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C5 Northgate Hub Stepping up to Bridge the Gaps in the Supply of Culturally Relevant Food to Edmontonians

Edmonton, Alberta

The C5 Northgate Hub and the Afro Caribbean Food Bank have partnered for a more culturally responsive model to food bank services. Starting on December 12, the biweekly food delivery program will ensure that community members can access the support they rely on in a manner that ensures that families access food with dignity and feed their families according to their cultural preferences and values, for free.

“This evolution of the C5 Northgate Hub's food supply services was born from mutual advocacy by C5 (an alliance of five community services agencies in Edmonton) and the Afro Caribbean Food Bank in response to the needs raised by families, especially for Afro Caribbean dietary supplies. “

Mohamed Elsagir, Executive Director, C5

“In view of the increase in cost of living and vulnerable families in need, this initiative serves more than nourishment; it is a connection to culture and roots which supports the overall wellbeing of communities.”

Ranti George, Executive Director and Program Director, Afro-Caribbean Foodbank

In the spirit of true community support, this program will rely heavily on the goodwill of volunteers and donations to manage inventory, and logistics to ensure service excellence. This partnership will continue to review its capacity to expand and strengthen services for the benefit of the communities we serve.

Food distribution for this program is in compliance with the eligibility criteria of food support in Alberta, with a focus on Afro Caribbean families experiencing financial hardship or food insecurity.

About C5

C5 is a collaborative partnership of five leading Edmonton agencies: Boyle Street Community Services, Newcomer Centre, Terra Centre, Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Centre, Noorwood Child and Family Resources Centre. C5 supports some of the most economically, socially, and culturally marginalized children, youth and adults in our inner city, Indigenous individuals and families, newcomers, immigrants and refugees, teen parents and vulnerable children and their families.

Afro-Caribbean Food Bank

Since 2017, as a non-profit organization, we've been serving a vital role in supporting Afro-Caribbean and Indigenous communities across Edmonton by providing access to staple cultural foods. Whether you are part of a local school, an outreach initiative, or simply in need, the Afro-Caribbean Food Bank serves with dignity and compassion, ensuring that culturally significant foods remain available to those in need.

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