



Ontario Christian Gleaners

USING SURPLUS PRODUCE TO FEED A HUNGRY WORLD

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Gleaners Mix Saving Lives in the Phillipines

Al & Sonie Tadeo -
Action International Ministries

With the grace of our Lord, once again, Ontario Christian Gleaners saves the day! This is our 8th year in the Philippines as *Action International Ministries* missionaries serving with *Support A Child, Save A Future (SCSF) Ministries* feeding program. To date, we have 32 feeding sites all over the country with almost 1,800 children beneficiaries. We minister to indigent communities all around the country in partnership with local churches. Our own *SCSF Ministries* has 2 feeding sites in Metro Manila with 158 children beneficiaries. Our feeding program can be community, church or school based and runs on a six-month program. We require 2x-3x feeding per week and at least once a week of gospel teaching.

All of our feeding partners are thankful and grateful for our partnership with *Ontario Christian Gleaners*. With Gleaners dried vegetable mix packages, they have seen and recorded the healthier physical results in heights and weights of the children. This is evident as they compare the height and weight of the children before and after the six months feeding program. The feeding program also lessens financial burdens to families and churches because the vegetable mix costs them nothing. But most importantly, we cannot discount the spiritual growth it impacted among the children, mothers and volunteers.



Our team of *SCSF Ministries* just recently returned from a seven day visit in Cagayan De Oro (CDO). Cagayan De Oro is located in the most southern part of the country and it takes 1.5 hours by plane to reach. We have 5 existing feeding sites and 11 new sites in Cagayan De Oro with almost 700 children beneficiaries. Gleaners vegetable mix has made a huge impact on all the areas we visited. We also tasted new and delicious Gleaners recipes they prepared for the children mixed with locally produced ingredients like sticky glutinous rice, coconut milk, bananas and root crops like taro and cassava. They were unbelievably delicious and tasty.

Most volunteers are mothers and some of them gave short testimonies because they saw a big difference in their children's overall health status. The children noticeably gained weight, while other children who developed poor eye sights and skin diseases caused by malnutrition began to get better. Rashes and scabs on their skin begin to disappear after a few weeks by simply adding Gleaners dried vegetable mix 2 to 3 times a week into their diets. A handful of children gave personal testimonies and said that they enjoy and love the Gleaners recipes that volunteer mothers prepare. On the spiritual aspect, children sang worship songs, listened to a Bible story and recited a few Bible verses (their memory verse). Praise God!

Over the past 8 years and continuing, we are most blessed to have the support of *Ontario Christian Gleaners* as our ministry partner in reaching the poor and underdeveloped communities physically, with gleaners dried vegetable mix and spiritually, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our feeding program. We are also thankful to all the hard work and sacrifices of all pastors, volunteers and feeding teams in every feeding site all over the country that makes this feeding program possible. Most importantly, we thank God for leading us to *Ontario Christian Gleaners* as our friend and partner in the Gospel.



Join Us!

Volunteering

- No drop ins
- Monday-Friday
- 8:30am-11:30am
- Register online or call <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/volunteer.html>
519.624.8245



Contact & connect



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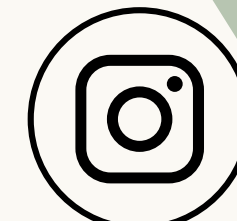


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A Word From The Manager

“By the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above” Genesis 49:25

Our God is an awesome God! Just one month ago we were discussing where our fresh produce will come from, as some of our regular donors have finished for the season. Each morning our team of volunteers join us in prayer, while God has blessed us in abundance. Our cooler is full and nearly overflowing, as produce continues to be received from those regular donors and new donors have come on board eager to support this important work.

2022 was again a record year for the Gleaners, as over 11.2 million servings of food was given to 16 different countries around the world with 25 mission organizations in 37 different shipments.

Shipments and requests for our food have started 2023 with a flurry. Almost 1.5 million servings of food have left our building this year, providing nutrition to those in Malawi, Ukrainian aid, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cuba and Ecuador. We pray for blessings on this food as it travels to these countries. Our next shipments are destined for Zimbabwe, South Sudan, Madagascar, Zambia and Haiti. In response to recent events, there has been discussion to explore opportunities with groups providing aid for Turkey and Syria.

