



Calgary Co-op and Global Television Host “Help the Hungry” Food Drive

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June 5, 2008 Calgary, Alberta – Calgary Co-op, in partnership with Global Television, is holding its “Help the Hungry” food drive on Saturday, June 7, 2007, at all Calgary Co-op food centres, including Airdrie and Strathmore, in support of the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank, the Airdrie Food Bank, and the Wheatland County Food Bank. Volunteers from the food bank will be at all Calgary Co-op centres to accept food and cash donations.

Customers can donate non-perishable food items or purchase a \$10 food bank voucher at the checkouts for donation to the food bank. “During the summer months, food bank donations dwindle,” says Sarah Coleman, communications co-ordinator for Calgary Co-op. “Although Calgary’s economy is booming, the cost of living is continually increasing meaning that more people are having to utilize the services of the food bank. We need to help the food bank keep up with the growing demand they face year round.”

Locally owned and operated, Calgary Co-op is one of the largest retail co-operatives in North America, with 425,350 members, 4,000 employees, \$352 million in assets and annual sales of \$1 billion (including travel).

Calgary Co-op has 22 retail shopping centres, 22 pharmacies, 26 gas bars, 9 travel offices and 16 liquor stores located in Calgary, Airdrie, Strathmore, and Okotoks, Alberta

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