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## **FOOD INSECURITY PROJECT**

The Director of the Southbury Food Bank reports that the food bank was started 42 years ago as emergency food aid for short term assistance for people in crisis.

## Food Banks were never supposed to be permanent.

Public sees problem taken care of, but it is actually getting worse, says Canadian CEO Matt Noble

Conceived as a stopgap measure to address unmet needs in some communities, food banks were first implemented on a large scale in Canada in the 1980s. The country's first food bank opened its doors in Edmonton, where it was meant to provide temporary respite to the city's hungry. It remains in operation to this day.

Decades later, there are more than 5,000 food banks across Canada. Their mission is to "relieve hunger today and prevent hunger tomorrow." However, despite their efforts, reliance on food banks grows and they are increasingly providing long-term assistance.

Some anti-poverty advocates are trying to change that trajectory. While the spotlight on food banks often centers around the need for donations, the advocates want to instead shine a light on the people who rely on their assistance.

Matt Noble, executive director of the Toronto Vegetarian Food Bank and the "Put Food Banks Out Of Business" campaign, says Canadians should not need food banks to keep people fed and they were never meant to be a permanent fixture.

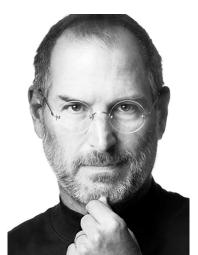
## **IMPORTANT QUOTES**



"We have the ability, we have the means, and we have the capacity to eliminate hunger from the face of the earth in our lifetime. We only need the will." - John F. Kennedy - Quoted in his address to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization's World Food Congress on June 4, 1963.



"I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have 3 meals a day for their bodies, education and culture of their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits." - Martin Luther King – Quoted from his acceptance speech upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964



"We are here to put a dent in the universe.
Otherwise, why else are we here?" - Steven
Jobs - Steve Jobs cofounded Apple in his
parents' garage in 1976, was ousted in 1985,
returned in 1997. He built it into the world's most
valuable company. He helped to transform
seven industries: personal computing, animated
movies, music, phones, tablet computing, retail
stores, and digital publishing.



"The only way to achieve the impossible is to believe it is possible." - Charles Dodgson - (1832 – 1898), better known by his pen name Lewis Carroll was an English author, poet, Anglican deacon, mathematician and photographer. His most notable works are Alices' Adventures in Wonderland (1865) and its sequel Through the Looking Glass (1871).