

Special Announcement from Niagara Christian Gleaners

The Board of Directors of Niagara Christian Gleaners (NCG) wishes to share a very exciting announcement with our produce partners, volunteers, and supporters. With sincere humbleness and gratefulness to our God, who supplies our every need, we take joy in sharing the news that we have **raised <u>all</u> the necessary funds for our upcoming plant expansion project!** We look forward with eager anticipation as we finalize our permit process and proceed with the construction of our 5000 sq ft building addition later this spring. We want to say thank-you to all who have readily understood the heart of our mission and have once again come alongside us in such a generous way. The Lord continues to shine His face on NCG as we strive to be a conduit of mercy in a hurting, hungry world - all for His glory.

2022 was an amazing year for NCG, as we were able to dry and package 1.5 million kg (3.2 million pounds) of surplus fresh produce donated by our produce partners. This increase of 26% over the previous year resulted in nearly 13 million servings of food aid prepared. We also thank the Lord for providing us with the income to cover our operating expenses this past year. Even though the costs of energy, especially natural gas, increased more than expected, and the need for extra packaging and supplies increased substantially, our needs were met once again. We continue to trust God's providential care. We're thankful that He continues to work through our loyal supporters, who not only helped meet our capital project requirements, but also helped us with our weekly operating expenses. After 3 years of being unable to host our Fundraising Dinners, we are thrilled to resume them once again. We invite you to set aside Friday, 14 April 2023 or Saturday, 15 April 2023 to hear about the impact that the nutrition we send out has. Dr. Echo and Harry Vanderwal from the Luke Commission will be sharing with us in person how the Lord is working in Eswatini, a small but challenged country in Africa, and the role that the NCG has while supporting their mission. The dinners will be an opportunity to help us meet our operational budgetary needs for 2023. Space is limited so please reserve your spot or table at ncgdinners@gmail.com. More details will follow.

As always, thanks for your continued love and support. We could not do this vital work without you.