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Food Banks Canada, its Members (provincial associations), Affiliate Member food banks and associated agencies will:

1. Provide food and other assistance to those needing help regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, income source, age or mental or physical ability.
2. Treat all those who access services with the utmost dignity and respect.
3. Implement best practices in the proper and safe storage and handling of food.
4. Respect the privacy of those served, and will maintain the confidentiality of personal information.
5. Not sell donated food.
6. Acquire and share food in a spirit of cooperation with other food banks and food programs.
7. Strive to make the public aware of the existence of hunger, and of the factors that contribute to it.
8. Recognize that food banks are not a viable long-term response to hunger, and devote part of their activities to reducing the need for food assistance.
9. Represent accurately, honestly and completely their respective mission and activities to the larger community.

About Food Banks Canada

Food Banks Canada is the national charitable organization representing and supporting the food bank community across Canada. Our Member Provincial Associations, Affiliate Member Food Banks, and their respective agencies serve approximately 85% of those accessing emergency food programs nationwide. Food Banks Canada works to find short-term and long-term solutions to hunger for the nearly 800,000 Canadians who are assisted by a food bank every month.