



CHANGING LIVES

We first met Ben in 2017. Ben had sustained injuries at a job site leaving him on disability, living paycheck to paycheck, and unsure how he was going to afford food by the end of each month. "Sometimes I could only buy \$10 worth of food at a time". Additionally, the work injury had left him without his front teeth meaning he was no longer being hired as Santa during the holiday season.

Ben signed up to receive a Christmas Hamper that December. Not only did he receive food to help him fill his cupboards, he was especially amazed by the new work socks, gloves and long underwear that he was gifted. He had just begun to return to work as a flagger, so these items made a huge impact as he was often working 14-hour shifts in the elements.

In the fall of 2019, we were able to connect Ben with resources to fix his front teeth and restore Santa's smile! This gave him the confidence to pursue working as Santa again during the holiday season; his "greatest joy" he reports with a giant smile.

Ben has received a Christmas Hamper every year since which has helped him get back on his feet and gain confidence in his personal and professional life. He now welcomes the chance to pay it forward by being Santa to those who need it most. "It was a weird feeling being loved and accepted just as you are", Santa recalls as he remembers receiving his first Christmas Hamper. "But now I get to do the same for others".

JULIE'S STORY

Julie is a single mom with two young children. Not only is she working to make ends meet, she's also attending classes at a local college to upgrade her education and further her career.

"I can put food on the table and provide my kids with basic necessities, but I don't usually have room to purchase anything extra, especially around Christmas time. That makes Christmas a very stressful time of the year for me."

Julie has been receiving Christmas Hampers from our program for the past three years. The hampers include both fresh and non-perishable food, special Christmas treats, a grocery gift card, and toys for her children.

"Being able to receive Christmas hampers each December is such a huge help for my family. It allows me to feel like I can make Christmas magical for my two daughters. It's like a burden being lifted off my shoulders".

Thanks to the support of our donors, families like Julie's feel loved and cared for at Christmas time.



ROBYN AND JEFF'S STORY

Jeff and Robyn are two volunteers with big hearts for the community. They have lived in Cloverdale for the past 22 years, attending West Winds Church - where Jeff is an elder - and where they raised their three now-adult children. They keep busy with full-time jobs and their two grandchildren.

Jeff and Robyn first got involved with the CCK eight years ago when they signed up to walk in the Coldest Night of the Year fundraising event. After they learned more about the kitchen and how we serve the community, they began volunteering to help prepare meals on Monday nights... and soon began leading their very own team of volunteers.

From there they got connected with our Christmas Hamper Program, bringing friends and coworkers along with them to pack Christmas Hampers for vulnerable families and seniors in the community. Now, eight years later, they take a week off from their jobs each December to oversee all the food sorting and hamper packing.

Jeff and Robyn are two of the over 800 volunteers that serve at the CCK each year. They love seeing how many churches and community organizations come together to meet the needs of the community. They love getting to know the people that we serve through the ministry and building relationships with them. Volunteers are the backbone of all that we do!



OUR PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY MEALS

The kitchen provides hot, nutritious meals 5 nights per week that are free to our community who needs them. These meals were what started it all and are still prepared and served by volunteers, after 10 years.

MOBILE MEALS FOR SENIORS

Four days per week our volunteers hand make and deliver approximately 700 hot nutritious meals to seniors across Cloverdale/Surrey, Langley and White Rock.



FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL FOOD BANK

Our regional food bank currently has over 1,200 households registered and receiving food. Our low barrier model allows families from any local community to access food for free, once a week, on one of our four distribution days.

COMMUNITY CYCLE SHOP

Cloverdale Community Cycles offers free bicycles or repair services to families in need, as well as the homeless, in our community.

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER

Starting November 1st each year, we offer an extreme weather shelter, which houses individuals from Surrey and Langley.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Over 650 households received food and gift hampers through, the Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program, serving Surrey and Langley.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF CCK PROGRAMS

1991

The Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program celebrates its 31st year, this year! CCK is proud to have been able to take it on 8 years ago; ensuring that the tradition continues in our community and that the underprivileged receive the support that they need during the holiday season.

2011

Community Meals are a cornerstone of the CCK programs. Volunteers prep, cook and serve meals to some of Cloverdale's most vulnerable five nights per week; Monday through Friday. Not including stat holidays.

2017

In partnership with other organizations, we host the emergency weather shelter for Cloverdale from 10 pm to 7 am every night November through the end of March.

2019

Through the items received we are able to offer clothing items such as socks, shoes, jackets and winter wear to those in need.

2020

March: the Fraser Valley Regional Food Bank began and has now grown to include four distribution days per week, providing more options and less barriers to those in Surrey, White Rock and Langley. The food bank provides food to low-income individuals and families in a way that not only gives choice but also maintains dignity.

April: our Mobile Meals program delivered its first meal. This service has grown to provide hot, nutritious meals for seniors, people with living with a disability and those in need, four days per week in Surrey, Langley and White Rock. Meals are delivered to the door by one of our dedicated volunteer drivers.

April: also saw the opening of Cloverdale Community Cycles at CCK. Our charity bicycle shop helps provide and repair bikes to low-income individuals and families. Open Monday to Friday, we also offer low-cost bike repairs to everyone in the community.

2022

After 51 years in operations, Meals on Wheels White Rock was closing its doors due to the impact of rising inflation. CCK stepped in and took on their clients to ensure seniors in White Rock don't hungry. We now have a total of 85 White Rock clients in our Mobile Meals program.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Cloverdale Community Kitchen (CCK) currently has over 800 registered volunteers who bless us with their time in order to ensure the hungry, hurting and homeless in our community are cared for.

DID YOU KNOW...

CCK has 9 local churches who serve through our Community Meals Program on a regular basis.

DID YOU KNOW...

Last year (2021) the Christmas Hamper Program had 196 kids and youth registered, this year - since opening registration in early November - we already have approximately 600 in that same age category on our list to receive hampers/gifts.

DID YOU KNOW...

That in 2022 the Cloverdale Community Kitchen served approximately 50,000 hot meals to those in Surrey and Langley through a combination of our Meals on Wheels and Community Meals programs.

