



GFAF Round 8 Emergency Food Grant

A snapshot of the 2021-2022 Journey
Youth Leadership Society of BC and
Steps Together Foundation



Communities Served through GFAF Round 8 Grant Cycle

British Columbia & Yukon



Impact report

Grant Utilized \$100,000

Cities Served (26)

Whitehorse, Yukon
 Masset, Haida Gwaii
 Dease Lake
 Fort Nelson
 Dawson Creek
 Nechako Lake
 Fraser Lake
 Terrace
 Smithers
 Houston
 Bella Bella
 Rivers Inlet
 Merritt
 Penticton
 Hope
 Mission
 Langley
 Surrey
 Delta
 White Rock
 Richmond
 North Vancouver
 East Vancouver
 Vancouver
 Coquitlam
 Port Coquitlam

Total : 26

Communities Served

Indigenous 9
 Schools 16
 Community Organizations 19
 Total : 44

Families Served

Youth Leadership 1841
 Steps Together F 799
 Total : 2640 families
 or approximate
 13200 individuals

Healthy Food choices made available to communities

Meat, Protein, Produce and Fruits



Meat and Protein



Healthy Food choices made available to communities

Greens and Fruits



Meat and Protein



Emergency Food delivery to remote locations

Helping hand from Helicopter without Borders

Food delivery to Helijet Terminal



Healthy Meals provided to school children

Teachers creating healthy meals



Healthy Snacks and hampers



Healthy Meals provided to school children

SD 75 Mission

Many of the families live in low income housing provided by the First Nations Health Authority and other organizations. Others live in basement suites or with another family in order to save money. A great deal of our families are single parent families or families where one parent cannot work due to injury or other health issues. We have a couple of students that have recently moved in with their grandparent or another family due to issues at home. When I drop off the food to these families they are always very happy to receive it and are very grateful for any help

SD 91 Fraser Lake

I have finally been able to meet up with Brian. All certificates have been handed out. The parents were extremely happy to receive them and one parent even cried tears of joy.

SD 43 Coquitlam

Thanks to you, kids have a safe place to go to eat the first meal of their day. Instead of coming from home hungry while their families are at work, our kids have eaten healthy nutrition breakfast and learning to play soccer and make art, forming friendships with peers and relationships with adult mentors.

Those early hours in the beginning of the school day can make a crucial difference in kids' lives.

SD 35 Langley

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We would take whatever you wanted to donate us. We have 80+ families that go through the food hub every week. It is a lot of people to feed.

Youth Initiative to procure and deliver food items

Community coming together



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Procurement



Prepare for shipment & Hampers for families



Supporting Indigenous communities

Gift Cards



Gift Cards



Supporting Indigenous communities

National Indigenous Day Celebrations



Terrace, BC

- Please see some pictures taken of some very grateful recipients of the gift cards that you have kindly donated to the Family Preservation Day. This was taken on National Indigenous Day 2022 of our local Indigenous families that joined us to celebrate culture and tradition. The other gift cards were shared with participants of the Family Pres program who are a part of the vulnerable population and will be used to assist in meeting food security for their families. This is a very generous donation and were provided to Indigenous families who live off a very limited income and have involvement with the Ministry of Children and Family Development. So supports to food security are a huge issue for families at this time and as well the children who are in family homes are needing this extra assistance.

Supporting Indigenous communities

Dawson Creek, BC



Dawson Creek, BC

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for the gift cards, they have been so helpful, and our clients have been very thankful. Clients have been coming in and needing help with bills and rent, with the increase in the utility bills they have gotten behind financially. I can give our clients the gifts cards for food so they can put their money to bills.

One client came in crying because she didn't have any food and did not know how she was going to get by for the month, we where able to give her two cards and she left very happy.

We had a client come in needing milk for his baby, we where able to give him a gift card.

Another client has been having a hard time finding a job and with us he sent out many resumes. We where able to give him a gift card to get by well he is job searching.

Thank you again for the gift cards.

