



# Fraser Valley Gleaners NEWSLETTER

November 2021

## TWENTY YEARS OF EXCELLENT SERVICE!!

It has been 20 years since the first bag of soup mix was prepared and shipped from Fraser Valley Gleaners. During this whole time God has continued to pour out His Blessing on this organization, for which we give Him thanks.

We would also like to recognize Carl & Elaine Goosen for their consistent and faithful service as General Manager and Office Administrator during this same time frame. Fraser Valley Gleaners would not have functioned as well as it has if it were not for the vibrant and efficient management provided by this wonderful couple. We know that Carl and Elaine have not done this to receive praise and accolades from us for their service, but we wanted to recognize them at this milestone of service.

After 20 years of service ministry, Carl & Elaine have tendered their resignation as plant manager and office administrator to be effective December 31, 2021. It is with regret that we have accepted their resignation and have begun the process of finding replacements for both. We would request your prayers for wisdom and guidance as we go through this process. THANK YOU SO MUCH, CARL AND ELAINE! May God reward you for your service.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,  
Ed Klassen, President



## Positions Available:

### Ministry Opportunity: Assistant to the Manager

Location: Fraser Valley Gleaners, Abbotsford

Fraser Valley Gleaners is actively recruiting an Assistant to the Plant Manager. This is a paid position involving approximately 30-35 hours per week. This person will be directly involved with the daily operations and volunteer coordination. The right candidate will be expected to agree with and support the Mission Statement of Fraser Valley Gleaners, including the statement of faith.

If you are interested, please call the plant at 604-870-9272, email at [info@fvgleaners.org](mailto:info@fvgleaners.org).

### Ministry Opportunity: Floor Supervisor

Location: Fraser Valley Gleaners, Abbotsford

Fraser Valley Gleaners is actively recruiting a Floor Supervisor – assistant to the Manager. This is a paid position involving approximately 20-25 hours per week. This person will be directly involved with the daily operations and volunteer coordination. The right candidate will be expected to agree with and support the Mission Statement of Fraser Valley Gleaners, including the statement of faith. If you are interested, please call the plant at 604-870-9272, email at [info@fvgleaners.org](mailto:info@fvgleaners.org).

### Ministry Opportunity: Office Administrator

Location: Fraser Valley Gleaners, Abbotsford

Fraser Valley Gleaners is actively recruiting an Office Administrator. This is a paid position involving approximately 25 hours per week. This person will be directly involved with staff and volunteers. Experience with computer, office and filing skills, giving tours and presentations, is an asset. The right candidate will be expected to agree with and support the Mission Statement of Fraser Valley Gleaners, including the statement of faith. If you are interested, please call the plant at 604-870-9272, email at [info@fvgleaners.org](mailto:info@fvgleaners.org).

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Plant Manager – Carl Goosen - Assistant Manager – Joel Pasma

## NEWS:

- ◆ We are currently open Monday to Friday – 8:30 am to noon.
- ◆ Annual Christmas Social is cancelled.
- ◆ The plant will be closed for Christmas Break – December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ◆ Making soup mix starting Tuesday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Plant closed for Family Day, February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ Over 10.2 million soup servings were made in 2021- Distributed to over 15 countries.
- ◆ Pray for God to give direction for the 2021/22 Year at Fraser Valley Gleaners.
- ◆ Pray for donations of beans, lentils and peas (already dried) to add protein to the soup mix. For our Saskatchewan Rep contact Mike Wonnick at #306-251-1588 for more info. For BC & Alberta contact Carl at 1-866-772-7070.

## Why I go to Gleaners!

- *I don't have to go every day; I can choose which morning(s) I want to volunteer.*
- *When I go, it gets me up and going at a good time of day, usually in time for even breakfast.*
- *I can work at my own pace, it's not a race!*
- *The main task is prepping veggies.*
- *There are many other tasks that are also required for the veggies to make it into the soup mix, some are more physically demanding than others.*
- *The neat thing; there is a place for all who want to serve!*
- *Great place to make new friends, especially at snack time over a cup of coffee/tea/juice & some numnums!*
- *The fact that I'm involved in making millions of servings of soup for those less fortunate gives a good feeling!*
- *Gleaners offers an opportunity to invite family & friends to come and help as well.*

*Written by Don Sears, Board Member*

## 2021 Celebration/Fundraiser Event

Our annual celebration was very different this year! We missed having a delicious meal together and seeing everyone in person. Instead, we worked at and posted an online event in September for you to watch. A 35-minute program with guest speaker, Lindsay Brucks from 'FH Canada' sharing how the Gleaner soup mix is used in Burundi, South Africa and Guatemala. Special Music by Stephanie Redekopp and 'The Arias'. If you didn't get a chance to watch – this event is still online by going to FVG web page and clicking on the Program Icon. Proceeds for this event exceeded \$100,000.

Thank you to all who participated and generously donated to this ministry. Thank you to David Ediger Design for all his time and work on this project.



## Giving the gift of food this Christmas

With Fraser Valley Gleaners gift cards, you can feed the hungry of the world with a nutritious meal. Purchase cards in person at the plant or by phone (604-870-9272) and make a donation on behalf of your family or friends. You choose the amount, we provide the card, you write the message, you deliver the card. Your donations will go towards operations of FVG and with the donation provide:

- 500 soup servings = \$25.00
- 1000 soup servings = \$50.00
- 2000 soup servings = \$100.00



## Fraser Valley Gleaners Directors

Trevor Fowler, Ed Klassen, Bob Neufeld, Don Sears, Bill Spyksma,  
Ann VanderMeulen, Case VanMuyen and Jim Vriend.

The Bible says: *“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19*

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