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Kind Hearts

Sharing Food, Sharing Love Nourishing Babies in the North



Harvest continues to see great need in our communities, and often demand is greater than available food supply. But last week, thanks to our partnership with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Gardewine and The North West Company, we were able to spread love in the North, delivering nearly 16,000 lbs. of baby food to northern First Nations communities in Manitoba.

“It is an honour for AMC to collaborate with Harvest Manitoba on this initiative that builds upon and extends the kindness, generosity and efforts of all who donate,” AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas stated.

“Harvest’s work to help families with food security issues and their work in northern First Nations communities has been exceptional and a great asset especially amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Many families have experienced challenges during this pandemic, especially with food security, and we are pleased to be able to partner to ensure families receive baby food to help

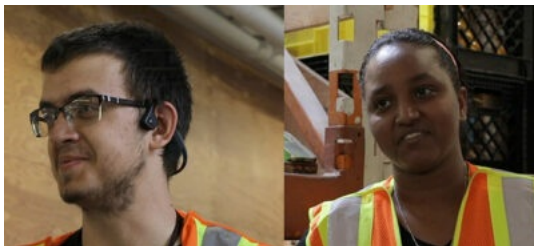
keep the little ones healthy and safe. We look forward to future partnerships and initiatives going forward.”

Each community received special Harvest Hampers containing organic baby food pouches, jarred baby food and liquid baby formula. These items and other nutritious, fresh foods are often inaccessible to northern and First Nations communities in Manitoba due to transport costs, so we are excited to be able to feed up to 24,192 babies that we could not normally feed.

Thank you to all our Harvest Stars. Your donations to Harvest made this possible. Thank you for nourishing our community and our sense of community. Our northern and First Nations children are reaping the benefits of your generosity and kindness.

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Feature Video: Kind Hearts in the Warehouse

Your day will be just a little brighter after stepping into the warehouse to meet Peter and Setti. They're terrific people who make Harvest happen – the very essence of Harvest Stars.

[Click here](#) to view their story.



Your story is heartwarming and powerful. When discussing food insecurity, your experiences as a client or donor help us emphasize the impact of our work. Please help us inspire and inform others by sharing your story with us.

Visit harvestmanitoba.ca/choices/share-your-story/ to learn more.

Harvest Food Network Member Spotlight: Steinbach, Manitoba

For over 25 years Hank Klassen has been Board Chair of South East Helping Hands in Steinbach, Manitoba. He and



his Operations Manager, Louise Broesky, run the large organization, serving 200-300 households every other Wednesday.

Like many organizations, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, South East Helping Hands has

had to change their day-to-day operations to keep their clients safe. They ensure only two families are in the building at a time, clients are not allowed to touch the food, and plexiglass was installed to keep volunteers on one side and clients on the other.

Because of these preparations, they have remained open throughout the pandemic.

"It was a little trying for a while, but we managed to actually make it very streamlined," said Klassen. "It is actually working better than the old system."

South East Helping Hands serves residents in the city of Steinbach, and also assists other agencies in South Eastern Manitoba – sharing bread, surplus meats, and cheeses. This has been wildly helpful for all the surrounding communities to help feed hungry Manitobans.

Harvest Manitoba is extremely grateful to South East Helping Hands for serving Manitobans in this corner of the province.

A Province-wide Effort to Support Harvest

Harvest Manitoba launched its first-ever monthly 50/50 Funds for Food Raffle thanks to the support of a local, Manitoba company FUNDING CHANGE.

We were proud to select and work with Funding Change. All founders and staff are Manitobans, growing up and residing in Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie.

Also, all of our participant data is kept secure in their Winnipeg data center, rather than being stored in the US or internationally like many companies these days. You can visit FundingChange.ca for more info.

If you have not purchased tickets yet in our first raffle, don't delay. The jackpot is over \$20,000. Click Harvest5050.ca to purchase tickets before it's too late!

50/50 FUNDS FOR FOOD Raffle

The jackpot is and growing. **\$20,725**

Presented by **MAxim** TRUCK & TRAILER

Tickets on sale until February 15 at 11:59 PM

Buy now at Harvest5050.ca

Facemasks – Our Future?

Many scientists believe that facemasks will be part of life when going out in public in the future.

Harvest Facemasks are comfortable, and available in several styles and adult sizes.

Every \$10 mask = 10 light meals or snacks for our schools, daycares and shelters. When buying your next Mask, get a Harvest Mask at:

harvestmanitoba.ca/shop-for-harvest/

Harvest Mask sales are supported by goodlocal, another homegrown Manitoba initiative.



Volunteer of the Month: Rod Soviak

Rod has been volunteering in Harvest's Client Services department and Emergency Food Assistance Call Centre for nearly eight years. In his over 3,717 volunteer hours, he has become the number one trainer and has learned to singlehandedly cover the Client

Services office when needed.

He exceeds all expectations of food recipients, staff and fellow volunteers, going the extra mile to help others.

Thank you and Congratulations Rod. You are a true Harvest Star!



In case you missed it...

When most Manitobans think of Harvest, they're usually walking out of the grocery store, realizing "Oh no, I forgot to put something in the bin for Harvest." MedSup Canada, a medical supply company with production facilities in Canada, has not forgotten. Last month it donated 1.5 million face masks to Harvest Manitoba.



[Read more...](#)

Be a Harvest Star and give whatever you can. Sign up as a monthly donor; it's the most cost-effective way to give and to maximize your impact on preventing hunger in our community. Thank you!

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