a lead intake agency to assist individuals applying for utility benefit programs such as: Low Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), and Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP).

Low Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)

\$13,159 Total Invested **29 Households Supported**

Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

\$3,544 Total Invested **55 Households Supported**

Dental Care Program

\$7,214 Total Invested **11 Individuals Supported**

- In partnership with Dr. Joe Paolasini & Associates Dental Office, eligible individuals referred to by GBF received dental care assistance at a reduced cost.

Medical Care Program

\$11,545 Total Invested **27 Individuals Supported**

- Eligible individuals with basic or no health care insurance received medical care assistance.

Vision Care Program

\$827 Total Invested **3 Individuals Supported**

- In partnership with Dr. Peaker's Optometry, eligible individuals referred by GBF received vision care assistance at no cost. These funds were donated by Dr. Peaker. 8 individuals were supported through this partnership program.
- In addition, 3 individuals were supported through a local provider. This was a total investment of \$827 by GBF Funding.

School Life Program

\$19,000 Total Invested **195 Students Supported**

- 195 Students supported through the Back To School Program. Registered students received a new backpack, lunch bag, stationery supplies, running shoes, and school snacks.
- GBF provides a financial grant towards student bursaries to graduating students at local secondary schools, as well as school nutrition programs at local elementary schools.

Bed Set Program

\$7,510 Total Invested **10 Individuals Supported**

- In partnership with Best Way Bedding, eligible individuals referred to by GBF received new bed set assistance at a reduced cost.

Mental Health Support

\$50,000 Total Invested

- GBF does not provide on-site counselling services but recognizes the criticalness of access to mental health supports. As a result, GBF provides community grants to local social service providers to ensure these services are available to support our clients' mental wellness.
- A total of \$50,000 investment to local mental health providers for individual, family, and children and youth counselling services.
- In honour of Mental Health Awareness Month, GBF provided 100 "Blooming With Mental Health" Kits to our clients. Clients received supplies to plant vegetables seeds, and educational resources to nurture one's mental health.

Transportation Program

\$20,997 Total Invested **1,069 Total Taxi Trips**

- GBF recognizes the transportation barriers in Grimsby may restrict access to services, particularly healthcare and essential needs. As a result, GBF funds transportation to and from the GBF Food Bank, and delivery of food services due to accessibility barriers. In addition, GBF will provide transportation to and from medical appointments in emergency situations.

Tim Horton's Foundation Summer Camp Program

2 Children Supported

- In partnership with Tim Horton's, eligible children received the opportunity to attend Tim's Camp at no cost.

Income Tax Clinic

22 Individuals Supported

- In partnership with Marsers & Associates Professional Corporation, we hosted an Income Tax Clinic at GBF for clients with simple tax situations and modest income. This program helped our clients file their taxes on time, access government benefits and credits they were eligible for, and alleviated the financial cost associated with this service.

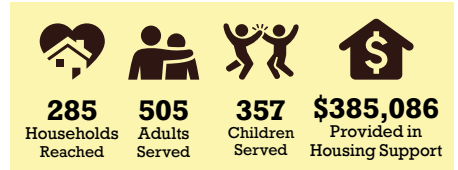


GREAT BIG FRIEND



The holidays shine brighter when we come together as a community.

Thank you for supporting the GBF Community Services' annual Christmas Hamper program. This year, we were so encouraged and inspired to see the community come together to ensure that those experiencing difficult times were well cared for. The holidays shine brighter when we come together as a community and because of you, more families and individuals were able to celebrate the season.



the family; gift cards and stocking stuffers. We also took extra special care of those who were in need of warm winter clothing.

For seniors living in isolation, GBF also provided a free Christmas turkey luncheon and Christmas Care kits.

2025 was a challenging year for many Grimsby residents.

This Christmas, GBF supported 116 more individuals than in 2024. The need is great, and it's ongoing: GBF is feeding and providing housing support to more people and for longer periods of time. We are experiencing a high volume of new households contacting us requesting assistance. This increased demand has us spending \$35,000-\$40,000 on food monthly as we struggle to meet the demand.

Thank you to all the service clubs, schools, churches, individuals and businesses that continue to support our efforts.

We look forward to your continued support in 2026.

We are an organization that genuinely cares about one another. Please continue to make a difference by supporting our efforts. Always on the look out for great people, consider becoming a volunteer. Our team also welcomes individuals and corporate groups to share their time and talents with us. Visit our website to learn more: gbfgrimsby.com

Thank you for making the season brighter to those who needed it most. Because of your support, no one was missed or felt forgotten.

Stacy Elia,
GBF Chief Executive Officer

Irene Podolak,
GBF President

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Food Security Program & Client Services

Testimonials from Our Clients

"I am writing to let you all know how appreciative I am of all of you and your services. I honestly don't know where I would be without the support from you guys over the past year. Not only with the food program, but your taxi program and rent supplement program. I would've missed an important surgery and multiple important doctor's appointments if GBF hadn't stepped in and helped me get transportation there. Where the taxi would cost \$200 there and back. OW offered me \$37. **I would not have been able to have the surgery without this program.** So, thank you for that. Also, the rent supplement has been beyond beneficial to me as I'm not working due to health issues. OW payment covers my rent and only my rent while I'm still waiting to hear back from ODSP which has been over a year now. So, thank you for that as well and for all that you guys do."

—Client #5559856

"I received GBF emergency dental assistance this year. I'm very thankful for this. They helped me out a lot because my financial situation is not good, but I got very big support from GBF. The process for these dental benefits required a couple meetings with the kind and helpful workers from GBF. Amazing place, with amazing workers. I really appreciate everything. **And all I can say if anyone needs help, don't be shy you will get the best people beside you if you go to the GBF.** Thank you again."

