

Program

Agency Awareness and Connections Breakfast

Abbotsford ACCESS (Action-oriented Community Collaborative for Equitable Supports and Services) is a network of local partners and an initiative of the City of Abbotsford's Housing, Homelessness and Community Development team focused on addressing complex social issues with a multi-agency approach. Partners include government, community agencies, law enforcement and business.

Abbotsford ACCESS Poverty Reduction Game Changer – FOOD SECURITY Food Services and Resources in Abbotsford

Date: February 8, 2023

Time: 8:00 – 11:00am

Location: Legacy Sports Centre Banquet Room

- **3270 Trethewey Street (for GPS navigation – enter off of TRETHERWEY STREET)**
- 4 32470 Haida Drive (mailing address)

8:00am Doors open, breakfast and informal networking

9:00am Welcome and Opening

– Emcee Jesse Wegenast, Chair of Abbotsford ACCESS Food Equity and Distribution Working Group

9:05am Agency Updates

9:10am Networking Exercise

Presentations:

9:30am Abbotsford Community Food Security Assessment, Chelea Klassen, Researcher, **Community Health and Social Innovation Hub (CHASI), University of the Fraser Valley**

9:40am Abbotsford Food Bank, Rebecca Thuro, Program Supervisor and Vicki Lin, Food Justice Coordinator, **Archway Community Services**

9:50am Centre of Hope, Cindy Sale, Outreach and Rob Studiman, Executive Director, **Salvation Army Abbotsford**

10:00am **Free, Walk-In, No Barrier Meals and Prepared Food Distribution**

Union Gospel Mission – Yvonne Grant, Supervisor

The 5 & 2 Ministries – Jesse Wegenast, Executive Director

Ground Zero Ministries – Joseph Sikora, Founder

Lotus Humanitarian Society – Marlisa Power, Outreach

Lifeline Outreach Society (Blue Bus) – Dave Poulette, Executive Director and Founder

Mennonite Central Committee – Jane Njogu, Homelessness Prevention & Outreach Coordinator

10:40am **Children, Youth and Families**

Abbotsford School District (SD34) – Michelle Gehring, District Principal - Learning Support Services

Cyrus Centre Abbotsford – Melissa Johnson, Director

10:50am Non-Profit Grocery Market, Hieke Morton, Founder, **The Gathering Markit**

11:00am Concluding Remarks