



## VOLUNTEER REFLECTIONS...

God has given us much, and with the generosity of farmers, food stores, truckers & our willing hands, **thousands are given nutrition.**

I look forward to my volunteer day here, as we always have such interesting chats, humour & **new friendships**, as we prepare the vegetables for others.

An exemplary organization!

-Brenda

Gord and I feel part of the Gleaner's community, sharing a desire with the other volunteers to heed a call to help those in need.

It is amazing to be part of a Canada wide group of people who are following Christ by ministering to others. **We feel blessed to be a blessing to others.**

-Charlene & Gord



I volunteer at the Gleaners to **help feed MANY people around the world** who are desperate for a wholesome meal. It is also great to experience the Lord providing our every need.

-Gerda



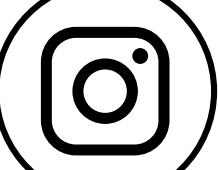
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With heartfelt thanks & love,  
*Dick and Liz Devries*

## A Message from the Philippines

We're overflowing with gratitude from the 12 skids of dried vegetables we received. It was a true blessing to distribute them across various feeding programs in the Philippines, witnessing the joy and nourishment it brought.

One particular joy was ensuring three skids, reaching Mindoro, carried over land, and Sea, to carry Cogdill's ministry. His report glowed with the impact the vegetables had on remote tribes, providing sustenance where there was once scarcity.

From the depths of our hearts, we thank you for the outpouring of love and generosity from our brothers and sisters and Ontario. Your ministry is a beacon of hope, reflecting Christ's love by feeding bodies and souls across the globe.

With heartfelt thanks & love,

# A Word From The Manager

"Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, 'Amen!' Praise the LORD!" Psalm 106:1,48

Spring at the Gleaners this year included so many special blessings and experiences. I would love to share some with you.

In mid-April, Joel, Malinda and Russ, staff members from the Fraser Valley and North Okanagan Gleaners came to visit the Gleaning operations in Ontario. It was great to meet face to face and introduce ourselves. Our morning of touring, meeting and discussing was a blessing for all. It is a joy to serve together, share information and encourage each other.

The following week, we hosted George, Richard and Ana, board and staff of the newest Gleaning operation – Southman Gleaners located in Winkler, Manitoba. They hope to start operations very soon and spent 4 days following our day to day operations in preparation for their startup. We were able to share some of our forms, procedures, warehouse and dryer knowledge, while staff and volunteers were available to answer questions. We are thankful that we were able to share and encourage this group – the 10th Gleaning operation across the country!

April ended with the pleasure of having a week of volunteer appreciation celebrations. Our volunteer appreciation lunches of soup and brownie sundaes were well attended. Serving at the Gleaners – we have the best volunteers! And it was a pleasure to honour each and every one of them.

At a time of year when we historically have to search for food, we are thankful that we have been blessed with so much. Almost ½ million pounds of produce has been rescued to help feed those in need around the world and these food rescues are of great quality produce. Our volunteers are stepping up and helping to process all of this food, including extra drying shifts! We would love to welcome more volunteers to the Gleaners. Each day many join to trim produce – you can sign up online <http://www.ontariogleaners.org/volunteer.html> or by phone 519-624-8245 or ask us to sign you up as a regular volunteer.



At this time, we have a need for warehouse people. Are you looking for a more physical volunteer opportunity? This is the position for you. Talk to us about positions operating the dryer, dicer or for general warehouse duties.

Food has left our building over the last few weeks for Ukraine, Liberia and Cuba. Exciting News! A Haiti container of over 1 million servings was loaded up last Tuesday! Other requests are before us awaiting shipping dates, inspections or permits. The stories of food shortages are heart breaking and we are thankful when each container leaves our facility.



Don't forget about our upcoming Golf Tournament. This fundraiser will be held Saturday June 15th and we look forward to meeting many new golfers and share about the work of the Gleaners.

If you are interested and would like to join us, <https://ontariogleaners.org/golf-tournament/>. Remember, it's best ball, so you don't have to be golf great!

We love touring visitors! Join us at one of our next Open House Tours and check out our new addition, as well as what is happening here. Our next tours are scheduled for June 4th and July 9th at 10:30am.

With thankfulness,

*Elaine Merkus*

# 2024 ONTARIO CHRISTIAN GLEANERS Golf Tournament Fundraiser

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH



## REGISTRATION FORM

SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2024

NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

MY PREFERRED GROUP OF PLAYERS ARE:

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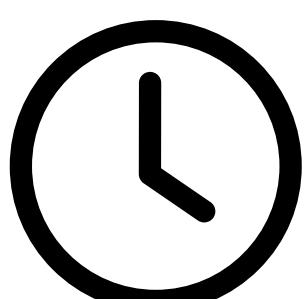
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2024**

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>



Registration &  
lunch start at 11:30am  
Golf (shotgun) starts at 1pm  
& Dinner to follow



Flamborough Hills Golf Course  
71 Highway 52 N, Copetown

FOR ANY QUESTIONS

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

**CLOSED**

Victoria Day - May 20  
Maintenance Week -  
June 28-July 5

**OPEN HOUSE TOUR**  
June 4, July 9 & August 13  
At 10:30am

**FUNDRAISERS**

Golf Tournament - June 15  
Signup Deadline May 30

Fundraising Banquet -  
October 25

# Donate.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.



## DID YOU KNOW...

### The Gleaners accepts donations of securities?

Gifting your appreciated securities (shares or mutual funds) **eliminates the capital gains tax liability** while providing you with a **full charitable tax receipt?**

#### GIFTS LIKE THESE ALLOW YOU TO:

- Play an **essential role** in feeding the hungry around the world.
- **Maximize** the appreciated value of your gift.
- **Eliminate the capital gains tax** on the realized gains.
- Use the excess tax credit to **reduce other tax liabilities**.

The Gleaners partners with Christian Stewardship Services and they look forward to helping you help the world.

For more information, contact the Gleaners office at [info@ontariogleaners.org](mailto:info@ontariogleaners.org) or call 519.624.8245.

45 YEARS OF  
FAITHFUL  
STEWARDSHIP  
SERVICES



### Split Peas.

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

### Feeding Hungry Children.

\$8 - 100 meals

\$40 - 500 meals

\$80 - 1000 meals

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## 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

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## 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!



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## HOW

#### DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY:

- **Cash**
- **Cheque**
- **e-transfer** - [\(please note your name, address and item donating towards in the message section\)](mailto:etransfers@OntarioGleaners.org)
- **Credit card** - <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/credit-card-donation.html>

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

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