Supply Chain partners

Helicopter without Borders



Surface and Marine Transport



Visits to Indigenous Communities

Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Okanagan, Northern BC, Yukon

Mission, Surrey, Kelowna

Dease Lake, Penticton,



Supply Chain Partners' of letters of support

Vancouver Island Trucking



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To Whom it May Concern,

June 22, 2022

We've been working with Ravi Safaya from YLSBC to help transport perishable items to Northern Vancouver Island and beyond. As a small family run trucking company, we are blessed to be able to help out in the communities we service.

YLSBC is showing us what true leadership looks like and we at Coastal Transportation & Storage are glad we can do our little part to help out.

Respectfully

Craig Skene

Owner/President



Helicopter without Borders



HELICOPTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

June 23rd, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

At Helicopters Without Borders (HWB), we are grateful for our partnership with the Youth Leadership Society of BC. Their organization helps us on a monthly basis fill the gap of the province's food security and sovereignty issues; as well as many other living essentials. Together our organizations conduct flights to the most isolated Indigenous communities who struggle with regular food and essential supply chains.

I would warmly welcome any further questions about this partnership with my contact info below.

With Immense Gratitude,
Owen

Owen McClung - Sitan
he/him

CEO/Founder
Helicopters Without Borders

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helicopterswithoutborders.org



Helicopters Without Borders would like to acknowledge, with gratitude, that we live, work and fly on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples - Skw'waka'wakw (Kwakiwaka), Sto:lo and S'q'w'w'et's/Selilw'ulh (Tsilil - Klallam) and s' m'akw'akwam (Moosewam).

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Supply Chain Partners' of letters of support

Marine shipping to remote communities



June 27, 2022

Central Coast Marine Services is honored to support the Youth Leadership Society of BC. We have assisted YLSBC to arrange transportation of items for the first nations in Rivers Inlet. We are pleased to have the opportunity to help YLSBC with their initiatives.

Sincerely,
CCMS Management Team

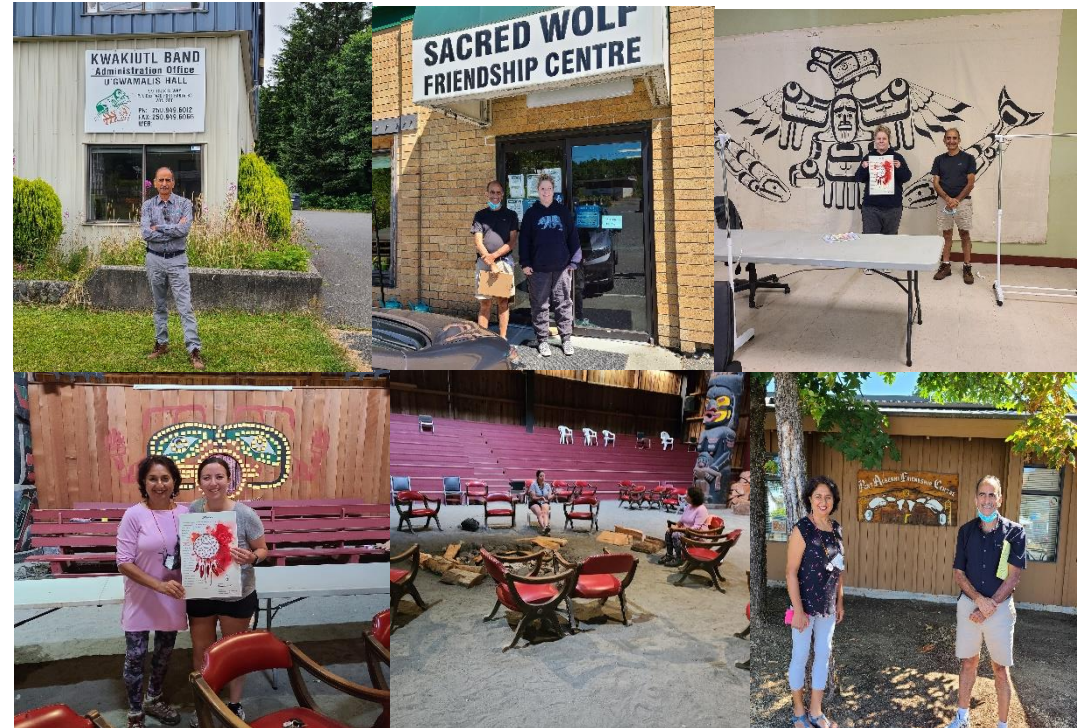
Visits to Indigenous Communities

Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Okanagan, Northern BC, Yukon