—Client #6275610

"I just want to say thank you SO much! I have never had to use a food bank in my life, up until a couple months ago, and it's not an easy thing to do. My mom is coming to my place for Easter weekend, and we were talking the other night about Easter dinner and I was telling her about GBF and that I had no idea what we would end up having, but I was sure it would be good and we would make do. She's almost 84, living in Niagara Falls, and she struggles too. She told me "I don't care if we have toast for supper, I'm just happy to spend the time with you". So, you can imagine our surprise to see what we have been gifted with! **You folks exceeded my expectations, and it always leaves me feeling a little more hopeful, to have help.** You are so very much appreciated."

—Client #6490875

"Thanks to GBF, they helped me with my utility bills (both gas and hydro bills), they provided me with food, and also helped me with my rent. I was able to get some relief during an incredibly challenging time. **Knowing that GBF was there to support me has given me so much hope.** Thank you to GBF for treating me with dignity and for serving our community with such compassion and care."

—Client #6398753

"Thank you so much for your support and for giving me the opportunity to share our story. After losing everything, my family and I came to Canada from the destroyed Ukrainian city of Mariupol to start our lives from the very beginning. It has been a difficult journey. For some time, we were able to stay with friends in a small basement room, and during that period the GBF team supported us with food, which meant so much to us.

Then, unexpectedly, the people we were staying with had to move, and we no longer had a place to live. At that time, we still had not found stable work, and the cost of first rent was a huge challenge for us. Even after managing to gather enough money to rent an apartment, we faced another difficulty—it was completely empty.

Once again, the GBF team came to our rescue. With the support of Bestway Bedding, you helped provide beds and bedding for our family and our son. This kind of support is truly unforgettable. We know firsthand what it feels like to sleep on the floor, and thanks to you, today we have everything we need for a comfortable life.

In addition, thanks to GBF support, my son and I are now able to attend YMCA. He plays basketball there with other children, which helps him adapt, make friends, and feel like a child again after everything we have been through.

But your support is not only financial. It is also the kindness, the warm smiles, and the care you show every day. It is so meaningful to be greeted by name, to share our first successes, new jobs, and our child's achievements with people who genuinely care.

Thank you for being there for us during one of the most difficult times in our lives. Your help gave us not only comfort, but also hope and strength to move forward."

—Client #6183278

"Being a recipient of GBF for my daughter's dental care and my partner's vision care was such a blessing. My daughter has struggled with her teeth and feeling embarrassed and having you guys help us out has made her feel so confident about herself. My partner also feels more confident with his glasses as he couldn't see anything very well before. **You have made these two people very happy and confident in themselves, and it wouldn't have happened without your generosity and help.** Thank you so much GBF."

—Client #405564

"I went through a divorce then shortly after lost my job. I am well educated and never thought that I would be without a job or very limited work. The GBF saved my son and myself. They helped us with groceries, rent, and with the helpful Easter and Back to School Hampers. I was in a place that felt impossible (at times) to get out of. All of the services at GBF gave me support. And more importantly, all of the staff at GBF gave me hope, possibility, and kindness while providing those supports. Thank you for everything."

—Client #5254479



Feed Ontario Award

Feed Ontario presented GBF Community Services with the Bridge Builder award at their conference. This was in recognition of the commitment to building connections within their organization and community.

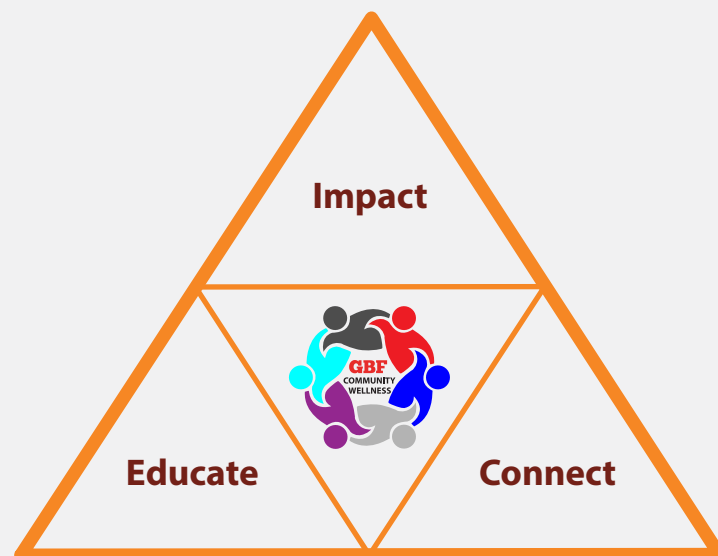


President's 2025 Wellness Message

From Irene Podolak

Looking back on the evolution of GBF's Community Wellness Program, it became clear that 2025 represented an inflection point in the Program's maturity. The Program has evolved from delivering a variety of wellness promotion initiatives and events, to becoming a well-structured, effective Community Wellness Department, impacting the quality of life experienced by individuals in our community and the surrounding areas.

Following a thorough evaluation of the different initiatives and service delivery options applied over the last few years, three areas of focus emerged to become the strategies that will guide the operations of our Community Wellness Department going forward.



1. To **EDUCATE** and provide the tools, knowledge, and guidance needed for people to identify their perception of wellness and choose the wellness priorities that matter to them, i.e., to practice GBF's Wellness Self-Care approach.
2. To **CONNECT** people in our community to wellness services offered by GBF and/or other wellness service providers to enable people to effectively address the wellness challenges they are experiencing.
3. To routinely collect, analyze and report data to demonstrate the **IMPACT**, social value and sustainability of implementing Wellness Self-Care and Community Wellness initiatives/events.

Our analysis also identified how GBF's community wellness services are unique:

- They are guided by GBF's Wellness Promotion Framework, which supports physical, mental, social, and environmental wellbeing, recognizing the interdependent nature of these wellness categories.
- They are designed to promote equity and accessibility, ensuring individuals can access wellness opportunities regardless of financial barriers; anyone can attend our events at no cost to them.
- They are not prescriptive, but rather, they promote wellness literacy, informed choice, and dignity by empowering individuals to identify their own wellness priorities and take meaningful steps on their personal wellness journey (with the guidance of a trained facilitator).

