

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The year 2022 has demonstrated the generosity of our residents and local organizations as we strive to support an increased demand from our community. The continuing legacy of the pandemic and the pressures of inflation on our most vulnerable community members has also created uncertainty for many community-based organizations—including CHEP.

This fall, we have experienced a substantial increase in the number of students accessing school nutrition programs that we support and have seen more families facing difficulties maintaining healthy eating practices. The growing need has resulted in participant numbers increasing in our cooking and nutrition programs. As well, our Community Market network has expanded, which provides greater access to fresh, affordable food for our community.

In mid-October, we released a call to the community for support and the response has been greatly appreciated. The ongoing increase of food and delivery costs—that we purchase directly—continues to put tremendous strain on our cash flow situation. To remedy this, we began internal mitigation processes, such as pausing the Good Food Box program in October for restructuring. We continue to assess all our programs to ensure we are best responding to community needs in a fiscally prudent manner. As well, we are working on a corporate donor program; however, a decrease of funding availability has meant we need to garner additional community contributions.

With your support, we can continue the great work we have achieved from January-October of this year, which includes:

- Redeemed \$20,719.55 worth of coupons at Community Markets;
- Packed and delivered 3264 Good Food Boxes;
- Led 24 Collective Kitchen workshops, which impacted 198 families;
- Donated 115 Emergency Food Hampers;
- Packed and delivered 348 boxes of food to seniors;
- Harvested 1364 pounds of produce in our askîy gardens and began a Community Supported Agriculture social enterprise through our askîy internship program, which sold 176 boxes of food from our garden;



- Registered 82 Grade 4-5 students in 7 Chefs in Training after-school programs;
- Made and delivered 21,484 bagged lunches to schools without in-house nutrition programs; and
- Delivered 106,821 pounds, equaling \$156,154, of food to schools for nutrition programs via our bulk-buying program.

CHEP believes food is a basic human right and that a community-based, capacity building model strengthens the resiliency of our food system. The food system does not serve everyone equitably and we will continue supporting our community in overcoming barriers to food security and work together to address issues of food sovereignty. At this time, we ask for your financial generosity to ensure vulnerable community members are supported through the pandemic and beyond. Your support helps your community, your community helps you.

Donations of \$20 and over receive charitable tax receipts. To donate or learn more, visit www.chep.org or call 306.655.4575.

Cheques can be sent to: CHEP Good Food, #204-1120 20th Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0Y8.

With much gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gord Androssoff".

Gord Androssoff, Executive Director

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