

LAKE COUNTRY FOOD  
ASSISTANCE SOCIETY

**Building Food Security Today and for the Future**



# Since the last time we met...

## Completion of new warehouse building

- Increasing much needed warehouse space
- Open access to share excess food
- Space for social worker to provide supports to clients



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#### Purchased New Truck

- Increases capacity to receive and move excess food
- Feeding people, not landfills



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## Growing Need

- Each month over 5615 people helped with hampers (2910 registered clients + approximately 2705 Indigenous and Métis individuals )
- Deepening relationship with Okanagan Indian Band that will increase numbers served
- Helping more working people
  - Considering adding additional volunteer shifts to accommodate

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Partnerships with Greater Vancouver Food Bank, Sysco, Retailers and Farmers

- Increasing the amount and quality of product coming into our community
- Reducing waste as more pre-consumer product is being received
- Continuous two-way flow of resources and connections creates reliable, diverse food supply to meet needs of our community and beyond.
- Momentum continuing to build
  - 22 communities, 50 organizations including schools and helping organizations – and growing!

**\$6 Billion**

worth of food is wasted  
in BC every year



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### Capacity

- Volunteers continue to play an integral role
  - Team fluctuates in size but typically we have 70-100 volunteers
- Added an additional paid employee, 3 total

# Looking to the future

## Innovation in how food is processed

- Testing dehydration and freeze-drying
- Creating nutritious products that only require addition of water

## Distribution and processing facility

- Greater capacity to receive and move food
- Commercial kitchen to test, innovate and educate

## Increasing size of paid employees

- Stability and sustainability of the organization

# Lake Country Food Bank

Helping Through Sharing



Thank you!