Applying these strategies and principles, our Community Wellness Team of staff and volunteers delivered an impressive impact last year. In 2025, 642 events were held, welcoming 5,905 participants from across the community. From 2023 to 2025 (post COVID years), this represents a growth of 40% for events and 94% in attendance.

Based on the shared stories and testimonials received from participants, we can confidently say our wellness services have empowered individuals with the knowledge, tools, and connections needed to improve their quality of life. In addition, participants were able to strengthen their resilience, build greater independence, and as a result, take meaningful ownership of their personal wellness.

GBF is deeply grateful to our community partners who generously provide their locations and the space needed to deliver our events. Our connections with individuals (i.e., our Wellness Ambassadors) and partnering organizations made it possible to deliver impactful, sustainable events throughout the community and expand access to wellness services for those who need our help the most.

For More Community Wellness Information

To learn more about GBF's Community Wellness initiatives and events taking place during 2026, check GBF's website at gbfgrimsby.com/wellness/. We hope you will attend our community wellness events—everyone is welcome; all events are free.

To support our Community Wellness initiatives, go to: gbfgrimsby.com/donate-now/

Working together to enable our community to be well

Thank you to our community partners



100 Main St W,
Grimsby



290 Main St E,
Grimsby



63 Main St W,
Grimsby
(Food Basics Mall)



325 Main St E,
Grimsby



28 Main St E,
Grimsby



40 Elm St,
Grimsby

Community
Wellness Office



18 Carnegie Ln,
Grimsby

2025 Community Wellness Growth Initiatives

Category	Event Name	Number Of Events	Number of Attendees	Category Event Total	Category Attendee Total
 Wellness Education	Wellness Education*	178	2,533	178	2,533
 Youth Engagement	Youth Engagement**	332	298	332	298
 Physical	Healthy Eating Course	2	23	9	62
	Active Living***	7	39		
 Mental	Mental Health Speaker Events	2	23	2	23
 Social	Coffee Hour	23	241	115	2,226
	Cards & Games	51	738		
	Music Circle	23	224		
	Misc. Social Events	4	151		
	Misc. Speaker Events	6	115		
	Volunteer Appreciation Events	7	682		
	Care Kits	1	75		
 Environmental	Budget Management Course	2	14	6	763
	Annual General Meeting	1	47		
	Seasonal Hampers	3	702		
Totals				642	5,905

*Wellness Education includes: Wellness self-care course; corporate engagement; volunteer orientation, and misc. stakeholder consultations.

**Youth Engagement includes: Back to School initiative; Easter Colouring Contest, and student volunteer engagement.

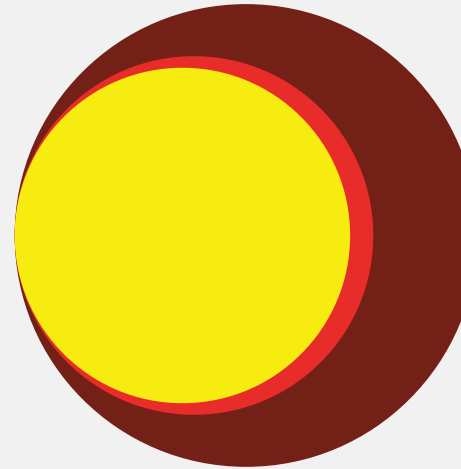
***Active Living includes: Peach King Centre & YMCA referrals.

Community Wellness Growth

Additionally,
450 people
attended GBF's 60th
Anniversary Celebration

Events

2023: 457 2024: 486 **2025: 642**



40% Increase

Attendance

2023: 3,038 2024: 4,870 **2025: 5,905**

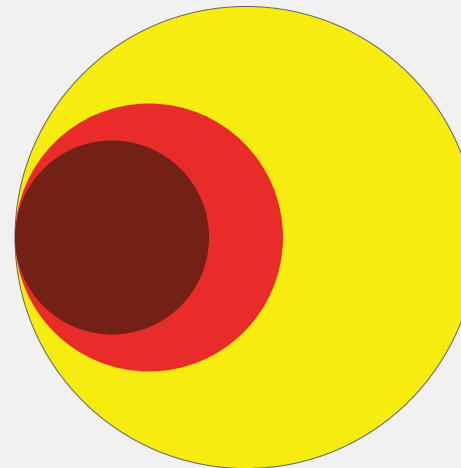


94% Increase

Community Wellness Financial Investment

Events

2023: \$35,870 2024: \$20,580 **2025: \$15,145**

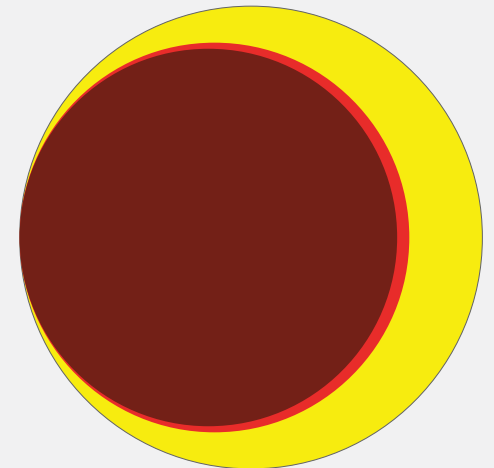


-57% Decrease*

*Some 2025 event expenses re-allocated to general accounts

Partner Grants

2023: \$93,650 2024: \$77,876 **2025: \$76,500**



-18% Decrease**

**Partner grants adjusted as per budget constraints

Community Wellness Testimonials

Participant Testimonials



Social Coffee Hour

"I initially heard about coffee hour from Ashley at GBF. I have met very nice people. I attend the coffee hour every time it's held unless I have a conflict with another appointment. Fast forward to today, I have made many new friendships. I believe these people will support me in good times and in bad! I love the Grimsby small community feel. Thanks to GBF for everything you do for the community. You guys rock!"



