



THE FOOD BANK  
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## Media Release

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### Tenant-Landlord Food Drive eases stress at The Food Bank, for now

(Ottawa, ON) – In an effort to fill The Food Bank's depleted shelves after a long snowy winter, Ottawa rental property companies banded together to raise 104,000 pounds of food through door-to-door collections in Ottawa apartment buildings during the fourth annual Spring Hope Tenant-Landlord Food Drive on Tuesday, April 29. The 179 participating buildings represented 17 different rental property companies.

"There is a pressing need for help in our community and we want to help The Food Bank fulfill that need. Providing the information and collection network for this special food drive is one way landlords in Ottawa give back to the community," says John Dickie, Chair of the Eastern Ontario Landlord Organization. "The real heroes are the tenants who contribute the food, as well as our building staff and the volunteers in the buildings who collect the food."

This year's participating rental property companies were:

Arnon Development Corporation Ltd.	I.P.T Investments Inc.	Taggart Realty Management
Capital Properties Ltd.	Minto Group Inc.	Timbercreek Asset Management
CLV Group Inc.	Osgoode Properties Ltd.	TransGlobe Property Management
Elk Property Management	Paramount Properties	Urbandale Corporation
Glenview Management Ltd.	Realstar Property Management	Vertica Resident Services Inc.
Homestead Land Holdings Ltd.	The Regional Group of Companies Inc.	

Rogers Cable Communications technicians volunteered and collected the food donations from each building and brought them back to The Food Bank. "Rogers is pleased to assist with the Tenant-Landlord Food Drive again this year. Collecting food from the participating buildings and tenants gives our 30 cable technicians the opportunity to work with our existing partners in building a stronger community," says Ms. Robin McIntyre, Regional President of Rogers Communications Inc.

"The Food Bank has really been feeling the impact of increased costs for many of the food items it purchases on a regular basis. For the past few months it has been necessary to purchase food during a period when we would normally have an adequate supply to distribute. The Tenant-Landlord Food Drive will replenish our low inventory and help temporarily alleviate some of the pressures we have been facing," says Gary McCarthy, Operations Manager at The Food Bank.

The Ottawa Food Bank is the National Capital Region's central emergency food assistance organization. Through its 127 member agencies, The Ottawa Food Bank helps 40,000 individuals per month, 40 per cent of whom are children.

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