



NUTRIEN IS MAKING MEALS HAPPEN by matching donations to *Fill the Plate* holiday campaign

DESIRE FOR A STRONG, HEALTHY COMMUNITY MOTIVATES NUTRIEN PARTNERSHIP

You can double the power of your generosity to the Friendship Inn during December thanks to a matching commitment of up to \$100,000 from Nutrien.

Nutrien is transforming agriculture on a global scale while at the same time, transforming lives right here at home. Since 2010, the Saskatoon-based company has been a proud partner of the Friendship Inn, supporting its mission to provide food and friendship to vulnerable people in our community.



Hunger is happening. The Friendship Inn is serving up to 1000 meals every day, and we need community support to help make sure no one goes hungry. \$6 fills one plate and each donation makes meals happen, every day, 365 days a year.

Your gift helps to Fill the Plate for a vulnerable neighbour in need who would otherwise go hungry.

“Our purpose at Nutrien is to grow our world from the ground up.”

When asked why Nutrien remains so focused on supporting the Friendship Inn, Seitz remarked, “We’re doing everything we can to stand behind our communities and help keep food on tables. We know the importance of a healthy meal; we support our neighbors during times of need; and we share a common purpose to grow and strengthen our communities. That’s why we partner with dedicated community partners like the Friendship Inn who share our values and approach.”

This year, Nutrien is once again demonstrating their generosity and community spirit with a \$100,000 matching gift to kick-start the Inn’s annual Fill the Plate holiday campaign which runs through December.

“Our purpose at Nutrien is to grow our world from the ground up and that starts right here in our community,” says Ken Seitz, Executive Vice President and CEO of Potash at Nutrien.

“We are thankful to partner with organizations like the Friendship Inn who provide meals and other key services to those in need. Many people struggle to feed themselves and their families. The Friendship Inn makes Saskatoon a kinder place to be, so I invite everyone to join Nutrien in donating to Fill the Plate. Nutrien will be matching your donation during December.”



Thank-you to our friends at Nutrien!





Dear friends,

Where would we be without you? 2021 has been another very challenging year.

You, at every turn, have continued to shower us with gifts of food, and finances, outerwear, and kitchen equipment, and all kinds of wish-list items. Thank-you from the bottom of our hearts!

Sigh... the pandemic has truly turned everyone's lives upside down, but as you know, for many of the people we serve, their lives were already upside-down. COVID was just another thing added to the long list of many other challenges - like finding safe, affordable housing, paying the utility bill, fleeing domestic violence, or the moment by moment struggle with mental health issues or addictions.

For many guests, a simple hello and a warm meal is the best part of their day, the one thing they can rely on when everything else is chaos. Thank-you for helping us make these meals happen.

I'm not going to lie, some days it is really hard to see people struggle. It's not easy being patient and compassionate every single day. It's hard to go home to a warm bed when you know someone is heading out the door to sleep on the street.

A guest stopped me the other day, and squeaked out a thank-you with tears pooling in her eyes.

She couldn't say any more. She didn't need to.

Serving those in need is profoundly humbling and important, and it changes you.

In many ways, the guests of the Friendship Inn become our teachers, showing us each day how life goes on, despite the hardships. Every day, we see how each meal makes a difference. Each cup of coffee builds a bridge, shares a kindness, links us together in community.

There's no easy solution to poverty, but there is a way to make a difference by offering a safe space, meeting a basic need, and being kind. This sets the table for each of us to become a generous, resilient human.

Allow me to pass along her simple, tear-pooled thank-you. Thank-you for supporting guests of the Friendship Inn. Please know your gift is being multiplied in many powerful and profound ways.

In friendship,

Ander Kay

Executive Director





Celebrating Suzanne

SUZANNE'S APRON IS REALLY A SUPERHERO CAPE!

