

## **General Manager Report**

**Annual General Meeting: April 6, 2024 – Joel Epp, General Manager**

### ***Final 2023 Statistics:***

Total Servings Distributed 2023 = 4,456,705 servings

Total Servings Distributed 2022 = 4,040,670 servings

Total Servings Packaged 2023 = 4,314,265 servings

Total Servings Packaged 2022 = 4,245,395 Servings

Total Volunteer Attendance 2023 = 5764 total volunteers (23.34/day)

Total Volunteer Attendance 2022 = 5053 total volunteers

Total Fresh Produce Received 2023 = 852,355 lbs

Total Fresh Produce Received 2022 = 845,199 lbs

- 92,000 servings of apple snacks packaged and distributed to local charities.
- 405,000 servings of dried soup mix in smaller (family size) bags distributed to local charities including St. Vincent de Paul Leamington, Kingsville Food Bank, London Food Bank, Oneida Settlement, United Way, and The Goodfellows.
- 1.5 million servings sent to Ukraine by Loads of Love
- 2.3 million servings sent to various African and Central American countries by Canadian Food for Children
- Produce is donated by Nature Fresh (peppers and tomatoes), PierC Farms (carrots and onions), Nature's Finest Produce (carrots), Rutledge Farms (potatoes) and other local farmers and food processors. Our incoming produce for 2023:
  - Carrots – 294,000 lbs
  - Potatoes – 285,000 lbs
  - Sweet Potatoes – 76,000 lbs
  - Onions – 42,500 lbs
  - Apples – 36,850 lbs
  - Peppers – 22,000 lbs
  - Tomatoes – 12,500lbs
- 9 Volunteers made our "100 Club" in 2023. These people volunteered over 100 times out of 247 days open (John Riedl-241, Benjamin Wall-198, Peter Fehr-197, Susan Ross-174, Art Cocks-137, Mike Sexsmith-125, Susanna Fehr-123, Roger Chartrand-121, and Ernie Neufeld-101). These names will be placed on the plaque in the breakroom.
- Josh Klassen, our new employee is working out well. Josh started at the end of November as our Production Lead. He and Kimanie Atkinson are forming a good production team. Both are very well-liked by the volunteers.
- Spring Fundraising Banquet – April 20, 2024. Guest Speaker is Mary Lou Wood from Canadian Food for Children (one of our distribution partners). Live and Silent Auction.