Cards and Games

"This weekly activity provides a wonderful opportunity for socialization and for meeting new people—something that I, along with many others, truly look forward to each week. It brings me great joy not only to participate in playing cards or games but to see others enjoying themselves and sharing in the same sense of fun and connection."



Music Circle Jam

"I love the musical talent that comes out. This is the first open mic that welcomes all levels of talent. I've made lifelong friends through the music. A great stress reliever. Thank you!"



Spring Floral Centerpiece Workshop

"This is a wonderful get together. We see amazing creations—a surprise to most of us when it turns out well. The social aspect is so important especially to people who are a bit anxious in joining in—most come away feeling uplifted. Thank you for all you do in organizing this great workshop."



Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

"The friendliness of the staff...The generous amount of planters and flowers...Socializing with ladies in the community...Many many thanks. I loved learning a new skill."



Healthy Eating Course

Great amount of information from course instructors. So very knowledgeable. Please keep offering these types of courses. I have learned a whole lot on substitutions that I can use for healthier cooking. So many great ideas. Thank you!"



Wellness Self-Care (WSC) Course

"I did this course a few years ago. However, my health situation has changed drastically, and I need to redefine my goals for the future. This course helped me to sit down and focus. It motivated me to sit down and set goals. Now the work begins! Life is a lifetime learning experience. Thank you to all involved!"



Gardening Speaker Event

"PowerPoint was great. Easy to read and good info. The Q&A was nice. Helpful to hear others' problems and solutions and ideas. It's always enjoyable gathering with like-minded individuals."



Summer BINGO

"It was a lot of fun today. Lunch was a nice touch. Bingo caller was perfect – right speed and nice and clear. I was glad to see children invited and special children prizes. It was something different for me to do in the afternoon. Everyone had a great time."



Holiday Care Kits

"I find the care kit gives me a boost if I am having a down day. To me it is a happy package. The gas cards and food coupons are also very handy when you cannot get some items from the food bank. Thank you."



Mental Health Speaker

"Thank you for the tips especially advice on setting the bar to where it is achievable and to surround ourselves with resources and a support group."



Ways of GIVING

GBF COMMUNITY SERVICES
SPECIAL SECTION 2026



Housing Support in Grimsby

The emergency housing and rent supplement initiatives in Grimsby focus on bridging the gap between fixed incomes and rising market costs. These programs, primarily driven by GBF, serve as a critical safety net to prevent local homelessness.

Our 2025 strategy emphasized long-term stability by combining immediate financial relief with ongoing case management.

Emergency Rent Assistance

Provided one-time financial aid to individuals and families at immediate risk of eviction or utility disconnection. The average monthly investment for housing support was \$12,367 targeting crisis intervention. A total of \$148,413 was invested locally in the Emergency Funding program.

Assistance was also provided for first or last month's rent to help residents transition into more affordable or stable housing.

Rent Supplement Program

This program supported households spending more than 30% of their disposable income on housing.

In 2025 the rent supplement program aimed to maintain the 68+ households, with an average monthly investment of \$19,723. A total of \$236,673 was invested through this initiative.

GBF made a total investment in housing supports of \$402,586.

Supporting GBF housing programs in 2026 involves direct financial contributions, volunteering, shopping at our thrift store. GBF receives no sustained government funding for these programs, making community support the primary driver for preventing local homelessness.

Monetary donations are the most direct way to fund the Rent Supplement and Emergency Rent Assistance programs. Donations can be made online, by phone at 905 309 5664 (ext. 28) or by mail.

For a person in Grimsby receiving housing support from GBF, it is often the difference between staying in their community or being forced to leave their support networks. It prevents the social isolation that comes with displacement. Knowing that GBF exists means that for a struggling resident, a "difficult month" does not have to mean losing everything.





Nourishing our community through donations of time.

We are grateful to every GBF volunteer who chooses to spend their valuable time furthering our mission in Grimsby.

When we say we can't do what we do without our volunteers, we mean it. Last year, our volunteers donated 50,638 hours in our facility. This is truly an incredible gift to those we serve.

Our volunteers have always been an instrumental part of the operations of GBF Community Services. They provide essential service with dignity. We thank each of them for volunteering during this time of constant change and uncertainty. We are forever grateful to our volunteers' ideas, positive energy, and the beautiful intensity of passion to our efforts.



Bill and I find it incredibly meaningful to support GBF Community Services, as it allows us to give back to a community that has given us so much.

We value being part of an effort that helps local families in times of need, and it's important to us that our contributions, no matter how small, can make a direct and positive impact. Volunteering together has strengthened our connection as a couple, giving us a shared sense of purpose rooted in compassion, generosity, and community spirit.

—June and Bill, GBF Volunteers



Brian Orr



There are times in life when a moment seems insignificant and becomes something very special.

Mine was the fall of 2024 when I met Stacy Elia, CEO at GBF. I had spent 15 years of my career as a senior executive of some multinational organizations and almost forty years in my own marketing and consulting firm.

In meeting with Stacy, I told her I had spent many years in the food-service industry. I said I had many major business contacts who were either "retired or passed" but let's give this a shot!

Working with a group of positive management staff and volunteers has been a special opportunity in my life. The ability to give back to our community in these very stressful financial times has been tremendously

rewarding. The organization of this GBF team is second to none and it has been great to see and be a part of. With thirty years of being on the Board and fundraising for Easter Seals, my participation for GBF Community Services has been and will continue to be a wonderful experience!

I have found immense joy and fulfillment working with this positive, dedicated team. Having the opportunity to build new friendships and with a number of local businesses who have donated money, products and sponsorships to GBF has also been amazing.

I would like to challenge citizens of Grimsby and surrounding areas to please get involved with GBF either personally or financially and assuredly, you will feel the positive rush I have felt over the past 18 months. Food and financial insecurity are real, but by showing care and concern for your neighbours, you can make a positive difference in their lives and your own.