Dease Lake, Yukon



Port Hardy, Port Alberni



Visits to Indigenous Communities

Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Okanagan, Northern BC, Yukon

White Horse, Yukon

Teslin, Carcross Yukon



Nutritious Food Suppliers

Meat Products and Protein



Fresh Vegetables, Fruits, Dry Food



Suppliers' Letters of Support

Chicken supplier



SUNRISE POULTRY PROCESSORS LTD.
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Tel: (604) 596-9505 Fax: (778)-578-6420

June 20, 2022

To whom it may concern,

Re: YLSBC

Sunrise Farms is pleased to partner with YLSBC to provide nourishment and healthy meals to the Indigenous community and low-income families. This is an invaluable service to our communities, and we are proud of our contributions.

Yours Sincerely,

Sunrise Poultry Processors Ltd.

Maureen Swanson | Senior Business Development Manager

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Ham, Cheese and protein snacks



June 20, 2022

To Whom This May Concern,

As part of Freybe's continuing Corporate ESG Goals and Initiatives, we are more than thrilled to work with Ravi and his YLSBC / STEPPS organizations. In late 2020 Freybe has developed a number of different Impact Teams as part of our internal ESG Goals. The 4 area's we identified we wanted to try and make a difference in were as follows:

- a- Environment
- b- Safety and Wellness
- c- Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) / Anti-racism
- d- Mental Health

We are blessed to work with Ravi's and his YLSBC/STEPPS organization as we think it is a perfect relationship in supporting his goals and Freybe's ESG commitments. Freybe has the opportunity to support his community organizations throughout the province with much need high quality protein products. Most of Ravi's organizations he supports are Indigenous based communities outside of main urban centers. We have seen the impact our high quality products make in such needy communities.

Since the last quarter of 2021, we have helped Ravi support over 20 organizations around British Columbia, from boat access only Indigenous communities way past Port Hardy, to needy schools in the Lower Mainland we are happy to assist Ravi where we can.

Ravi's passion to his work and his dedication to the communities he supports is unprecedented. We hope to continue to support him now and far into the future.

Cheers

-Brice Wong

Key Account and Territory Sales Manager

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Suppliers' Letters of Support

Fresh Produce, fruits and veggies

Van Whole Produce offers value pricing to YLSBC in helping them provide low-cost healthy meals to Indigenous Communities along with Low Income families to address their food security issues.

Calvin Leung



Turkey ; protein products

- We are grateful to be able to assist those in need. Healthy food options are important for everyone and we are thankful to YLSBC for supporting communities and families in need of healthy meals.

Marilyn Morgan



GFAF Grant Recipients' Feedback

Friendship Centre- Merrit

- Thank you!!!” “Mine, mine, mine”
- “Was delicious thanks” “Cooked ours in air fryer, very juicy, yum”
- No complaints. We thank you very much for all the support. Seeing the facial expressions is very rewarding.
- “ Loved it, husband very fussy. Really like the chicken, he hoarded a couple of pieces in the fridge for himself tomorrow”
- Chicken is something we seldom get to hand out, I know our families will appreciate this
- These grants are amazing, meat is something we don't get enough of at the food hub and it can be very expensive to buy. If we get meat it is usually pork products, so getting chicken was amazing.
- We would take whatever you wanted to donate to us. We have 80+ families that go through the food hub every week. It is a lot of people to feed.
- Thank you very much for all the donations. It is an incredibly wonderful program you have. Families are very grateful for what you do for them. Families like other meat ie... hamburgers, steaks, stir fry, pork chops, bacon, pork ribs, beef ribs, sausages, etc...

