



This time last year...

COVID struck Manitoba, and since then we have experienced an enduring crisis characterized by immense hardship and loss. Lost jobs and wages, led to more financial pressures and to more Manitobans struggling to put food on the table.

We saw an initial and dramatic surge in the need for food support including a 25% jump in new visitors. Food donations dropped 60% and we faced a critical shortage of volunteers. People were concerned about their safety, and we were concerned about how we would be able to sort and pack hampers to provide food support to everyone in need.

This past year was also marked by tremendous caring and generosity as Manitobans who could and did help to help feed their neighbours. With each request for help, you rallied to support us and the food banks and agencies who rely on us for food.

There was a steady stream of cars in our drive-thru food donation line, thousands of cash gifts, and as the shelves got stocked, more tins came in from grocery store bins. Your overwhelming support was critical to our efforts to distribute near 11 million pounds of food to people facing hunger last year.

Kids like Michael, who beamed from ear to ear, when he opened his hamper to find 2L of milk and a snack to fuel his learning.

The crisis is far from over, but as we start to roll out vaccines, there is hope. Thanks to Harvest Stars like you, we are still feeding an average of 80,000 Manitobans every month, 46% of whom are children, in 325+ communities across Manitoba.

We are committed to a vision of Manitoba where no one goes hungry. With deep gratitude, we thank you, our Harvest Stars, for all that you contribute each and every day to fill our Harvest Hampers, feed our neighbours and nourish our communities.

Thank you,
Keren Taylor-Hughes, CEO

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Wes From - Won Big!

In our first ever 50-50 Funds for Food Raffle, Wes took home \$18,022.50.

"What a very nice surprise." said Wes. We just wanted to help Harvest and did not expect to win."

When asked what he would do with his winnings, Wes said, "I will supercharge my RRSP, share the refund with my wife, and donate something back to Harvest. " And so he did.

Don't miss your chance to win. Just \$5 will buy a meal for a hungry child. Play today at [Harvest5050.ca](https://www.harvest5050.ca)

IMPOSSIBLE CHOICES FEATURE VIDEO

Disability denied. Now What?

Ian has been great for Harvest. In 2012, he arrived in Winnipeg with no money and no food. He applied for disability



(he has one) but was denied. Instead, he was referred to Harvest. Feeling the need to 'pay for his supper', Ian began volunteering, doing sorting work in the Harvest warehouse. Ian has been with us for the last 9 years and we love him. Watch the video of his story. It's short, but strong. As strong as Ian's commitment to Harvest and our community.

Accueil Kateri Centre Inc., Ste-Anne **Harvest Manitoba Food Network** **Member Spotlight**

Every second Wednesday, Accueil distributes up to 5 meals for about 140 registered clients and families. The population of the town of Ste-Anne is near 2000.

The food bank coordinator Armande Leclair said that because of COVID-19, they changed much of what they do to keep their volunteers and clients safe. This included operating with fewer volunteers at one time to safely distance, and employing a hamper numbering system so families could pick up their Hamper from a table outside and back to their car.



Accueil Kateri Centre was named after Kateri Tekakwitha, an Algonquin–Mohawk woman who was beatified in 1980 by Pope John Paul II and later canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica on October 21, 2012.

Harvest gives a round of applause to the very wonderful volunteers and board members of the food bank in their success!



Mark Your Calendar



Shop for Harvest

Harvest Annual Lee Newton
Memorial Golf Tournament
Wednesday, August 11, 2021
St. Boniface Golf Course

Shop local with a % of sales
proceeds to Harvest. Get a
business listing on this page.
Win. Win.



Stanley Klassen, Volunteer of the Month

Most people are aware that Stanley brand tools have always stood the test of time. They are durable and dependable just like our Stan. He fits in with the Harvest Crew like a fine leather glove.

Whether it's a romantic drive with his wife Sylvia to deliver food to daycares, or a 5-ton ride driving to a warehouse to bring us a fresh load of donated products food to serve our clients, Stan is always happy to take the wheel of one of the fine trucks in our fleet.

Even though Stan left his engineering life behind him, he is always ready to MacGyver a solution for us. Some of his amazing creations have been a cup holder for our old daycare truck or fastening a hook onto a pole to help reach the crates at the back of shelves.

You will never find Stan idle. You will never see him without a smile on his face. And, Stan has been a great mentor to several new drivers here at Harvest.

Stan has been a part of the Harvest Crew since March 2017. He has donated more than 2180+ hours of his own time on over, and inspired his own grandchildren to donate as well. For every hour Stan worked, he helped feed 10 Families; that is over 21,800 families since joining the Harvest Crew. Truly, when we talk about Harvest Stars Stan shines bright.

Thank you Stan for all you do for your community!

In case you missed it...

Doctors & Nurses of Harvest U

Harvest is generally all about food, nutrition, and feeding hungry Manitobans today. What most people don't know is that Harvest brings more than food to the table, including offering training programs like 'Harvest U.' [Read more...](#)



*View past stories in our [Newsroom](#).

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 maximize your impact reducing hunger in our community. Thank you!

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