



## Decade One – A History of Helping People in Downtown Toronto

Date	Activity
February 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open at 60 Bathurst – founding Steering Committee members include Devi Arasanayagam, Adam Cook, Clayton Mendoshkin, Ravi Sreedharan and Jim Ward.</li> </ul>
September 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive Charitable Status</li> </ul>
October 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received first cash donation from Ms. Gillian Blessing</li> </ul>
December 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open our bank account and take over financial administration</li> </ul>
May 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporated as Fort York Food Bank, A Non-Profit Corporation</li> </ul>
May 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive our first grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation</li> </ul>
July 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move to 510 King West</li> </ul>
September 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce Internet access for clients</li> </ul>
October 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnership initiated with the law students of York University’s Osgoode Hall Law School (CLASP)</li> </ul>
November 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Release our first Audited Financial Statements</li> </ul>
December 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHUMCity Christmas Wish Foundation begins supporting us in delivering Christmas hampers to our clients</li> </ul>
January 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB volunteers have provided in excess of 10,000 voluntary service hours</li> </ul>
February 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership definition introduced</li> </ul>
April 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch our first on-line donation portal</li> </ul>
June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move to 780 Dundas West</li> </ul>
August 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Adam Cook is hired as our first employee and Jim Ward takes over as Steering Committee Chair</li> </ul>
September 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open on Fridays and extend boundaries</li> </ul>
September 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB distributes our 10,000<sup>th</sup> basket through the Food Program</li> </ul>

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November 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First external Board member, Ms. Rebecca Bassey, is recruited</li> </ul>
January 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Cantwell begins volunteering with us</li> </ul>
January 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Began our partnership with the Scadding Court Community Centre</li> </ul>
May 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counselling &amp; Advocacy program formally launched with the support of the City of Toronto/SCPI funding</li> </ul>
August 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FYFB assists our 25,000<sup>th</sup> client through the Food Program</li> </ul>
September 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Vitality program formally launched with the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation</li> </ul>
September 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Schoonheydt, our current Program Coordinator, begins volunteering with us</li> </ul>
October 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open our Community Kitchen and began serving meals, led by Willy Rekunyk</li> </ul>
December 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend hours to include Wednesdays</li> </ul>
December 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FYFB volunteers have provided in excess of 25,000 voluntary service hours</li> </ul>
June 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FYFB serves our 10,000<sup>th</sup> meal in our Community Kitchen</li> </ul>
July 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doug Anweiler begins to lead us through a comprehensive Strategic Planning process</li> </ul>
July 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FYFB has distributed over \$500 thousand of food to our clients.</li> </ul>
September 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violeta Mihaylova helps us take leadership over the Dundas Community Festival</li> </ul>
November 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lara Bazant helps us rebrand ourselves as 'FYFB, A multi-service agency' with a new logo and image</li> </ul>
December 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Mitchell organizes our first Open House</li> </ul>

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January 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB distributes our 25,000<sup>th</sup> basket through the Food Program</li> </ul>
March 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First version of fyfb.com is launched under the leadership of Yury Skanavy</li> </ul>
May 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aaron Coholan organizes our first year with a Community Garden</li> </ul>
June 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We recruit our first placement student from Ryerson, Ms. Ruth Corrie</li> </ul>
June 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB assists our 50,000<sup>th</sup> client through the Food Program</li> </ul>
December 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB has distributed over \$1 million of food to our clients</li> </ul>
December 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB volunteers have provided in excess of 50,000 voluntary service hours</li> </ul>
January 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB serves our 25,000<sup>th</sup> meal in the Community Kitchen</li> </ul>
September 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luke Pollard organizes our first year of participation in the Toronto Waterfront Marathon</li> </ul>
May 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move to 797 Dundas West</li> </ul>
June 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold our first annual Strike out Hunger bowlathon under the leadership of Joyce Lee</li> </ul>
July 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB distributes our 50,000<sup>th</sup> basket through the Food Program.</li> </ul>
August 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB serves our 50,000<sup>th</sup> meal through the Community Kitchen</li> </ul>
December 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB has distributed over \$2 million of food to our clients.</li> </ul>
February 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB assists our 100,000<sup>th</sup> client though the Food Program</li> </ul>
March 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laura Parker-Byl and Asher Lai lead us in conducting our first TTC Blitz fundraiser</li> </ul>
April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer resource centre re-launched under the leadership of Jon Alexander</li> </ul>
June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FYFB assists our 10,000<sup>th</sup> client with Advocacy &amp; Counselling services</li> </ul>
June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hire our first summer employee, Ms. Amina Muse</li> </ul>

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September 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch V2 of fyfb.com as well as our monthly e-newsletter, through the support of xGuru and Andrew Coleback</li> </ul>
September 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First year we participate in the Queen West Art Crawl under the leadership of Abigail Payne</li> </ul>
November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin project to increase Senior’s participation in our programs.</li> </ul>
August 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FYFB volunteers have provided over 100 thousand of voluntary service hours</li> </ul>
September 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FYFB has distributed over \$3 million of food to our clients</li> </ul>
October 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We distribute our 75,000<sup>th</sup> basket through the Food Program</li> </ul>
November 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We serve our 100,000<sup>th</sup> meal in the Community Kitchen</li> </ul>
May 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FYFB assists our 150,000<sup>th</sup> client through the Food Program</li> </ul>
June 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erica Day-Tasevski completes and presents results from a comprehensive client survey</li> </ul>

FYFB thanks the many volunteers, donors and community partners who have supported our mission of helping people in need in downtown Toronto over the past decade. Together we have made a difference in the lives of thousands of people, making our community a better place.

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