The increased product, production and distribution have continued to stretch our current facility’s capacity and we are thankful for those who have joined us in prayer and financial support, as we continue to plan for our building expansion.

Open House Tours are back! Drop in at 10:30am for a guided tour on one of our scheduled dates and check out what the Gleaners is all about! (Next scheduled dates are March 20 and April 17). More spaces are available for volunteers to sign up!

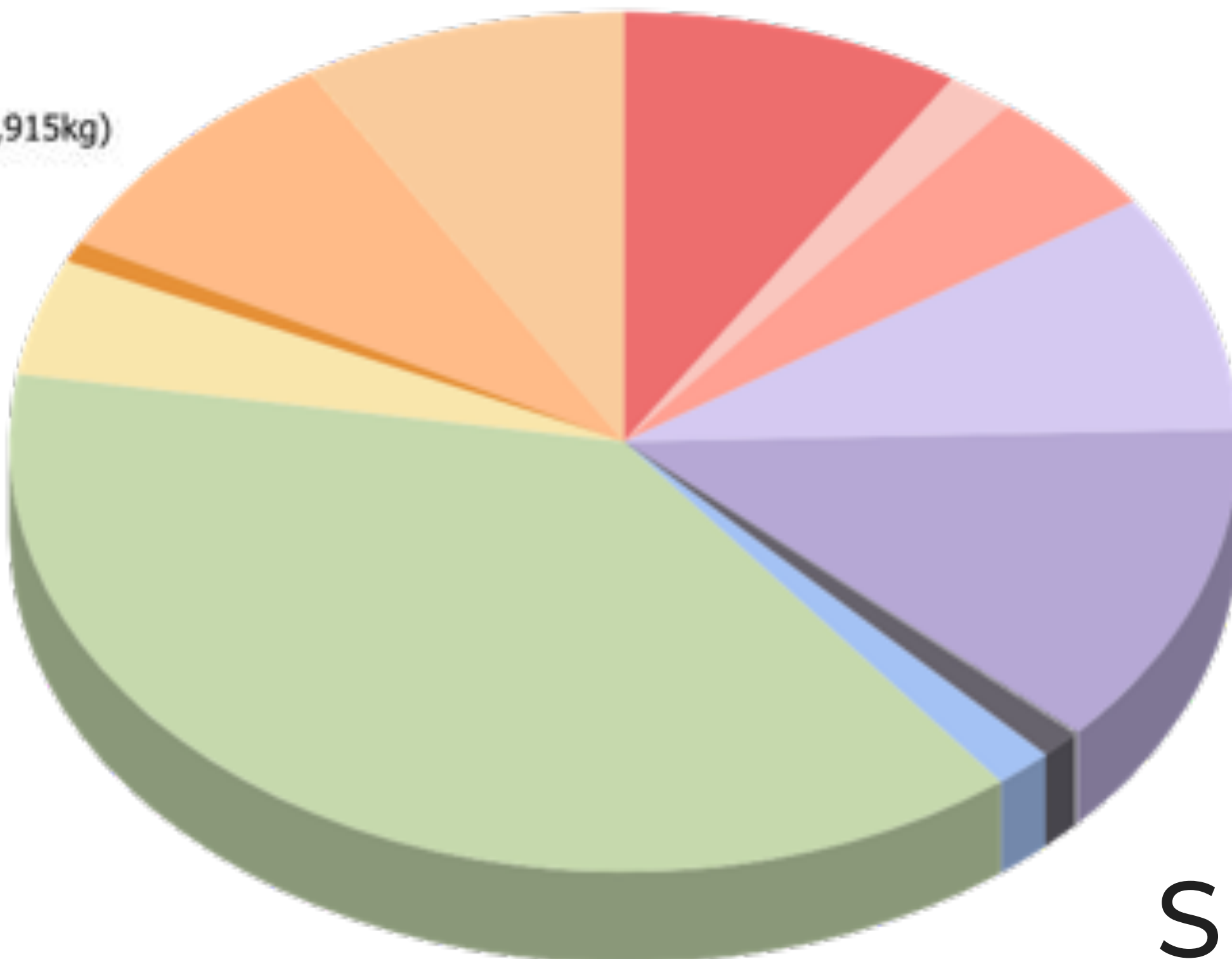
Come out and experience a morning at the Gleaners. Visit <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/volunteer.html> to sign up or call to schedule a tour.