—Brian Orr, Volunteer



Community Partner Spotlight

GBF Documentary

My name is Adrian Gentili, and I'm a filmmaker based in Grimsby. In April 2025, I was approached by a senior producer at Bell Fibe TV1 to pitch a local story worth telling. Having personally frequented the GBF as both a donor and a shopper, I immediately felt it was the right subject, especially with the 60th anniversary approaching.



After first pitching the idea to Stacy and Ashley, their enthusiasm was immediate. During that initial visit, they brought me behind the scenes, where I saw firsthand the full scope of GBF's operations. I hadn't realized the food bank operated within the same building, nor the scale of volunteer effort required each day to process donations and support the community.

Over the past year, I've spent countless hours filming in the retail store, warehouse, and food bank, as well as at key initiatives like the Trick or Canning food drive and the Christmas hamper program. Through this experience, and by spending time with staff, volunteers, community partners, and clients, I've gained a deep appreciation for the work being done at GBF and its meaningful impact on Grimsby.

This project has reinforced just how vital GBF is to the community, and how deserving their story is of being shared. I'm proud to help bring that message to a wider audience through my documentary series, *The GBF Initiative*.

Adrian Gentili,
Filmmaker

Ever Hopeful Fund

We are deeply grateful to the Ever Hopeful Fund for its extraordinary dedication to our cause. The Ever Hopeful Fund's unwavering support during our 60th Anniversary with a matched gift provided the necessary foundation to reach our goals. Thank you to the Ever Hopeful Fund, we are making a lasting impact on our community and are excited to continue this journey together.



Your belief in the unique abilities and strengths of every person we serve is what fuels our growth and continuous innovation. We are truly grateful for your partnership in building a healthier, more vibrant Grimsby.

You are more than a donor; you are a vital part of the GBF family. Thank you for standing with us and proving that when a community comes together, hope is never out of reach.

100 Business Women Who Care

We were so thrilled to have the GBF Community Services host one of our 2025 meetings, and it was a truly meaningful experience for our group. This partnership gave our members a firsthand look at the incredible work GBF is doing to support individuals and families in our community. It deepened our understanding of local needs and strengthened our connection to the impact happening right here at home. We were honoured to support their efforts and look forward to continuing this relationship and making a difference together in the future.



Tim Horton's Grimsby

Supporting our community has always been important to us. Organizations like GBF Community Services play a vital role in strengthening the fabric of Grimsby by providing programs, support, and opportunities that make a real difference in people's lives. We believe that when local families, businesses, and organizations work together, we can build a stronger and more connected community.

Our partnership with GBF reflects our commitment to giving back to the community that supports us, and we're proud to contribute to the important work being done to support individuals and families across Grimsby.

It's been a pleasure working with GBF. We look forward to continuing this relationship for many years to come.

The Nicholson Family

Harmony Jewellers

Harmony Jewellers was proud to support GBF Community Services through our Golden Ticket fundraiser as part of celebrating our 50th year in business. Giving back to the community that has supported us for so many years is incredibly important to us, and GBF's work in providing meaningful, immediate assistance to local individuals and families aligns closely with our values. As GBF celebrates 60 years of impact, we are honoured to partner with an organization that plays such a vital role in our community.



Kevin Luttjehuizen



Grimsby Firefighter's Association

We wanted to take a moment to express how much we value the opportunity to support GBF Community Services. The work you do in the community is truly impactful, and it's always a privilege for us to play a role alongside you. Over the years, we've been proud to assist with a number of your initiatives, including the Christmas Food Drive and Hamper Program, the COVID "Feed Hope" Food Drive, and supporting your efforts around mental health awareness. We also believe we've had the opportunity to contribute through past Boot Drives and to celebrate milestones such as your recent anniversary, each one reinforcing the important role you play in our community.

Simply put, we're there whenever you need us. Our strength lies in our visibility and presence throughout the community, which allows us to mobilize support quickly and effectively. When we reach out, people recognize us, not just as first responders, but as trusted members of the community, and they respond with generosity. That connection helps us bridge the gap between those who want to help and those who need it most, and we're always proud to leverage that position in support of GBF Community Services.

Thank you for the incredible work you do. We look forward to continuing to support your efforts in any way we can.

Christian Giovannini
President, Grimsby Firefighter's Association



John Deere Canada

Since 1976, John Deere Canada has been proud to call Grimsby home. In the fifty years that our Canadian main office and Regional Distribution

Center have been in operation, we have always remained committed to investing in the community by supporting local programs, initiatives and organizations that focus on addressing critical needs such as food security, housing, youth development, and environmental sustainability. By working closely with organizations like GBF Community Services that deliver essential services and programs to the community, we aim to empower people and support individuals and families who are most in need.

We have had a long-standing partnership with GBF Community Services. For over 25 years, John Deere Canada has provided financial support through corporate donations and annual grants from the John Deere Foundation of Canada. Support has also come by way of our employees, who have generously given hundreds of hours of their time over the years to volunteering at the food bank and retail store. Whether it's sorting clothing and food donations, putting out inventory or restocking food bank shelves, these experiences have given our volunteers a firsthand perspective on the vital services GBF provides, deepening their connection to the Grimsby community and strengthening their commitment to supporting those in need. These shared moments of service remind us all that small acts of kindness can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.



We look forward to continuing this partnership and finding new ways to support GBF Community Services, ensuring that together, we can build a stronger, more resilient Grimsby for generations to come.

The Lynn Fee Team

The Lynn Fee Team has always believed that strong communities are built through compassion, connection, and a commitment to giving back—values that align deeply with the incredible work of GBF Community Services. Lynn Fee, in particular, has a genuine passion for supporting GBF and the vital role it plays in helping individuals and families in our community. She has long been inspired by their impact and is proud to contribute to their mission in meaningful and ongoing ways.



As a consistent supporter of the GBF Housing Program, through ongoing monthly donations, this initiative holds a special place for Lynn. Through her work in real estate, she sees firsthand how essential safe and stable housing is and recognizes the growing need for support within our community. Being able to contribute to a program that directly helps provide housing solutions is something Lynn cares deeply about and remains committed to.

