



The Informer

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Church Out Serving is a faith-based care network whose focus is to "love our neighbours." We do this with our actions, serving in practical ways, drawing together people who are committed to making a difference in our community.

Greetings from the Church Out Serving office...

Keeping you informed about current COS activities and serving opportunities.

Please send comments and responses to churchoutserving@gmail.com.



Packers Julie, Pam, Paul, Pam, Lauren and Nancy celebrating...



...and Tim delivering the 2000th food box curbside



Sharing fresh take-out meals with our neighbours, Covid-style

COVID 19 EMERGENCY FOOD RESPONSE

Covid19 has been with us for 7 months now and it is affecting all of us in some way. For many of our neighbours who are at lower incomes, the pandemic has caused increased worries about their food security. They are experiencing job or income loss, physical or mental health concerns, isolation, and even homelessness.

Church Out Serving was given the opportunity to step into this need of feeding the hungry in a big way. With the support of our County, area churches, local businesses, service clubs, and individuals, we are providing fresh meals, frozen meals and healthy food boxes on a weekly basis. In fact, to date we have helped **1,728 neighbours**, many of whom are seniors and families with young children.

Here is a summary of our current Covid19 food services:

- **2,052 food boxes** have been shared. Serving a food box is a whole process - of ordering food, receiving shipments, grocery shopping, two packing shifts on Thursdays, and porch drop-offs on Fridays. Last week we celebrated the 2000th food box made, as you can see on the photos! It was even delivered by bicycle!
- **5,875 fresh meals** have been shared. Each Monday and Friday, these dinners are served out of the kitchen at First Baptist Church by 7 chefs, prep and outside teams. Our largest turnout was last week Friday, when 142 take-out meals were served Covid-style!
- **2,401 frozen meals** have been shared. Each week, these dinners are prepared in the kitchen at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, by 3 chefs and prep teams who are keeping our freezers stocked!
- **123 caring volunteers** are providing these food services with excellence and commitment. We are so proud of them!! It has been said that Church Out Serving has the best volunteer pool in the County, and we know this to be true!
- **14 agencies and organizations are referring** individuals and families to our services.

All of this shows that the need is real and widespread. With winter coming and the effects of the pandemic continuing to impact the economy, the upward trend is evident. The requests for help are increasing. We are blessed and ready to serve our community!

PARTICIPATE ... GET INVOLVED ... YOU'LL BE SO GLAD YOU DID!



Volunteer: Join our food services team. Lots of opportunities to help. Email the office today.

Pray: Be part of our COS Email Prayer Chain, or sign up to be part of a specific Covid Prayer Response.

Donate: Please support the work of Church Out Serving by making a tax-receiptable charitable gift.

Here are the ways for you to donate:

€ Monthly Donor:

€ Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) form is available on our website - [click on donate](#)

€ One Time Gift:

€ Cheque (by mail to address below)

€ e-Transfer (direct from your bank account)

€ Credit Card (at www.canadahelps.org)