



Putting Money Back in the Pockets of Manitobans

Harvest Manitoba Helps Low-Income Manitobans Reclaim over \$1,000,000 in Income Tax Refunds in 2023

Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 9th, 2023 – *Harvest Manitoba* (Harvest) is pleased to announce that its free income tax return program has helped low-income Manitobans reclaim over \$1,000,000 in income tax refunds this year. This milestone represents a significant contribution to the financial wellbeing of low-income individuals and families in Manitoba. This year, the program will run until May 29th, 2023.

Harvest Manitoba offers free tax preparation services to food bank clients in partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP). Since its inception in 2013, the program has helped thousands of low-income Manitobans claim the benefits and refunds that they're entitled to.

"Many government programs, including the new Government of Canada grocery rebate, require that individuals and families file tax returns to receive benefits," said Harvest President & CEO Vince Barletta. "This year's total of \$1,000,000 in benefits is a record for a single tax year at Harvest."

The COVID-19 pandemic and inflation have exacerbated financial difficulties for many low-income individuals and families in Manitoba. The income tax return program has provided vital support during these challenging times, helping Manitobans access the financial resources they need to pay for essentials like food, housing, and medication.

One client shares: "The tax clinic really made tax filing so easy and convenient. Really thankful to Paul and Harvest for this."

**To learn more about Harvest Manitoba's income tax return program, visit
HarvestManitoba.ca/Need-Tax-Help/**

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