

# OPPORTUNITIES



**Food Bank** (every Thursday) – DPC continues to be a depot for the City of Edmonton's Food Bank. We currently have 14 volunteers sharing these afternoon shifts, and seven of these come from Greenfield Community Church! They have graciously offered to help with this ministry. If you would like to join the team, contact Theresa at [ndotherese@yahoo.com](mailto:ndotherese@yahoo.com)

## MAKE TAX TIME PAY

DPC is once again offering tax preparation assistance. *(It was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid.)* This year, it will be done online, and training will be available for volunteers. If you can help out with this, please contact Sam Malayang at [sjsm8388@gmail.com](mailto:sjsm8388@gmail.com)



## Richard Secord Breakfast Program (monthly)

For many years, DPC congregation members have donated jam and margarine to the breakfast program at Richard Secord Elementary School, of which 80-100 children participate. Due to Covid restrictions, we were required to switch to individually packaged items, i.e. cheese strings, yogurt tubes and granola bars. To support this initiative, mark your (special) offering envelopes with 'Breakfast Program'.

Since October 2020, we began making monthly deliveries to the school with orders worth \$100-\$300. Our Fellowship Ministry generously donated \$500 towards this initiative and along with some other individual cash donations, we continue to support them in this way. Our activity and contacts have garnered more support for Secord in two ways:

- When we put in our orders to No Frills on 40<sup>th</sup> Ave, the owners, Matt & Ashley, have joined in the initiative by giving us gift cards that cover between 25-50% of our order.
- Greenfield Community Church has also been collecting individual food items from their congregation and have already delivered two significant orders, as well.

*Please see the last page of this flyer, showing some of the Thank You cards received from the Richard Secord students!*



# NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE NETWORK

In June of 2020, our three neighbourhood churches partnered together and acquired a provincial government grant to support those who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. In the last 7 months, we have accomplished:

- 12,000 muffins have been baked for the inner-city shelters run by the Mustard Seed
- Grocery gift cards have helped 306 people in need
- 82 servings of Christmas turkey dinner delivered to recipients' doors
- 180 masks were hand-sewn and donated to the inner-city community
- 200 isolated seniors received care packages
- 150 teachers received an encouragement coffee voucher (this was a joint venture with Square One)

To volunteer to bake muffins in Greenfield Church's commercial kitchen, please email Heinrich at DPC or Kristin at Greenfield at [ncn@greenfieldchurch.ca](mailto:ncn@greenfieldchurch.ca)

A decision has been made to keep the NCN going even after the provincial grant (official) project closes. Our work has been well received in our community (communities), and it shows solidarity and co-operation between different churches to meet the needs of people in our immediate area.

## FUNDrive™



**April 30 / May 1, 2021**

As you are doing any tidying/purging around the house in the next few months, keep in mind that we are planning a **\*NEW\*** fundraiser this spring. We will be collecting items such as clothing, shoes, books, bedding, and small household appliances for donation to Value Village. They reimburse us a small amount per pound of goods, and the money raised will be used to support DPC Mission projects as mentioned in this flyer. This will probably be in place of our annual Spring Garage Sale, which we expect will be cancelled due to Covid regulations.



One of the ongoing projects done by **Greenfield Community Church** involves collecting donations of used cotton or cotton/polyester bed sheets (fitted, flat or duvet covers, any size) and/or pillowcases. These items are then re-purposed into bandages or 'gauze' for hospitals in Cameroon through the North American Baptist/Alberta Baptist Association. If you would like more info or wish to donate some items, please contact Teresa at [whitecross@greenfieldchurch.ca](mailto:whitecross@greenfieldchurch.ca)

## REFUGEE SUPPORT

The "Group of Five" has been established with five Dayspring families stepping forward with their commitment to this project. Nick Nation is now preparing the application documents for the federal government. Sabir is also completing a set of documents that Nick will add to the application. It is said to be quite a long process, but we have a start. More details will follow as they become available.





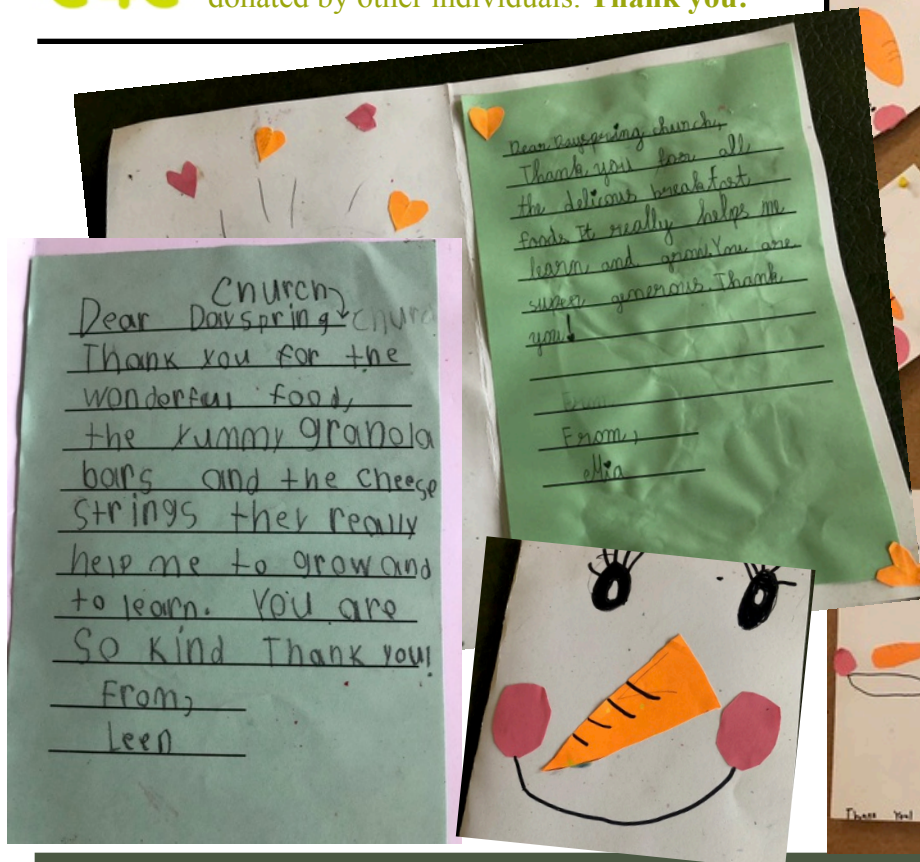
## The Neighbour Centre

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the Neighbour Centre (set up by the Mustard Seed as an extension for their services on the south side of Edmonton) has been closed. We have taken your gently used items to the main Mustard Seed headquarters downtown, and have actually had to make two trips in January because of your generosity. Thank you for your continued donations of much-needed warm clothing, boots, etc. as well as personal care items.



E4C was happy to receive our donation in January 2021 that included several boxes of new toques, mitts, gloves, scarves, socks and underwear from our **Mitten Tree Project** at Christmas-time. Several items were hand-made by the Craft Group and numerous others donated by other individuals. **Thank you!**

Thank you cards ...



... from Richard Second School