Phoenix Society, Surrey

- We received donations from the youth leadership society of BC, and we are grateful for these donations of food as phoenix society is a nonprofit society, and these food products are used for our meals which are cooked and served to our residents here at phoenix society and we also serve to our partner's that need these meals as well, i.e. SUMS, Food Banks in Surrey. during these difficult times, any help on food goes a long way as we need to give safe, nutritious, and good meals to the community that's venerable or otherwise would go hungry, so thank you to our donors who provide these donations to us.
- Thank you for the turkey donation today and here are the pictures as requested. (Thanks for the seva you do for the phoenix community, much appreciated)we are doing turkey dinner this Sunday for our residents.

Friendship Centre – Surrey

- Thank you again for this it is very appreciated, and we are very happy to be working with you as a donor for our new program.

Friendship Centre- Courtney

- Thank you for the previous chicken shipment.
- Our Elders and families really enjoyed the meal we served them.
- Many were provided packages to take home as well.

GFAF Grant Recipients' Feedback

Friendship Centre – Terrace

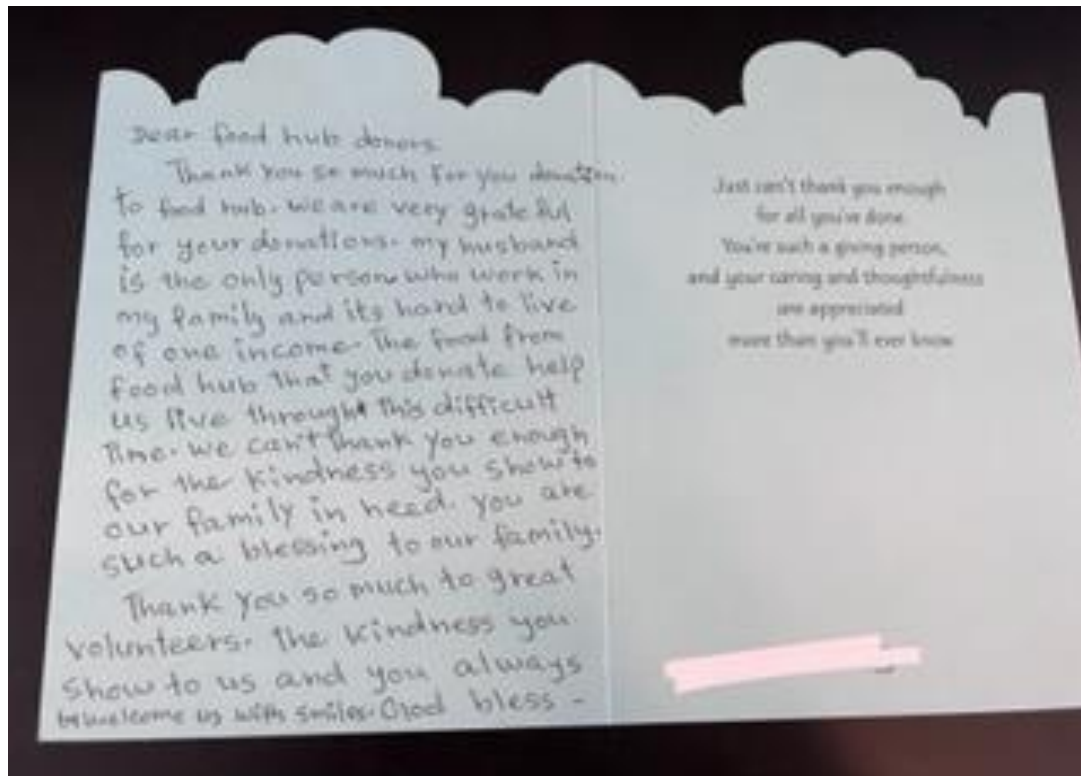
- That would be amazing Ravi -if you were able to accommodate this request. 20 cards would be phenomenal and if you are able to do more I could also use these for families who are in need of emergency food rations.
- We are always able to utilize food donations within our program to assist and support families. Any support in these areas is always greatly appreciated.
- All 78 were distributed to families, and elders Thank you so much to the donors. The food items went straight to small families and provided additional meal(s) during challenging times and assisted the elderly as well. This was a beautiful partnership with Safeway and shows the community that nonprofits and businesses are working together to support those in need

