



Media Release

Hands That Help – Hearts That Care Winnipeg Harvest Recognizes Generous Volunteers at Celebration

Winnipeg, Manitoba – April 10, 2019 – Whether it's stocking shelves, registering families in need for emergency food, or volunteering at [Winnipeg Harvest](#) charity events, Norm Martel is the 'get it done' guy at Manitoba's largest food bank. After a 42 year accounting career with Investors Group, Norm was looking for a volunteer opportunity that would keep him active in his retirement. In March of 2008 he began a long and rewarding relationship with Winnipeg Harvest. Norm is now the person that hundreds of families count on to fill their emergency food orders.

Over the past 11 years, Norm has volunteered an incredible 3,581 hours, more than a year of an average work life. For his passion, dedication and commitment to feeding hope and ending hunger, **Winnipeg Harvest will be presenting Norm with the esteemed *Lee Newton Memorial Award for Volunteer Excellence* in honour of [National Volunteer Week](#).**

Norm remarked, "Volunteering for Winnipeg Harvest is so satisfying. To know that you are helping people immediately is rewarding, and Winnipeg Harvest is a great place to spend time with a community of caring people who are dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those most in need in our community."

Keren Taylor-Hughes, Winnipeg Harvest CEO emphasized that National Volunteer Week is a wonderful time to celebrate, thank and recognize the 8,000 plus volunteers who are the heart and soul of Winnipeg Harvest. Taylor-Hughes added, "Today and every day, we celebrate you, our volunteers, because without your commitment to Winnipeg Harvest, we wouldn't be able to provide emergency food to more than 64,000 Manitobans every month."

The *Lee Newton Memorial Award for Volunteer Excellence* was inspired by Lee Newton who founded Winnipeg Harvest in 1985. The award was created to honour her legacy and the extraordinary work of the food bank's dedicated volunteers.

WHAT: Norm Martel will receive the Lee Newton Memorial Award for Volunteer Excellence during a special ceremony to honour him and countless other volunteers.

WHEN: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 12:45 pm

WHERE: Winnipeg Harvest – 1085 Winnipeg Avenue

Volunteers Needed!

Winnipeg Harvest is actively seeking new volunteers in a number of areas including reception, drivers, warehouse and call center. Winnipeg Harvest welcomes "group" volunteer opportunities to faith groups, sports teams, club programs, seniors groups and day programs. To find out more call 204-982-3587.

Winnipeg Harvest Volunteers FAST FACTS:

- Over 8,000 active volunteers
- 156,500 volunteer hours every year
- Approximately 100 volunteers a day

About Winnipeg Harvest:

Winnipeg Harvest is a not-for-profit food distribution and training center. Winnipeg Harvest collects and distributes more than 11 million lbs. of food to 409 food distribution agencies in Winnipeg and rural Manitoba each year. These agencies include food banks, low-income daycares, seniors' residences, youth organizations, immigrant support agencies, soup kitchens, missions and school meal programs. To learn more about Winnipeg Harvest or how a donation of food, time or money can change someone's life, visit winnipegharvest.org.

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