



### **Executive Directors report – AGM Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Good evening everyone, thank you for taking the time to join us tonight.

First off, I wanted to thank all of you for all the work that is being done to support people living in poverty and food insecurity across the province.

A huge effort has gone into fundraising this year by Food Banks of Saskatchewan. We look forward to another busy year with our holiday campaigns and partnerships with Nutrien, Cargill and CBC and will continue to pursue more fundraising opportunities.

As your executive director, I will be working towards providing a more organized and consistent organization. Encouraging communication and a sense of fellowship amongst our members. I have developed a quarterly newsletter where we can celebrate our successes, honour our volunteers, donors and share our ideas and stories. You will have received the first issue already and the next issue is due out this holiday season. Please share with me anything that you would like included.

One of my mandates is to get out and visit everyone of you, get to know you face to face and visit your Food Bank. To date I have managed to get out and visit 21 Food Banks. It has been wonderful getting out and meeting you, touring your facilities and getting a feel for the work you are doing in your respective communities. Sharing your success stories and challenges. Across the province I am seeing challenges with keeping shelves stocked, donations and donors are down with demand increasing and Hunger count is supporting this showing an overall 36.6% increase across the province. Here at FBSK we have seen a dramatic decrease in food shares being offered from FBC and along with that - supply/transportation challenges. As a result, we find we are spending more money to purchase food through such programs as the Food for Good Foundation to help support our member food banks. We however managed to share out over 68,782 kg's of food with a value of \$486,289.00 to member food banks this year.

This year has most definitely been a huge learning year for me with Food Banks Canada. A new Standards of Operations being presented to the provincial organizations, along with a pilot program and a targeted release to the network planned for the spring of 2022. Link 2Feed and the need to have all food banks on board by the time the standards come into effect. The need for a national and provincial disaster preparedness plan after the wildfires and flooding in British Columbia and as of recent the Hurricane devastation on our east coast and maritime provinces.

In May of 2023 we are looking at hosting a conference with Alberta Food Banks association in Lloydminster called Beyond Borders. A chance for us to meet and share ideas with other food banks from another province.

Does anyone have any comments or questions?

Thank you, Have a good evening.