School District – Mission

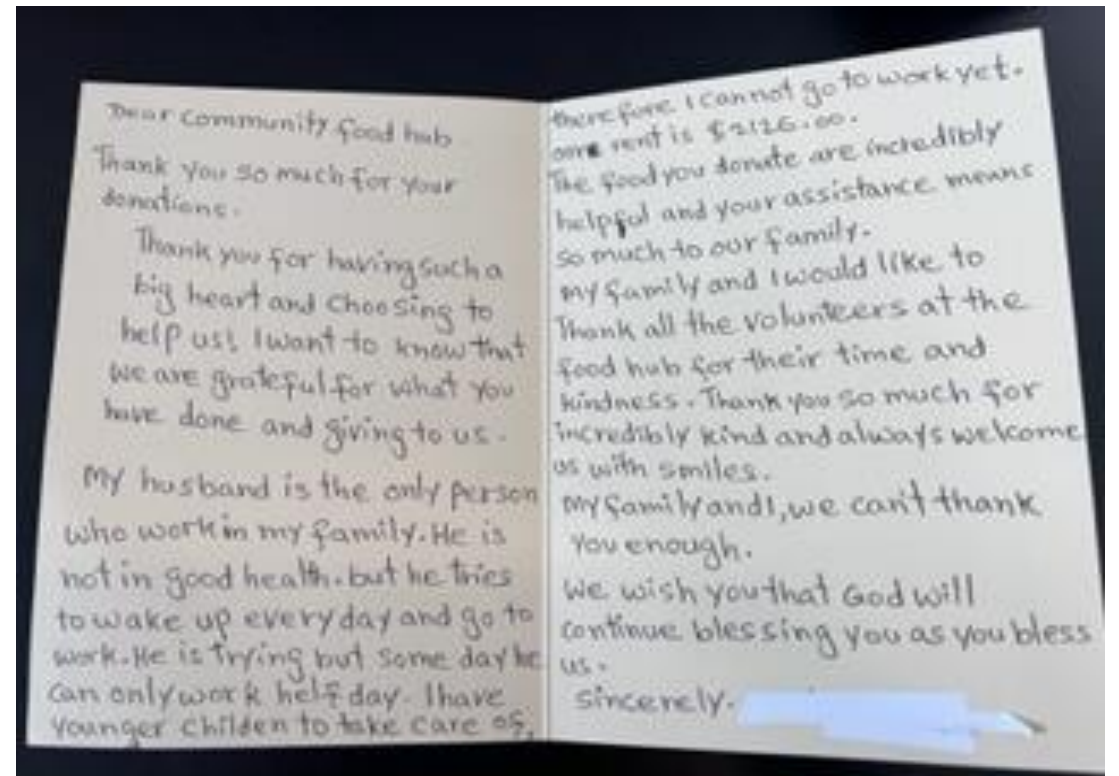
- We have been able to make a great deal of sandwiches each day with the order. Students love coming in for a sandwich each day and are enjoying the sliced meats. We plan to use the black forest ham for sandwiches once we have used up the sliced meat. We will also include some of it in the food support we offer to our 13 families. The pepperoni was very well received and is almost already gone even though we have limited students to one stick per day!

Thank you Notes from families

SD 35 Langley



SD 35 Langely



Concluding thoughts

- Our sincere appreciation to Community Food Centres Canada for the Emergency Food Grant to Youth Leadership Society of BC and Steps Together Foundation, through Good Food Access Fund.
- We are fortunate to have served our communities and provide them with nutritious and healthy food which these communities often cannot afford, or access.
- We sincerely hope these communities would continue consuming healthy food, and our supply chain partners would continue to support these communities as they supported YLSBC/STF.
- We further hope these communities with the help of Federal and Provincial Governments would create sustainable food security supply sources for their physical and mental well-being.
- We will continue to pursue all opportunities we can within our means to engage with these communities for acquiring life skills, employment, food security, and technology, and thus ensure their mental and physical well-being and

June 30, 2022

Coquitlam BC