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Press Release

The Cowichan Valley Basket Society (CVBS) is pleased to announce the purchase of 5804 Garden St, the property immediately to the south of our current facility at 5810 Garden St. Our soup kitchen and food bank have operated from this location for many years. Thanks to generous donor support, the CVBS was able to take advantage of this exciting opportunity to acquire much needed additional spaces essential in order to support and improve existing services.

This purchase presents a tremendous opportunity for future program growth while anchoring provision of food hampers and meals in the current location which is well known, central, easily accessed and supported by the neighborhood. Over the coming months, plans will be developed to allow the two properties to better fulfill the CVBS mission statement: *Ensuring no individual or family in the Cowichan Valley goes hungry either physically, spiritually or emotionally.*

Through the generous support of donors and with the help of staff and volunteers, the CVBS served over 3300 meals and filled over 280 hampers, representing 550 adults and children, during the Food Banks Canada HungerCount in March 2022.

CVBS programs are almost entirely funded by donations and we are very thankful for the ongoing community support. If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact me or Henry Wikkerink at the CVBS office.

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