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YNCU THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE RETURNS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES ACROSS ONTARIO

Third annual campaign expands through Stronger Together partnership with Comtech Fire Credit Union

KITCHENER, ON | October 3, 2025 - YNCU is proud to announce the return of its Thanksgiving Food Drive for the third consecutive year, with an expanded reach across Ontario. For 2025, the initiative will not only include all YNCU branches, but also five Comtech Fire Credit Union branches, reflecting the organizations' new *Stronger Together* partnership announced earlier this year.

With 16 food drives taking place in the week leading up to Thanksgiving, the campaign will support food banks and charitable organizations in communities across the province. The goal: to ensure that more families facing food insecurity have access to essential groceries during the holiday season.

"Thanksgiving is a season to appreciate what we have and to share that abundance by supporting others," says Shaylan Spurway, Manager of Communications and Community Impact at YNCU. "By growing our Food Drive, we're able to extend that spirit of generosity to more communities across Ontario. When we all contribute, we help ensure no one is left behind during the holiday season."

According to [Feed Ontario's 2024 Hunger Report](#), one in 16 people in Ontario is turning to charities to feed their families or themselves.

To meet this urgent need, branches will partner with a local grocery store to host collection events, with donations delivered directly to local food banks and community groups. Additional in-branch drives will also run throughout the campaign.

Please find a list of participating branches and the beneficiaries of these donations below.

Tuesday, October 7, 2024

BRANCH	GROCERY STORE	DONATION BENEFICIARY	TIME
Timmins	Johnson's Independent	Timmins Food Bank	11 am-5 pm

Wednesday, October 8, 2024

BRANCH	GROCERY STORE	DONATION BENEFICIARY	TIME
Guelph	Healthy Planet 103 Clair Rd. E Guelph	Hope House	11:30 am-3:30 pm
Paris	Zehrs on Fairview 41 Fairview Dr., Brantford	Paris Food Bank	10 am-4 pm
Fairview	Zehrs on Fairview 41 Fairview Dr., Brantford	Brantford Food Bank	10 am-4 pm
Charlotte	Zehrs on Fairview 41 Fairview Dr., Brantford	Brantford Food Bank	10 am-4 pm

Thursday, October 9, 2024

BRANCH	GROCERY STORE	DONATION BENEFICIARY	TIME
Kitchener (Fischer Hallman Branch)	Sobey's (1187 FischerHallman Rd.)	The Food Bank of Waterloo Region	11 am-3 pm
Waterloo (Uptown)	Sobey's (1187 FischerHallman Rd.)	The Food Bank of Waterloo Region	11 am-3 pm

Friday, October 10, 2024

BRANCH	GROCERY STORE	DONATION BENEFICIARY	TIME
Sault Ste. Marie (Bay Street)	Rome's Independent Grocer 44 Great Northern Rd., Sault Ste. Marie	Harvest Algoma	11 am-5 pm
Sault Ste. Marie (Trunk Road)	Metro Churchill Plaza 150 Churchill Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie	Salvation Army Sault Ste. Marie	11 am -5 pm
Mitchell	ValuMart Mitchell 120 Ontario Rd., Mitchell	Salvation Army Mitchell	11 am-5 pm
Stratford	ValuMart Mitchell 120 Ontario Rd., Mitchell	Salvation Army Mitchell	11 am-5 pm
Windsor	Real Canadian Superstore	Downtown Mission of Windsor	11 am-5 pm

The following locations will be running in-branch drives during hours of operation and/or making a corporate donation.

BRANCH	DONATION BENEFICIARY
Amherstview 501-4499 Bath Rd., Amherstview	Lions Club of Amherstview

Toronto (King & Corporate) 637 King St. W., Toronto	Scott Mission
Danforth 513 Danforth Ave., Toronto	Scott Mission
Kingston 572 Princess St., Kingston	Partners In Mission Food Bank
Mississauga 5099 Creekbank Rd., Mississauga	Direct donation from YNCU to Food Banks Mississauga (no in-branch drive)
Ottawa 363 Bank St., Ottawa	Centre 507
London 1140 Southdale Rd W, London, ON N6P 0E1	Byron Cares Food Bank

YNCU invites all community members to participate by visiting their nearest food drive and making a donation. With the collective power of our communities, we can make this Thanksgiving season a brighter one for those in need.

To learn more about YNCU, please visit [yncu.com/](https://www.yncu.com/).

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ABOUT YNCU

With 17 branches and a network of surcharge-free ATMs, Ontarians can access financial services close to home across southwestern and northern Ontario. At \$2.8 billion+ in assets under administration and 53,000 members strong (and growing!), YNCU is one of the largest credit unions in Ontario. As a community-based organization, not only do YNCU's partnerships and investments make a difference, its employees live and work in the communities they serve. YNCU's foundation is built on connectedness to the communities where it operates. Yearly, the organization sets aside a minimum of 1% of the pre-tax profit earned by the credit union in the previous fiscal year to be used for charitable organizations and associations that share its focus on improving our communities. Together with its members, employees and community partners, YNCU is helping to make life better in the places Ontarians live, work, learn and play!

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