Praising Him,
Elaine Merkus



OUR DISTRIBUTION IN 2022

- Cuba (20,378kg)
- Dominica (3,980kg)
- Dominican Republic (10,915kg)
- Haiti (20,421kg)
- Honduras (27,854kg)
- Kenya (40kg)
- Malawi (124kg)
- Philippines (1,405kg)
- South Sudan (3,490kg)
- Ukraine (85,403kg)
- Venezuela (8,984kg)
- Zambia (1,800kg)
- Zimbabwe (19,903kg)
- Nicaragua (6kg)
- Peru (36kg)
- Poland (19,355kg)



11.2+ MILLION SERVINGS

2023 ONTARIO CHRISTIAN GLEANERS Golf Tournament Fundraiser

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH



\$150 PER GOLFER
INCLUDES
18 HOLES W CART,
PACKAGED SNACK &
CHICKEN BUFFET DINNER

Registration at 12am - Golf Starts at 1pm - Dinner to Follow
Location: Brookfield Golf Club. 3700 Beaverdale Rd, Cambridge

REGISTRATION FORM

FRIDAY JUNE 9, 2023

NAME

PHONE

FULL ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS

MY PREFERRED GROUP OF PLAYERS ARE:

1.

2.

3.

4.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 19, 2023

Registration Limited. Register today to avoid disappointment.

Must be a minimum of 16 years old to play.

Note: your spot is not guaranteed until we have received payment.

Register online at <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/golf-tournament-fundraiser.html>

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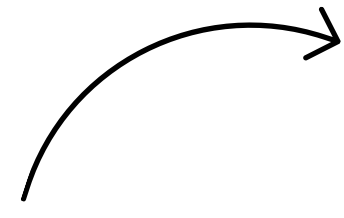
Donate.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



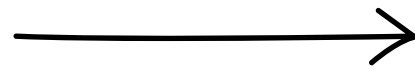
Double Cooler.

Cost: \$150,000



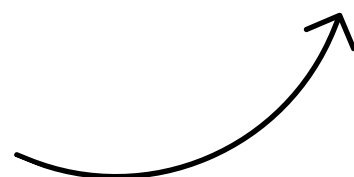
Basket Washer.

Cost: \$9,700
Raised: \$7,200



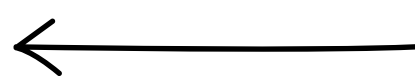
Forklift.

Cost: \$25,000
Raised: \$12,000



Split Peas.

Cost: \$704 per
metric ton (\$50/70kg)



WHAT

Please consider making a donation that will go directly towards purchasing one of these items. ** Donations may cover a portion of the value of the item ** All donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt

WHY

These items will help us in our daily work of processing surplus vegetables to make nutritious vegetable mixes for distribution to needy people in countries around the world. With the large demand of our food, we are working hard and creatively to meet these requests and your financial support for this is greatly appreciated!

HOW

Gift cards specifying your donated item are available upon request when making a donation on behalf of a loved one.

Donations can be made by:

- Cash
- Cheque
- e-transfer -

etransfers@OntarioGleaners.org (please note your name, address and item donating towards in the message section)

- Credit card -

<https://www.ontariogleaners.org/credit-card-donation.html>

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

We are thankful for the many committed volunteers who give of their time to process the donated food! Your hard work has allowed millions of servings of nutritious food to leave this building and be distributed around the world, as requests come in. These requests continue to grow in number and size.

It is for this reason, that we as a board are excited about this capital project, for the much needed expansion to our building and storage facilities. Our fundraising efforts to date are now close to \$300,000. We have set a lofty fundraising goal of \$700,000 to be reached by the end of March 2023. At that time, the board will meet, review the submitted bids, and nail down a project schedule. We continue to trust God to lead us in this process.

On Behalf of the Building Committee,

Stan Puklicz