Over the years, The Lynn Fee Team has proudly supported GBF Community Services through a variety of initiatives, including hosting annual food drives such as our Client Pumpkin Food Drive, participating in donation-centric, local events like Family Movie Night in the Park, and offering volunteer support whenever possible. We have also been honoured to support events like ElevateHer, helping to further amplify the important work GBF does. Supporting GBF Community Services is something we value greatly, and we look forward to continuing this partnership for many years to come.

Giant Tiger

Community First: Supporting One Another Through GBF Community Services



Thank you for this incredible honour. I am truly humbled and grateful, not as an individual, but as someone fortunate to be part of a community that shows, time and again, what it means to care for one another.

To me, being part of Grimsby has never been just about operating a business. It's about connection. It's about neighbours helping neighbours, and organizations like GBF Community Services making sure no one is left behind. GBF represents the very best of this community—quiet generosity, compassion, and the belief that small acts, when brought together, can make a meaningful difference.

Through my role with Giant Tiger, I've been fortunate to witness firsthand the impact GBF has on local families. Whether it's Christmas hampers, back-to-school programs, the Angel Tree, or ongoing food bank support, these efforts bring comfort, dignity, and hope. Each initiative is a reminder that community is not just where we live—it's how we show up for each other.

Giant Tiger's founder, Gordon Reid, believed deeply that when your customers are your neighbours, you have a responsibility to do things right. That philosophy lives on here in Grimsby. Every donation, every partnership, and every act of support reflects the shared strength and compassion of this town. The credit belongs to the community itself—to the volunteers, the organizers, and the many people who give what they can to help others.

I am grateful to Ashley, Stacy, and everyone involved with GBF for allowing Giant Tiger to play a small part in such important work. The real story is not about any one person or business, but about what's possible when a community comes together with heart and purpose.

Grimsby is a special place. Supporting one another is simply what neighbours do here. And I am thankful to be part of it.

Andy Daniels,
Giant Tiger Owner



Puddicombe Farms

We are proud to support GBF Community Services, an organization that has been a cornerstone of the Grimsby community for over 60 years. GBF ensures individuals and families have the support they need to thrive.

**Thank you
to all our
community
partners.**



**Knights of Columbus
Back-To-School Donation**



**Tim Horton's Holiday Smile
Cookie Campaign Donation**



**M. Koornneef Product Ltd
Weekly Food
Bank Donation**



**St. David's Hydroponics
Produce Donation**



**Grimsby Pickleball Association
Back-To-School Donation**



Winona Men's Club Easter Donation



**Food Basics Outreach
Initiative Donation**



**The Lynn Fee Team
Annual Pumpkin Drive**



**Lakemount Church
Back-To-School Donation**



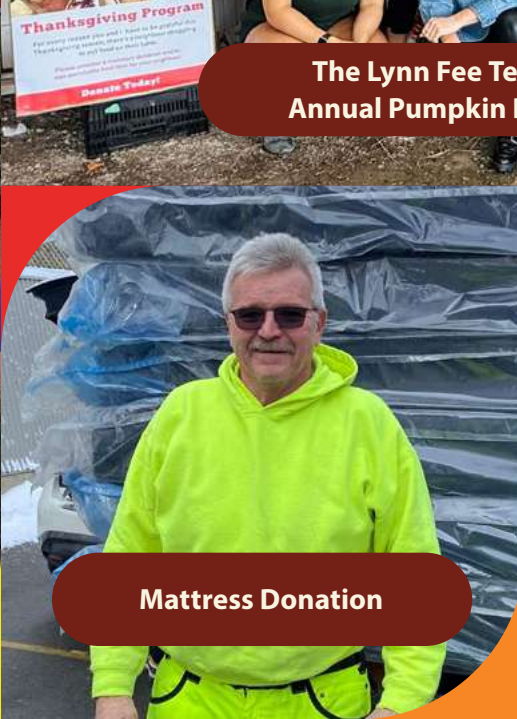
**Ridgeview Easter
Food Drive**



**E.D. Smith
Food Donation**



**Grimsby Animal
Hospital Donation**



Mattress Donation



Grimsby Kia Easter Hamper Donation

Your Legacy will help the most vulnerable individuals.

Making a legacy gift is a great way to have a meaningful impact and reduce local crises. It is a gift with lasting impact in our community.

Supporting the programs and services of GBF means that everyday, children, adults, seniors, and families who do not have the resources or necessities have a resource in their community to turn to for help.

You can help ensure that future generations live healthily by including GBF Community Services in your will or estate planning.

Legacy gifts are donations arranged in the present and given at a future date. Your gifts are a way to show your generosity and commitment to GBF Community Services' efforts.

By including GBF in your legacy planning, you will:

- Ensure that GBF Community Services is here for years to come, providing services and food for your neighbours that need it most.
- Amplify your local impact.
- Enjoy tax benefits.



Our promise to you

We respect your privacy. Our staff recognize that making a gift in your will is a personal choice.

Your legacy gift will ensure that GBF Community Services continues to be a leader in delivery of service.

What you need to know

Information that may be helpful as you prepare your legacy gift includes:

Legal Name

Benevolent Society of Grimsby and District

Charitable Registration Number

821227147RR0001

Mailing Address

**40 Elm Street, P.O. Box 231
Grimsby, ON L3M 4G3**

If you have already arranged a legacy gift for GBF Community Services, you are under no obligation to tell us about it. However, we would love to thank you personally. Contact Stacy Elia, CEO at **(905) 309 5664 ext. 33** or by email: **stacy@gbfgrimsby.com**

To those currently reflecting on their legacy and considering a gift to GBF Community Services, we thank you.

How you can help

GBF Community Services needs you! We all have a role to play in contributing towards an engaged, healthy, and thriving community. There are many ways to get involved and take action.

