

Volunteer Impact Report

Quarterly newsletter



Message from the team

Our 2021 spring edition coincides with us spotlighting some of our long-term volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week in April. We continue to be very fortunate with the number of individuals eager to support and assist our clients each week, in addition to all the behind the scenes work in our warehouse with sorting the food for our clients and community agency partners.

We appreciate our volunteers' sense of flexibility and patience as we continue to make daily adjustments to our health and safety protocols, to include the number of people we can have onsite each shift. The safety of our volunteers, staff, and clients is always a top priority.

We regularly receive feedback from our volunteers who share with us what a positive experience volunteering is for them and how helping others has truly enriched their lives. It is committed, kind and compassionate volunteers like you who help make the world a better place. Your generous contribution of time, hard work and dedication to the GVFB is incredible. We appreciate everything that you have done for us and continue to do.

Introducing Marilyn

Empathy is the fundamental character trait that allows one to connect with and understand the people around us. It is the first characteristic that comes to mind when we think of our wonderful volunteer, Marilyn.

Marilyn works closely with our Community Agency Partner (CAP) team. She is the first smiling face to greet our visiting CAPs as they collect their orders. She ensures that our CAPs feel welcomed by reviewing our menus, sanitizing the fridges, and even helping them carry the food to their cars!

One of Marilyn's favourite things about volunteering is knowing the CAPs' impact on their communities. "I love meeting the representatives from the various agencies. I love hearing how many people they support and how they are giving back to the vulnerable populations in our community."

Thank you, Marilyn, for your warmth, friendly smiles, and humbleness!



April - Volunteer Appreciation Week

The contributions of volunteers since the beginning of 2021 have been truly astonishing. We had 757 volunteers donate 15,704 hours in the last four months across our three sites in Vancouver, Burnaby and New Westminister.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization and make everything we do possible.

To wrap up the week-long celebration of National Volunteer Week, the Greater Vancouver Food Bank staff created a thank you video for our volunteers. Whether you started volunteering with us recently, at the start of the pandemic or have been with us for many years, we are all extremely appreciative of the amazing individuals and groups who came together to support the community.

Please find the video in the link below:

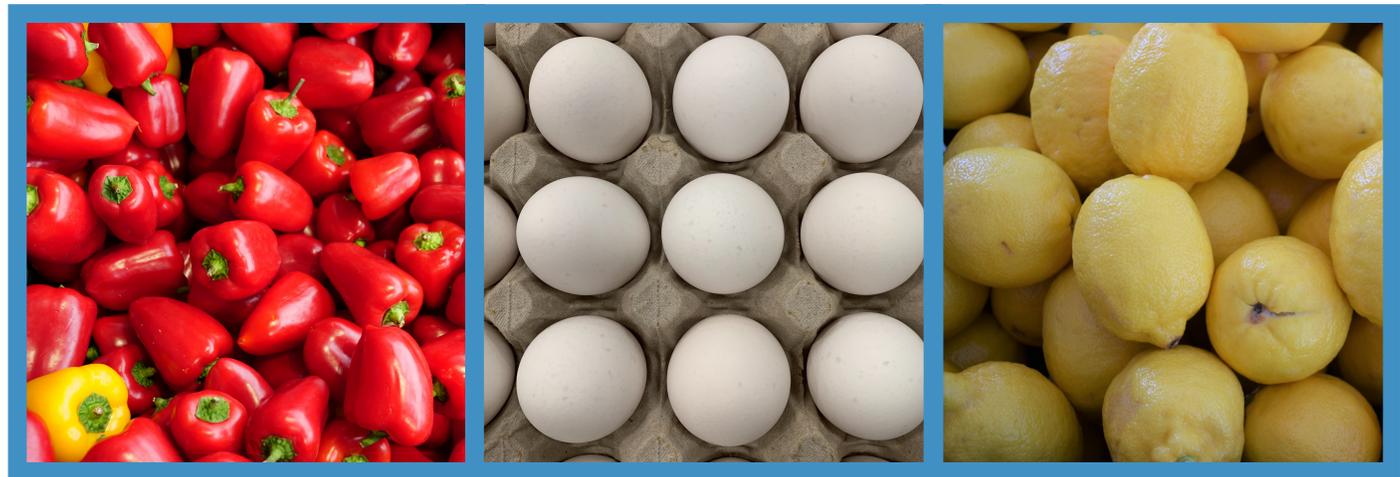
https://youtu.be/_NnWHhyZDx4

Moscrop Secondary School - utilizes our CAP special requests program and students volunteer their time

Mavis Anthony is a beloved home economics teacher and chef at Moscrop Secondary School. In December 2020, Mavis reached out to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank (GVFB) for support. She had a group of students eager to cook and families in need of nutritious meals.

Currently, the GVFB supplies the Moscrop Grade 9 and 10 Skills Exploration Food Classes with weekly food deliveries. With our support, their students can prepare meals for at-risk peers and their families. We are thrilled to support such an amazing cause!

When Mavis heard that we were accepting students as warehouse volunteers, she applied immediately and organized a couple of field trips for her students. We expect to host volunteer groups at our warehouse again when it is safe to do so!



YOUR IMPACT FROM JANUARY 2021 TO MARCH 2021



1928 new clients registered with the Greater Vancouver Food Bank



1,463,000 lbs of food were donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank



13,206 volunteer hours were donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank



You helped us distribute 18 lbs of food per individual per week



We received 645,884 lbs of food to sort in our warehouse.



865 new applicants registered to volunteer at the Greater Vancouver Food Bank



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