



COVID-19 Virus in the Community: The SIMFC Response

Like other community-service organizations in Saskatoon, the COVID-19 Virus had a profound effect on the SIMFC's operations. Despite the restrictions, the Centre was able to rethink how it could assist families, individuals, and Elders during this difficult time.

Thanks to our hard-working staff, we were able to respond with donations of food and protective masks. We were even able to help families to keep children entertained with donations of craft bags.

Thanks must also go out to those organizations that made donations to the Centre during the lockdown that assisted us to respond to our Indigenous community.

The full story follows...

The Brown Bag Lunch Program

The pre-COVID-19 supper program on Tuesdays and Thursdays fed more than 250 individuals and families a nutritious meal every week. However, during the COVID-19 virus crisis, SIMFC has been supporting the community by moving away from the supper to providing a Monday-through-Friday brown bag lunch. Each weekday, between 4:30 and 6 p.m., more than 50 lunches that have been assembled by our great SIMFC staff are given out. To date, more than 3,250 lunches have been donated.



Cobs Bread in the Community

Prior to the virus lockdown, SIMFC had been receiving bread from Cobs Bread once every two weeks which made a huge difference to its breakfast program. This donation through the Cobs Bread "End of Day Giving" program continues to have a positive impact on the Centre's ability to provide lunches.



Nestors Bakery's generously donates

On June 5, Nestors Bakery donated 130 loaves of bread to the Centre in support of its brown bag lunch program.

Food Hamper Campaign

As another part of its COVID-19 Emergency Relief Program, the SIMFC donated 76 food hampers to help out individuals, Elders, and families during these tough times.



SIMFC has been working CHEP Good Food to deliver food hampers to two program streams -the school families program, and the community program for seniors, individuals, and families needing assistance. In total, the six-week program delivered some 450 hampers.

Some Fun Family Support

To help entertain children during the lockdown, the SIMFC put together, and distributed for free, bags full of fun craft items to more than 64 families.



Personal Protection Masks Campaign

A number of SIMFC staff have sewn and distributed more than 500 personal protection masks to help the community stay safe, including those without access to masks and to seniors and Elders.

