
IMPACT STORIES

Looking for additional ways to communicate to your team and donors the value of fundraising for Second Harvest? Feel free to share these stories below that demonstrate the impact of your donations.

STOREFRONT HUMBER

“Storefront Humber provides extensive programs to help seniors and adults with disabilities remain independent in their own home and in the community. In Christmas of 2019, we made the decision to add an additional day of Christmas lunch instead of providing gift bags. This lunch used to be an event that would help reduce isolation, but now it is seen as a food source for over 300 seniors a month, with many of these individuals attending other programs in the area 2-3 times a week as well.

Every Friday, we have a drop-in free lunch and food giveaway. The new faces every week is growing as young adults with mental health, seniors, and couples continue to find their way here. Food is something that brings people together and allows them to also keep a social avenue to talk about their lives; the happy sounds of people coming together is the greatest motivator. The fresh and nutritious food that Second Harvest delivers weekly helps provide food relief throughout the year. Hunger is not just a holiday issue; the need is there week after week.”



-Bruce Buchanan, Manager of Community and Social Activities



JESSIE'S CENTRE

Jessie's is a non-judgmental, free, and confidential centre for youth under the age of 21. Paola, 18, completed high school at Jessie's last year while pregnant and now visits daily with her eight-month old son.

“Jessie's Centre means family and acceptance, to me. I'm so far from home, Mexico City, but I have a family here at Jessie's where everybody loves and accepts me for who I am - it doesn't matter if I have a child. They love and care about what I do.”



Jessie's Place relies on the support of Second Harvest for its food program, the provider of fresh, healthy food for the agency. “Our food program is very important because food insecurity is a critical issue our participants face. Without the support of Second Harvest, our food program would not be able to continue running. Everyone deserves access to fresh, healthy, nutritious, and culturally relevant food, and the fact that we can do that is hugely important.”

-Sinead Dunphy, Community Education Program Coordinator



CALGARY FAMILY PEER CONNECTIONS

Calgary Family Peer Connections is a 100% volunteer-run organization focused on providing support to families with youth who are struggling with mental health concerns. Since April 2020, their food program has been their main priority. They created a “Food Friday” with a single pop-up tent in a driveway and have watched it grow to serve more than 700 families a week. Second Harvest provides 80% of the food CFPC is able to offer and to date, CFPC has been able to rescue almost 20,000 pounds of food through FoodRescue.ca



“We have been able to provide healthy food (and mental health resources at the same time) to families in Calgary and several rural communities - often a very underserved population. We would not be able to provide this kind of support without the generosity of our donors and programs like FoodRescue.ca.

-Jaquie Duhacek, Founder/Director, Calgary Family Peer Connections