As a volunteer extraordinaire, she has generously dedicated over 300 hours this year, helping the Friendship Inn serve our community's most vulnerable people. Suzanne is often found chopping vegetables in our kitchen or serving meals to guests in the dining room, always making time to offer kindness, compassion and encouragement. She is a mentor and truly selfless human who loves giving. Even through her mask, Suzanne's warm smile and enthusiastic, welcoming spirit shines.

Suzanne's tremendous dedication was celebrated during National Philanthropy Day festivities, recognizing her as an Honoured Supporter of the Friendship Inn. *Thank you, Suzanne!*

A Place for Everyone

JERRY IS A SINGLE FATHER WHO IS VISUALLY IMPAIRED. He and his daughter, Rainbow, are regular guests of the Friendship Inn. She is a bright, extroverted child who easily engages those around her and is frequently observed helping her father navigate the world. Their need is evident and eating meals at the Friendship Inn allows their family a way to enjoy hot, nutritious meals (which are likely a challenge for Jerry to prepare) and stretch their limited resources. Our staff engage Jerry and Rainbow to build a connection to a community of other caring adults who watch for ways to meet the family's other needs, like offering hygiene packs or outerwear, when we have items available to share. We are making a significant difference for this family - not only with food security, but by keeping our doors open to be a welcoming, safe and supportive place to connect with those who care.



“ This place helps me think differently, be more positive. You folks are number one. ” – Shawn, guest of the Inn



TWO YOUNG MEN AND A YOUNG WOMEN STOOD IN LINE TOGETHER outside the Inn one morning, visiting as they waited for the dining room to open for breakfast. As they entered the Inn, sanitized their hands and received their masks, they were overheard saying “let's sit together.” They each found a place at separate, socially-distanced tables, and were able to smile, laugh and visit while eating breakfast. Even through constraints, the connection of humanity is served in our dining room.



Festive Wish List...

FOOD: turkeys, ham, margarine, celery, potatoes, carrots, onions, sugar, boxed stuffing, frozen or canned vegetables.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: always needed and always appreciated! It takes \$6 to prepare and serve one meal to a neighbour in need.

COATS, MITTS, GLOVES, SOCKS & TOQUES: warm clothing helps guests deal with cooler weather.

DONATION DROP-OFF: daily from 7 am – 3 pm at 619-20th Street West.

Thank-you!

Fill the
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HOLIDAY
CAMPAIGN

WE'RE MAKIN' A LIST AND CHECKIN' IT TWICE! If you would prefer to receive your Friendship Inn newsletter electronically, we can help! Send an email to reception@friendshipinn.ca with the subject line **E-NEWS!** and we'll sign you up. *Ho Ho Ho!*



YES! I want to FILL the PLATE and GIVE to the...  **friendship inn**

All eligible donations will receive a charitable tax receipt.
Charitable Registration Number: 119140937 RR0001

**EVERY DONATION HELPS OUR NEIGHBOURS
IN NEED—THANK YOU!!**

- \$6000 Fill the Plate Daily Sponsorship helps serve 1000 meals
- \$3000 Fill the Plate Half Day Sponsorship helps serve 500 meals
- \$600 helps serve 100 meals \$300 helps serve 50 meals
- \$150 helps serve 25 meals \$120 helps serve 20 meals \$60 helps serve 10 meals

WAYS to GIVE:

- Cheque**, payable to the *Saskatoon Friendship Inn* and mailed or dropped off at 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0X8. We're open 7 days a week from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Pre-Authorized Debit.** My BLANK cheque marked VOID is enclosed and I authorize the Saskatoon Friendship Inn to deduct \$_____ from my bank account on the ___ day of each month, until further notice, beginning on ___/___/_____.
- VISA or Mastercard.** Call us at 306-242-5122 to make a single donation or sign up to be part of our monthly giving program.
- You can give securely online at www.friendshipinn.ca/donate-online/
- E-Transfer** to donate@friendshipinn.ca No passwords necessary, we use auto-deposit! Please include your NAME, MAILING ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER in the message section so we can issue your receipt.

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Nutrien encourages you to "Fill the Plate"
by matching gifts up to a total of \$100,000.