Volunteer

Every day our volunteers amaze us with their creativity, hard work, and caring attitudes. We have a strong volunteer program that will provide you with training, mentorship, and a rewarding experience. To apply to become a volunteer, please visit our website **GBFgrimsby.com** and fill out an online application for consideration.

Follow us on social media

We are on Facebook and Instagram where you will be first to see updates, sales etc.

Donate food/household and hygiene products

Food donations are at the core of our work. Non-food items such as paper goods and cleaning supplies are also welcome. Please remember our furry friends too with pet food, cat litter, and treats. Please consider hosting a donation drive. The face of hunger in your community is real and there are many ways you can help.

Shop at our thrift store

GBF Community Services thrift store provides new and gently used clothing, accessories, books, toys, furniture, household items and more. Your donations and purchases support community members experiencing challenging times.

Visit, shop, and donate at the GBF Community Services thrift store at **40 Elm Street, Grimsby ON.**

Recycle your scrap metal and electronics

GBF welcomes donations of these products as revenue from these sources helps support the many programs delivered by our staff. Our Receiver volunteers will be ready to greet you and accept your items at the back of our facility.

Become a monthly donor

Monthly giving is one of the easiest and most effective ways in which to make a positive and sustained impact. You will also provide our community members with the resources they need to thrive. Please call **(905) 309 5664 ext. 33**



Corporate volunteering at GBF Community Services

Build business and community sustainability

Corporate volunteering recognizes the value of business engaging with people in our community. The benefits for business are many: it improves reputation, internal culture, and a long-term sustainable future. For employees, it improves their leadership opportunities. By joining us, you will see firsthand the positive difference one can make and you will do your part to feed hope!

Together, we will continue to build an engaged, healthy, and thriving community in the Town of Grimsby.



GBF Retail: Shopping with a Purpose

More than a store—
a community lifeline

In 2025, GBF Retail proved once again that it is the heartbeat of our sustainable funding model. Every item donated and every treasure purchased in our store directly fuels our mission. Because of our retail success, 100% of every monetary donation to GBF goes directly to client programs, such as food, housing, and wellness.

2025 Highlights

Product Sale Ranking	Total Sales	% of Sales	Sales Increase from 2024
#1: Ladies Clothing	\$392,438	22%	8%
#2: Housewares	\$192,413	11%	No increase
#3: Boutique items	\$162,573	9%	32%
#4: Jewellery	\$102,214	6%	32%

The above highlights are just a few samples of the many items sold at GBF.

As we look to 2026, we invite you to keep GBF retail at the top of your mind:

- 1. Donate quality goods:** Your high-quality donations are what keep our shelves vibrant and our programs funded.
- 2. Shop often:** Every visit is a new opportunity to find a treasure and make a difference.
- 3. Volunteer:** Our retail floor is powered by dedicated volunteers. Join us for a shift and see the “Power of One” in action.

When it comes time to declutter your home or refresh your wardrobe, we invite you to make GBF your first choice for donations. The proceeds from your donated goods at GBF stay right here in Grimsby. 100% Local Impact: every sweater, book, or piece of furniture you donate is transformed into rent assistance, utility assistance, dental assistance, and food for your neighbours.

Visit us at 40 Elm Street, Grimsby. Our team of dedicated volunteers is ready to receive your items with gratitude, knowing that each item is a building block for a stronger, more resilient community.

Our retail operations do not just sell goods; they buy stability for a neighbour in crisis, nutrition for a growing child, and wellness for a senior in need.

Thank you for making us your first choice for giving and your favourite destination for findings.

2025 Retail Highlights

- Sustainability in Action:** This year, we diverted over 842,164 lbs of products and clothing from the landfill, promoting a circular economy right here in Grimsby.
- Affordability for All:** As the cost of living rose, our store provided a critical resource for families to find clothing, furniture, and essentials at a fraction of retail prices.
- The Engine of Innovation:** Profits from our retail operations provided the funding needed to continue our programs and meet the ongoing needs.

To everyone who chose to “shop local” at GBF this past year—thank you! Your choice to purchase a pre-loved book or piece of furniture meant a neighbour could keep their lights on or a child could start school with a full backpack. You are not just customers, you are partners in our progress.





60 Years of Impact

This year marks a historic milestone for GBF Community Services as we celebrate 60 years of unwavering dedication to the Grimsby community. Since beginning in our late founder Mike Barretto's basement in 1965, GBF has evolved into a comprehensive support system that remains the heartbeat of our town.

In a year characterized by the rising cost of living and increased food insecurity, our community's response has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Our \$60,000 in 60 Days campaign was a resounding success. A total of \$223,208 was raised to support the efforts of GBF.

For over 60 years, GBF Community Services has served as the primary safety net for Grimsby residents by fostering "Community Connection" partnerships between local donors, volunteers, and businesses. Beyond basic needs, GBF connects residents to combat isolation and promote health. GBF often highlights the transition from crisis to stability, emphasizing that GBF provides much more than just food. By combining basic needs with dignified support, we help many families and individuals reclaim their independence.

On September 27, 2025, we welcomed the public to our Elm Street location to celebrate six decades of service with food, music, and tours of our facility. This celebration was not just about our history, but a commitment to our future. Here's to the next 60 years of turning compassion into action and dignity into hope.





Treasurer's Report

GBF Community Services is a charity that operates as a social enterprise with a clear purpose: to pursue meaningful social, cultural, and environmental outcomes while generating sustainable revenue to support our programs. As we reflect on 2025, our efforts remain grounded in strengthening connections—offering support to those who need it, donors to tangible impact, volunteers to meaningful purpose, and our community to one another.

GBF's volunteer-driven operational model is built on generating revenue from thrift store sales to provide sustainable funding for programs that support local needs such as food security, housing, mental health, and social wellbeing. The community contributes directly to GBF's primary revenue source through thrift store product donations, volunteer efforts, and regular shopping. In 2025, the thrift store achieved \$1,740,357 in revenue, reflecting an increase of over 6% compared to the prior year.

