

The April- May 2025 Complementary Issue

SAVE-ON-FOODS VOLUNTEER DAY



COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

We had an inspiring Volunteering Day with the team from Save-On-Foods, including Stathie Sgouraditis, Energy and Sustainability Manager, and a group of dedicated employees. Their generous support helped us recover and distribute food to individuals and families facing food insecurity. It was a day full of teamwork, compassion, and meaningful impact. We're incredibly grateful for their time, energy, and commitment to community service. Thank you, Save-On-Foods, for standing with us in the fight against food waste and hunger!

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GSFW FOOD RECOVERY DRIVE

Following the conclusion of the Grocery & Specialty Food West 2025 exhibition on April 15, a number of generous organizations across the Vancouver region came together to support a coordinated effort to donate surplus food items to the Food Link Society. This collaboration was part of a larger, ongoing initiative aimed at reducing food waste while also helping to nourish vulnerable communities. With the invaluable support of the Second Harvest team, we successfully collected an impressive total of 3,733 kilograms of food for our charity's programs and services.



Exhibition Food Rescue 2025

**Fighting Waste,
Feeding
Communities**



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Food Link Society Welcomes Minister Jodie Wickens – May 2, 2025



It was a privilege to welcome **Jodie Wickens**, British Columbia's **Minister of Children and Family Development**, to Food Link Society. Her visit highlighted the importance of community-based food recovery efforts and the role they play in supporting children and families across the province. We appreciated the opportunity to share our mission, showcase our operations, and discuss how collaborative efforts can make a lasting impact on food security and sustainability in B.C.



During her visit, Minister Wickens learned more about our mission, the families we serve, and the vital role we play in advancing food security, community well-being, and development—particularly for children and families facing hardship.



She toured the Food Link kitchen and witnessed firsthand how recovered food is transformed into meaningful support and opportunities for those in need. Thank you, Minister Wickens, for your support and interest in our work.

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THE BEST VOLUNTEER

GOOD JOB, **NIESJE**

After dedicating 48 years to working in hospitals and at Crossroad Hospice, **Niesje** has spent the past five years volunteering with Food Link Society as the leader of Tapestry Church.

We are truly grateful for her commitment and support.



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THANK YOU SUPPORTERS



We are truly grateful to **the Port Moody Foundation** for their support of our Pollution to Solution project. Your generosity enables us to build a cleaner and more sustainable community. Thank you for standing with us and making a difference!



We're proud to have received a grant from the **Petro-Canada CareMakers Foundation** in support of our Pollution to Solution project. At Food Link Society, we transform food waste into care and nourishment for those in need. Thank you for your generous support—it truly makes a difference!



We're thrilled to welcome Canadian Wise Invest Inc. as one of our **Golden Sponsors!** A heartfelt thank you to **Mr. Payman Salari** for your generous support and unwavering dedication to strengthening our community. Your commitment is helping create meaningful change and lasting impact.

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Fraser Health Leaders Visit Food Link Society

We were honoured to host several inspiring leaders from Fraser Health and share the heart of our work with them. Our deepest thanks go to Tina Hartnell, Executive Director of Food and Clinical Dietitian Services; Kevin Poland, Director of Retail Food Operations; Dustin Fortier, Manager of Retail Operations; Steven Courtney, Culinary Food Services Lead at Peace Arch Hospital; and Kelly Liberatore, whose presence and insights truly meant a lot to us. It was also a pleasure to welcome Elaine – whose passion and enthusiasm added a special energy to the visit.

We're grateful for the thoughtful conversations, your encouraging words, and your clear commitment to community health and sustainable food systems. On behalf of Immigrant Link Centre Society and Soul Bite Food, we look forward to growing this connection and working together toward a more nourished, equitable future.

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