



The Season of Giving

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Dear Friends:

As we approach the 2017 Holiday Season, I wish to extend a personal thank you to all of our donors, partners, volunteers and supporters for their generosity, friendship and encouragement throughout this year. 2017 has been a year of great change for the Surrey Food Bank. We are still in need of a larger and newer building, we have had staffing changes, great successes and big challenges, but we have worked together as a team, as a family and as an organization to grow and continue to serve our low-income clients with dignity and respect.

Our clientele has changed as well. We are now serving more new immigrants and refugees, working with them in their struggles with language, and adapting to a new home and culture. As our population ages, we see more and more seniors who struggle with isolation, and financial hardships. Our senior's distribution day and partnership with Seniors Comeshare Society works to mitigate that isolation and create a welcoming environment that fosters meaningful connections. We continue to see over 200 babies per week; providing formula, dairy items, diapers and healthy snacks to our most vulnerable clients. Our new Family Play Café program is a place where families with young children come together to increase both literacy and community connections. This partnership with the City of Surrey, the Surrey Libraries and SD36 has been a great and rewarding success. And we are seeing more and more of the working poor. This growing demographic of individuals and families, making minimum wage or just above, struggling to make ends meet, is now a main focus of our food bank. In the New Year we will continue to seek out relationships with organizations and partners that will aid us in providing these and all of our clients with opportunities to connect, grow and advance out of the cycle of poverty and food insecurity.

It is through the care, kindness and compassion of our supporters that we are able to continue our vision of growing our community beyond hunger and as we head in to the season of giving, we and our clients are especially grateful for that.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Holidays and wonderful New Year!

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Warmest wishes,

Feezah Jaffer
Executive Director

~ JFK
Our deepest thanks!
Happy Holidays.
