Sep 30th 2024

Foodbank AGM Meeting

Managers' Report

Statistics Canada recently released bleak new data. The March 2023 Hunger Count Report shows nearly 2,000,000 visits to over 5,100 Foodbanks and community organizations across Canada. Foodbanks Canada polling confirms that almost half of all Canadians who earn under $50,000.00 a year are struggling under intense financial hardship. Foodbanks are desperately trying to keep up with skyrocketing demand as people's incomes no longer stretch far enough to meet the everyday cost of living. This food crisis and food insecurity is at an all-time high and Foodbank usage has doubled since 2019. "Foodbanks alone are not the solution to hunger & food insecurity in Canada - and if the latest StatsCan forecasts come true, we will not be able to support the tidal wave of people needing support in the months & years ahead" I guess we all will see what happens. Recent figures from StatsCan have an increase of the Low-Income Threshold to $28,863/year for a 1-person household ($2,405/month) and $57,726/$4,811 for a 4-person household.

Debbie completed the Standards of Excellence Round 3 grant in July and we received the funding Sep 23. She also wrote a Community Prosperity Grant to pay two workers for one year and this is a success. We thank her for the most excellent grant writing skills and the amounts are included below.

We have been involved in many fundraisers this year, and included are donations of note and Grants received. I presented at the 100+ Women Who Care to receive funds; this was against two other organizations and we won the funding. This group is disbanding & we were the final recipient's of the award.

GRANTS & CASH DONATIONS OF NOTE:		
100+ Women Who Care		4,275.00
Co-operators	Commerce Chambers Cup Donation	3,750.00
Powell River Community Foundation		24,103.00
Evolugen/Brookfield Energy	received Jan 2024, for 2023	8,000.00
Evolugen/Brookfield Energy	for 2024	5,000.00
Foodbanks BC – Agency Relief Fund		10,625.00
Foodbanks BC - EFPP		4,235.25
Foodbanks BC CBC Day Radiothon		16,646.00
Foodbanks Canada - Standards of Excellence - Round 2 – rec'd Feb 21 2024		4,950.00
Foodbanks Canada - Standards of Excellence – Round 3 – rec'd Sep 23 2024		10,915.00
High Roller Motorcycle Ride		1,745.00
PR Community Forest Grant (with 100+WWC)		2,825.00
Stuff the Trailer	cash/cards	48,058.00
The Estate of Diana Yenssen		57,500.00
The Hammersmith Foundation Fund (United Church of Canada)		6,743.61

Walmart - Fight Hunger Spark Change			15,560.62
EVENTS:			
Loggers Sports Festival	cash	3,450.00	
	food	1,165.00	
	United Steel Workers	791.12	
Total for Logger Sports			5,406.12
Toy Round-up ride/drive	Estimates toys donated	6,240.00	
	Cash	906.00	
	Food Donated	295.00	
Total for Toy Drive	(Not including Food sales)		7,441.00
Food Sales at Events			
Texada Blues & Roots Fest		3,005.50	
Texada Sandcastle Festival		2,969.00	
Blackberry Festival		2,285.00	
Toy Run		769.00	
Total Food Sales			9,028.50
FOOD DONATIONS of NOTE:			
Assumption School Kids	We Scare Hunger		3,471.00
Freshco 2023			12,000.00
Freshco 2024 YTD			4,270.00
Private Donations 2023			12,316.00
Private Donations 2024 YTD			6,458.00
Save On Foods	Christmas hot chocolate event		3,700.00
Save On	Peanut Butter Campaign		3,756.00
Store Donations 2023			9,934.00
Store Donations 2024 YTD			11,794.00
Farmers donations 2023			
Terra Nostra Farms (Aaron Mazurek)		11,995.00	
Blueberry Commons		1,740.00	
Bushman Farm		985.00	
Coming Home Farm		405.00	
Nancys Bakery		505.00	
Ray Rogers Farm		538.50	
2023 Total Farmers			16,168.50
2024 YTD Farmers			7,925.00
Nanaimo Hub 2023			22,420.00
Hub 2024	eggs	2,700.00	
Hub 2024	chips	2,700.00	
Hub 2024	apples	360.00	
Hub 2024	pizzas, meatballs, chicken burgers etc.	3,200.00	
Hub 2024	snacks	3,000.00	
Nanaimo Hub 2024 YTD			>8,960.00

I thank all the volunteers who selflessly devoted so much of their time this summer to raise money and awareness helping us to continue “Feeding Our Community.” I also thank our community and donors for helping us keep the doors open. Savanna Dee - Manager