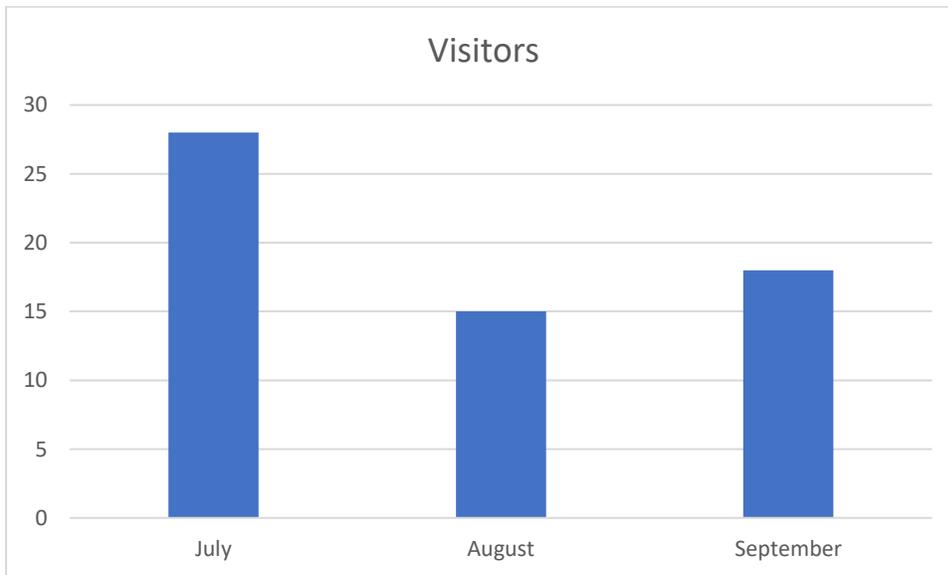




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Quarterly Report – July 2021 – September 2021

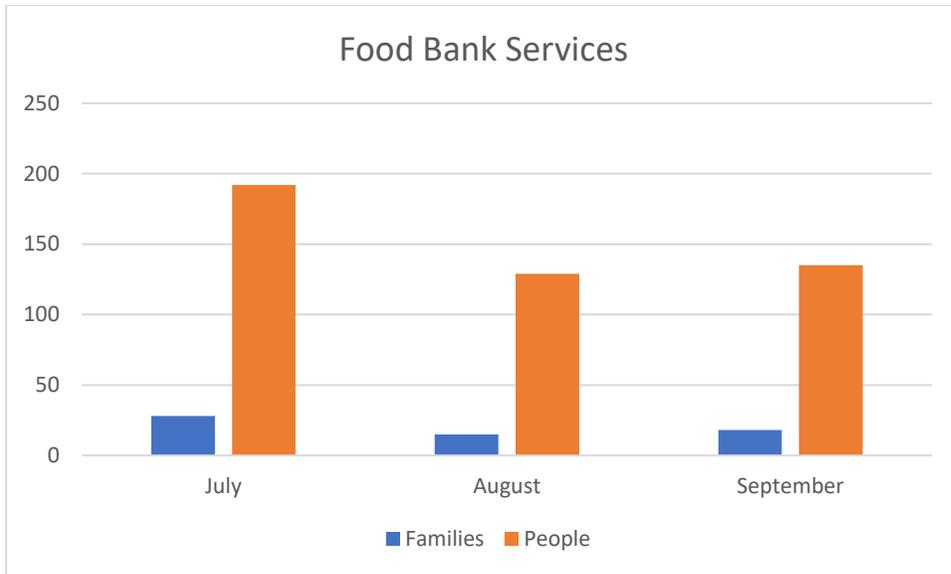
We had a total of 138 visitors this quarter. The summer months were a little quieter than usual, however we began our new partnership with the Edmonton Food Bank in July and that has sparked a bit more traffic in the office.



We had 3 volunteers contribute 7 hours this quarter. A huge thank you goes out to all those who dedicate any amount of time and energy to FOCAS. The impact of all of these efforts makes a big difference for the people we serve here.

Edmonton Food Bank Partnership

Our newest partnership with the Edmonton Food Bank allows us to be set up as a food distributor on behalf of the Edmonton Food Bank. They supply us with the food and items we request as it is available to them, so that we are able to distribute it to our community.