Through its business model, GBF ensures that every donation goes directly to the donor's chosen program, such as food bank services, housing assistance, mental health support, school backpack initiatives, Christmas programs, and seasonal hampers. In 2025, GBF received \$841,889 in donations from corporate and private individuals, an increase of 22% from the prior year.

The combined revenue from the thrift store and donations allows GBF to make meaningful investments in the Grimsby community, supporting essential programs. GBF is sincerely thankful for the generous support it has received from the Grimsby community.

To measure overall contribution to the community, GBF distributed 489,952 kg of perishable and non-perishable food products throughout the year, with an estimated value of \$3.9 million. In total, GBF's monetary impact on the Grimsby community is approximately \$5.4 million.

Looking ahead, the need for food security and housing support services is expected to continue growing. Many food bank clients are also in need of assistance with utility bills, medical, dental, and bedding. GBF remains committed to strengthening partnerships and connections across the community to remain responsive, resilient, and focused on the needs of our community.

GBF's achievements are made possible by the commitment and generosity of our volunteers, donors, and team members.

Thank you,

Leanne Sidorkewicz

Treasurer, GBF Community Services

Our Mission

- Meet our clients' basic needs;
- Promote wellness in our community, and;
- Provide a safe and rewarding environment for our board, staff and volunteers.

Our Vision

Enable our clients and our community to be well.

Our Values

- A commitment to serving our clients with respect and compassion.
- A belief in the unique abilities, strengths, and gifts of each person.
- A belief in the capacity for people to grow, change, and care for themselves and for one another.
- A commitment to professionalism, ethical conduct, and integrity of service delivery.
- A recognition of the importance of volunteerism and citizen participation in the community.
- The role of research, education, and advocacy.



Financial Highlights

Revenue	2025
Sales and Recycling	\$1,740,357
Contributions	\$841,889
Provincial/Regional Grants	\$20,000
Interest Revenue	\$67,733
Other	\$58,705
Total Revenue	\$2,728,684

Administration	2025
Occupancy	\$84,942
Office and Computer Maintenance	\$51,287
Telephone	\$9,130
Service Fees, Supplies and Other	\$72,445
Board and Strategic Planning	\$22,725
Professional Fees	\$17,867
Insurance	\$41,301
Salaries and Benefits	\$137,028
Amortization	\$60,806
Total Administration	\$497,531



Programs	2025
Food Bank	\$479,383
Client Assistance/Housing	\$559,923
School Life and Bursaries	\$37,518
Christmas Hamper	\$101,315
Clothing & Furniture	\$179,980
Wellness (Hub) Program	\$15,145
Advertising and Promotion	\$38,347
Volunteer Recognition	\$29,393
Easter and Thanksgiving Hampers	\$26,841
Salaries and Benefits	\$739,861
Total Programs	\$2,207,706

Excess revenue over expenses \$23,447



GBF's Staff

Our staff, at all levels, continue to be an important resource. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all our staff for investing their skills and talents in GBF Community Services and the valued contributions they have made in the lives of many individuals and families who have served over the years.

- Stacy Elia**, *Chief Executive Officer*
- Ashley Marr**, *Director of Programs*
- Peter Salib**, *Finance/Administration Manager*
- Emily Henderson**, *Programs Coordinator*
- Sophia Avolio**, *Programs Coordinator*
- Nitin Sharma**, *Retail Coordinator*
- Adrienne Denyer**, *Retail Coordinator*
- Lee Douglas**, *Retail Coordinator*
- Bill MacLean**, *Receiver Coordinator*
- Allan Seabrook**, *Receiver/Truck Driver*

Student Employees

- Sam Korvemaker, Julia Durst, Elise Durst, Clara Mercuri, Caleb Scholman, Reuben Scholman**

Leadership

Board of Directors

As a governance board, our primary responsibility is to ensure that GBF Community Services remains a sustainable, high-impact organization. Our Board of Directors, elected annually, is composed of individuals who volunteer their professional expertise and business acumen to address the evolving needs of our community.

The Board guides our strategic direction, ensures financial accountability, and helps us achieve transparency in reporting to our community.

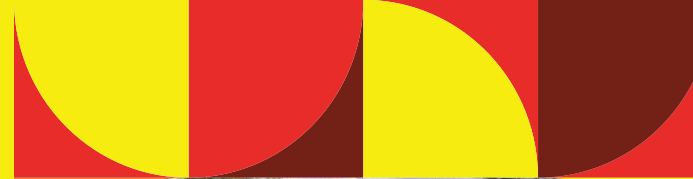
2025–2026 Board of Directors

- Irene Podolak**, *President*
- Leanne Sidorkewicz**, *Treasurer*
- Justin Cruse**, *Secretary*
- Robert Paul**, *Director*
- Frank Barretto**, *Director*
- Linda Rowilson**, *Director*
- James Stevens**, *Director*
- Mary Wiley**, *Director*

Thank you is extended to the Board of Directors for caring for our community.

GBF is a proud member of:

- Community Potential
- Feed Niagara
- Feed Ontario
- Food Banks Canada
- Grimsby & District Chamber of Commerce



Your help gives hope.

As the cost of living crisis continues to climb, many of your closest neighbours are having trouble making ends meet. Making matters worse, although the need is up, donations are down. Your gift will help those who need it most.

Please accept my one-time monthly contribution of:

- \$60 \$120 \$240 \$600
 \$ _____

I will donate by: Visa MasterCard
 Cheque made payable to "GBF Community Services"

Please direct my donation to help (choose 3):

- Utilities Housing Food
 Medical/Dental Wellness & Mental Health

Card #:

Expiry: / Phone #: _____

Name on Card: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

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Donate Online



GBF Community Services

Donate by phone: 905 309-5664 x28

Or mail to:

GBF Community Services
40 Elm Street, PO Box 231, Grimsby, ON L3M 4G3

gbfgrimsby.com/donate-now

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