

Community Agency Partners

Winter Newsletter 2021



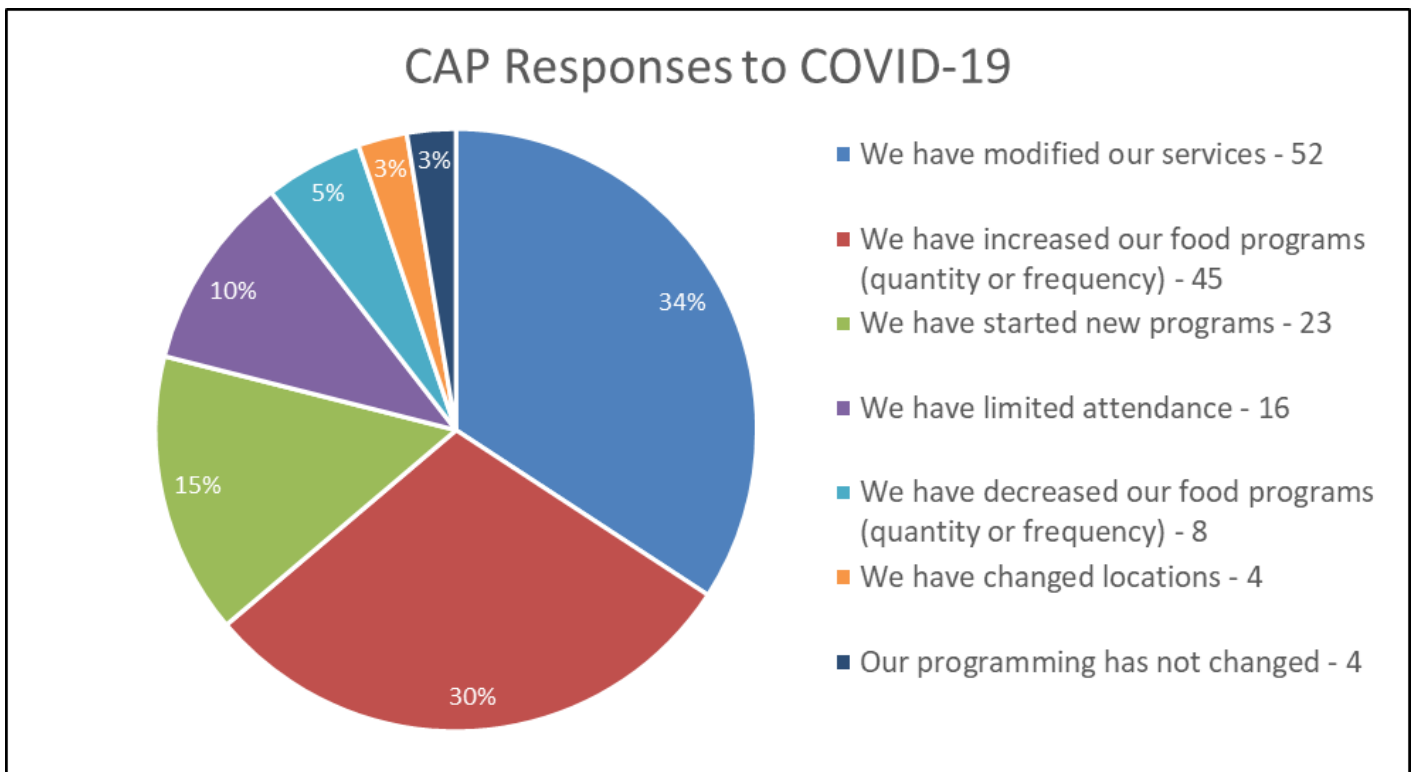
On behalf of the Greater Vancouver Food Bank (GVFB) we would like to present our first Community Agency Partner Newsletter! You will receive our bi-annual newsletters in January and July of each year.

This newsletter includes information on how we collect Agency Program metrics and produce data reports, as well as updates and pictures from the GVFB to demonstrate how we work together to provide healthy food to those in need.

November 2020 CAP Impact Survey

In November we asked 84 Agency Partners to complete our bi-annual CAP Impact Survey.

Agencies were asked to share how their food programming has changed since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic, as well as the multitude of other ways their operations have been affected.



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GVFB Updates



We have implemented new safety measures as a response to COVID-19 and are now requiring all Agencies to wear masks when visiting our warehouse, with Agencies booked into each 30 minute time slot.

Our Community Agency Team has grown and we now have 3 full time staff members to support our wonderful Agencies.



We have successfully welcomed 10 New Agencies, bringing the total number of Partners that we support to 94.

The Greater Vancouver Food Bank was a finalist for a Burnaby Business Excellence Award, in the category of Not for Profit Organization of the Year.



Our Community Capacity Program is now supporting 16 Agencies. Through this program, we provide food to support up to 450 people weekly so they can run their own hamper programs. Through federal funding we have given out 34 Refrigeration Units for a value of \$184,692.

Agencies in Action



Aboriginal Mothers Centre



Origin Church

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July–December 2020 Agency Program Data



WE DISTRIBUTED A GRAND TOTAL OF 1,283,546 LBS OF FOOD TO CAPS

Our CAPs use food provided by the GVFB to supply hot meals, snack programs, food banks, and more to people in their communities. The in-kind value of this food was \$2,208,378



THAT'S 89,136 INDIVIDUAL VISITS FOR FOOD ACCESS THROUGH CAPS

On average 3,714 individuals were able to access food each week from our Community Agency Partners



SPECIAL REQUESTS & KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Extra support was also provided in our two bonus Programs, Special Requests and Kitchen Equipment. Special Requests led to a total of 33,405 pounds of food taken, with an in-kind value of \$87,521. Agencies also accessed a total of 1,226 Kitchen Equipment items for an in-kind value of \$8,703

BASIC PANTRY PROGRAM

CAPs took advantage of the Basic Pantry program to access 190,292 pounds of food support! That's an in-kind value of \$464,663



COMMUNITY CAPACITY PROGRAM

CAPs in our CC Program supported the community by accessing 828,767 pounds of dry, fresh and mixed purchased products, coming to a total in-kind value of \$1,050,760



FRESH MARKET PROGRAM

Our Fresh Market CAPs accessed 231,082 pounds of dry goods, and fresh & frozen perishables for a total in-kind value of \$605,434



Providing healthy food to those in need.

Agency Program Data Overview

Our Bi-Annual Impact Report includes compiled data from July - December 2020. We created the Community Capacity Program in response to the pandemic and to shift to a more sustainable model. In summary, the addition of our Community Capacity Program has allowed us to support more people each week. Individual visits each week for food access has increased by 123%, compared to the previous reporting period (January – June 2020).

To Calculate the Total Individual Visits

Total lbs of Food



Total individual visits for food access through CAPS

Average lbs distributed/person
(through GVFB distribution)
over the past 6 months

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The GVFB Sort Team

Did you know that our Sort Team is currently comprised of 4 GVFB staff and daily volunteers who work together to sort through donations that come to the GVFB? This team keeps our Agency cooler, freezer, dry bulk and kitchen shelves well stocked and ready for Agencies to access during their visits. Our amazing Sort Team goes through roughly **6 - 10 crates a day**, with each weighing on average **250 - 300 pounds**.

After reviewing donations that come into the GVFB to ensure products fall within our Food Distribution Guidelines, this team then groups products into our GVFB sort categories making it easy for our Supply Chain Specialist to plan for how to best redistribute to our Agency Partners and Clients!



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL AGENCY PARTNERS!



**STAY TUNED FOR OUR
NEXT NEWSLETTER
COMING IN JULY 2021!**