Tutoring & Mentoring

Our tutors and mentors have been hard at work delivering online tutoring sessions and workshops over the past few months with our Canada Summer Jobs Program.

Our weekend program runs throughout the year, online or in person depending on the COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time. We have three teachers who teach math, English and Oromo. 35 students are participating in this program, which has been running since September 2017. Classes are held every Saturday from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

The after-school program has 9-10 volunteers on the team and most of the weekend students in the weekend program also participate in this program too. It is designed to help students work on their school homework and includes parents who are interested in learning English.

Canada Summer Job Program

We had 5 new hires for the summer including a Sports Coordinator, a Youth Worker, an Office Assistant and two Grade 2-12 Educators. Classes and activities ran through July and August.

The Canada Summer Job employees will continue to make calls to let parents know about summer classes. Currently we are only offering online classes, but hope to transition to in person classes where we are able.

As part of the Canada Summer Job program, our Sports Coordinator and provided opportunities to participate in outdoor summer fun!

Sponsorship Program

We have submitted 70 people so far for sponsorship to come to Canada and are hoping for an additional allocation for more spaces to be allotted.

SBCCI Tropicana Grant – Bridging the Gap

Our Community Engagement Workers have been actively engaging in conducting workshops. We have also purchased IXL for our youth tutoring program in order to help further education and create more meaningful engagement. This grant has also subsidized Project Manager wages and rent, so we have been able to offset some of those costs as well.

Edmonton Community Foundation Grant – Partnership with the Africa Centre

Awarded on September 1st, this grant has allowed us to hire 2 tutors to continue working with school aged youth and continue with our Community Engagement program. We have hired Sadiya to join our team in the office and work with our clients to ensure they have the support they need. We were also able to purchase 3 computers, a Zoom license and RAZ Kids in order to further support online learning and educational opportunities.

Community Initiatives Program - Operating Grant

We received funds for this grant on September 22nd, in order to support our regular operational needs. This is a matching grant, so they fund part of our costs as long as we pay for the rest. They will split costs evenly for funds that we contribute to Executive Director and Administrative Assistant wages as well as rent, utilities, and insurance. They will also contribute some lesser amounts to staff or board training, travel expenses and advertising.

Black Business Initiative (BBI) Grant

This grant, awarded September 30th, will help us cover such costs as renting additional meeting space, training for board members, executive teams, consulting and advice, reporting and monitoring, office desks, chairs, computers and a video camera, upgrading our website, printing posters and video production costs, travel and administrative costs related to the project.

Financial Summary July – September 2021

Revenue

During this quarter, we received 3 grants accounting for the majority of our income totaling % Grant funding is awarded with specific restrictions for spending based on the grant, so we will be working within those restrictions to best utilize the funds awarded.

We continue to receive donations and new members throughout the year that help increase our revenue as well. Lastly, sponsorship administration fees do account for a portion of our revenue in order to help support the costs of preparing and submitting the sponsorship applications. The total revenue from these sources account to %

Expenses

Our expenses are paid using funds either from a specific grant or from FOCAS funds. Where grant funding is applicable, those expenses are paid directly from the grant funds so that we are able to use our funding for other areas of operations.

Office supplies and stationary are always in demand with our tutoring program, but this summer has been extra hot, so we have also made sure to have plenty of water on hand to stay hydrated. With many COVID restrictions lifted or eased, it has been easier to hold in person activities.

GRANT FUNDED/FOCAS FUNDED

Rent %

Wages %

Utilities %

Computers/Technology %

Office Supplies/Furniture %

Bank Fees %

Final Remarks

Our next report will cover our final quarter of the year from October to December. We expect that some of the restrictions will be put back in place as the weather begins to get colder, so we will likely see our online delivery continue into the winter months.

Sadly, Joan will be leaving our team as our Administrative Assistant. We thank her for her dedication to FOCAS and helping to keep our office organized. We will miss you!

Amanda has recently joined the team as the new Administrative Assistant, so please be sure to drop by and say hello!

We welcome all inquiries and value your feedback, so please come in and see us or send any thoughts or questions to us. Please feel free to email us at info@focascanada.org or call us at 780-250-7007.