



HARVEST

Manitoba Food Bank
Network Bulletin



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Harvest Voices Manitoba's Food Recipients Survey 2020 October 1 – 31, 2020

We believe that research is critical to creating social change. We are conducting a survey of people who utilize Harvest Food Banks to understand trends in food insecurity in Manitoba. The results of this survey will educate and inspire our community to participate in ensuring food security is a priority in Manitoba.

Former or current Harvest Clients have the life experience, and the opinions we need to move forward. We would be most grateful if you would help us spread the word. The survey would take 10 - 15 minutes to complete. It's 100% anonymous, 100% confidential, and 100% what we need. All participants who complete the survey will be entered for a chance to win a \$100 Grocery Gift Card. Posters with all the information will be sent to you in a few days.

We've changed our name but not our passion.

As part of our merger with Manitoba Association of Food Banks, Winnipeg Harvest will be changing its name to reflect our expanded mission of collecting and distributing food through a provincial network of 350+ food banks and agencies to ensure no Manitoban goes hungry. We're excited to announce that our new brand, name, logo, website and more will be revealed on November 10. Stay tuned for details.

Working towards a Manitoba where no one goes hungry.

To allow us to book new clients as close as possible to your Harvest Hamper delivery day, we may add extra hampers to your order. If you have leftover Hampers, please report them using the Kit Count Sheet.

Masks Mandatory ... at all Harvest Food Banks

For the health and safety of all food bankers and volunteers, we are asking all food banks in our network to follow all provincial health guidelines including the use of masks in indoor spaces. Harvest can provide masks for this purpose. Contact Reynold if you need some.

at Harvest

To protect everyone and prevent the spread of COVID, masks/face coverings must always be worn at Harvest. This includes anyone entering the building to pick up food.

View our policy here: <https://winnipeg Harvest.org/home/masks-mandatory/>

AGENCY PICKUP - New Procedures

1. If you are showing any COVID-19 symptoms, do not come to Winnipeg Harvest. Use the online screening tool to determine next steps: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
2. Buzz the intercom by door 6 **BEFORE** you enter the building.
3. Only **ONE** person per agency will be able to enter the warehouse for pick-ups. Others must wait outside. Harvest volunteers and staff can provide loading assistance.
4. Wear a mask on entry.
5. Wash/sanitize your hands on entry.

Harvest Grants – COMING SOON!

Manitoba food bank agencies will be able to apply for a Food and Equipment Grant from Harvest. Details will be released soon.

Training

Non-violent Crisis Intervention (NCI) is available to our partner agencies' staff and volunteers. This is a two-day virtual course from 9-3:30 pm. The cost is \$20.00 which covers the training booklet. The next dates are October 27-28, November 7-8 and November 19-20. If you are interested or have questions contact Anthony.

Upcoming Teleconference Calls

We will be holding teleconference calls for rural and city food banks.

Rural Food Banks:	Thursday, November 12 at 10:30 am	Contact Kelly if interested
Winnipeg Food Banks:	Thursday, November 5 at 5 pm	Contact Reynold if interested
	Friday, November 6 at 11 am	

Link2Feed (for non-Winnipeg Food Banks)

Food Banks Canada may have contacted you about signing up for Link2Feed, a software program to register food bank clients. We suggest that you do not subscribe to Link2Feed as Harvest is looking for software to meet our needs that will be available to all our partner food banks.

Remembrance Day

Harvest will be observing Remembrance Day on November 11 and our offices will be closed.

United Way Grant

The United Way Winnipeg is accepting applications for a second round of funding from the Government of Canada's \$350 million Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). Organizations can apply for new projects or a project that enhances or extends initiatives already funded by the ECSF. Deadline for applications is October 30, 2020. See www.unitedwaywinnipeg.ca/ecsf/ for more details.

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Charleswood Abundance Community Garden & Food Bank

Anyone growing up in Charleswood over the last 30 years would know St. Mary's Anglican Church as the church with the plant stand out front. While the church no longer sells plants, the Abundance Community Garden has sprung up.

Started in 2014 with only two small vegetable boxes serving two families, the community garden has grown to 35 garden boxes!

Susan, the coordinator of the Garden is also the coordinator of the Charleswood Food Bank which serves 60 families and other community members in Charleswood and Tuxedo. She is passionate about these endeavors seeing both as opportunities to support people struggling with food insecurity, as well as an opportunity to come together, have fun and learn new skills.

Besides growing vegetables, the Garden also nourishes the community. This was evident in the conversations and laughter at this year's harvest festival where church members, volunteers and gardeners all celebrated another harvest.

The Garden receives seeds from Harvest which Susan grows inside with the help of a donated plant light stand. These little plants are shared amongst the gardeners. Some of the garden boxes are considered "community boxes" with the produce used to supplement food bank hampers.

Susan has big dreams for Abundance Community Garden, with the hopes of expanding it to include an apple orchard and bees.

Thank you to Susan and the entire team at St. Mary's Anglican Church for seeking the well-being of your community!

