



FOOD BANKS OF Saskatchewan

JULY 2020

donor newsletter



**Crisis Response Fund
Supporters \$10,000+**

SASKATOON FOOD BANK AND LEARNING CENTRE:

- Adapted how nutrition programs are offered in order to connect with **48 isolated community members** through virtual visits and responding to their emergency food needs with contactless drop offs.
- Provided **192.25 hours of learning and work experience** to Gardening 101 participants, resulting in 40 bags of produce already delivered to the SFBLC emergency food hampers.
- Distributed **440,000 lbs of food**.
- Assembled **1,000 emergency hampers** for agencies in support of their clients for delivery, that's only one component of the SFBLC emergency hamper program.
- **Hired, temporarily, 5 former participants** from our Workplace Education program, for work that will give them at least 6 months more paid employment experience.
- Distributed **6,883 pounds of essential items** from our Clothing Depot inventory to community members in Client Services.

REGINA FOOD BANK:

- Distributed **10,700 food hampers** in April and May.
- Received and managed an average of **141 phone calls each day**.
- Saved self-isolating clients from traveling a total of **66,613 KM** through contact-less delivery.

PLUS thousands of contactless drop offs, virtual food drives, benefit concerts, and donations for the 32 food banks across the province from people like you!



“The support we have received from the community has enabled our programs to shift and adapt to operating differently during COVID-19...”

– Laurie O'Connor, Executive Director

Anonymous Donation through South Saskatchewan Community Foundation

The South Saskatchewan Community Foundation serves as a bridge between donors and charities in Regina and Southern Saskatchewan. Thanks to an anonymous donor, \$100,000 was provided to the Food Banks of Saskatchewan to match gifts received the last week in June. Thank you for this incredible gift!



Battleford Food for Kids

Thank you for putting generosity into practice!

- Moose Jaw Kinsmen Club for collecting food donations as part of your Canada Day Family Festivities
- Saskatoon Hilltops held a bottle drive with a portion of the funds raised donated to the Saskatoon Food Bank and the Friendship Inn.
- The United Way's Regina COVID-19 Senior Response Fund enabled the Shaunavon Food Bank to provide 53 seniors impacted by COVID-19 with food vouchers.
- Samuel Wipf from the Miltow Colony who encouraged Hutterite colonies across Alberta and Saskatchewan to support their food banks, raising \$11,250 in SK.
- Jump.ca's "Phones for Food" initiative <https://www.jump.ca/phonesforfood/>
- Peekaboo Limo for collecting non-perishable food and bottle/can recycling for donations on Wednesdays around Regina for the Regina Food Bank resulting in \$14,166 from bottles, \$2,899 in cash, and 2,987 lbs of food.
- Members of the City of Regina Pipe Band who spent Father's Day playing bagpipes in Regina and Moose Jaw! They were able to raise \$900 for the Moose Jaw Food Bank and \$3,500 for the Regina Food Bank.
- Brett Kissel who played sold out shows in Regina and Saskatoon.



Brett Kissel performing in Regina





Great Western Raises \$50,000 for Food Banks of Saskatchewan

Thanks to Great Western Brewing for donating \$16,000, in the spirit of Original 16, to the Food Banks of Saskatchewan and encouraging their business partners to also contribute. Together they raised over \$50,000!

Thank you to Great Western Brewing’s friends:

- Affinity Credit Union
- Boortmalt
- Cascades
- David Aplin Group
- General Fasteners
- Graphic Packaging
- Investors Group
- Lucky Bastard Distillery
- Mitchell Developments
- Rod Pedersen Show
- Seiferling Law
- Three Farmers
- UFCW 1400
- Wright Construction

A big thanks as well to these folks who contributed great prizes such as:

Saskatchewan Rush jerseys, Huskie Athletics game day pack, Regina Pats Hockey Club jersey, Moose Jaw Warriors Hockey Club jersey, Saskatoon Blades Hockey Club jersey, Swift Current Broncos jersey, Prince Albert Raiders jersey, and, of course, Great Western Brewing merchandise packs!

THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks for the uplifting and kind messages you shared with us over the past few months as well. Here is a small sample of your kind words:

“We are so encouraged by the uplifting messages that our donors have shared over the past week! Thanks to those of you that have included these encouraging words with your gift.”

“Keep up the good work! You are providing a valuable service and it is much appreciated.”

“Our business has been blessed to be able to keep all our employees on the payroll. We are humbled and happy to share.”

“Thank you for putting love into practice.”

“Thank you for everything you do to support the most vulnerable in our communities.”

“Keep up your tireless efforts. We are not on the front lines but will make a financial contribution which we trust will be spent wisely.”

“You are doing good things, stay well. With love we will get through this.”



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