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Thanks Ontario Christian Gleaners

We are thrilled with the recent gift from our friends at Ontario Christian Gleaners in Cambridge, Ontario. The truck is shown below. The O.C.G. needed a larger vehicle and after obtaining their new truck they offered this one to us. A volunteer flew to Ontario and drove the truck back to Alberta. This will be very helpful with longer road trips, allowing us to pick up larger loads of vegetables which are made available to us.



Rodeo Queen Contestants Visit

We always enjoy the visit from the Queen contestants for the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede. We have the pleasure of meeting all the contestants while they learn about an aspect of Alberta agriculture which reduces food waste and assists with food aid into some of the far corners of the world. Here they are watching as prepared vegetables are diced and readied for the dehydrators.



Once again this year the Prairie Gleaners will be having a demonstration booth at the Medicine Hat Exhibition grounds during the Stampede. Hope to see you there.

Community Foundation Grant

If you look at the previous photo of the Queen contestants you will see our current vegetable dicer in the lower left hand corner. The dicer is just over 45 years old and has served us well since our beginning of operations in Medicine Hat. Unfortunately we are no longer able to obtain parts for the dicer and recently had to have a replacement part custom machined for us. The dicer is one of the most essential items to our day to day operations. We realize there is a limit to what we can expect in the life of a piece of machinery. The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta was very gracious to provide us with a grant towards the cost of purchasing a newer dicer. We, at the Prairie Gleaners, are truly grateful for the support and encouragement, this time and on previous occasions, extended to us by the Community Foundation. Our community has been enriched in so many ways through the generosity of the Foundation.



*James Smith accepting the grant from representatives of the Community Foundation at a recent awards ceremony
photo provided by the Community Foundation*

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The Prairie Gleaners accepts its mandate from **Isaiah 58:10** - *If you give food to the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then the darkness around you will turn to the brightness of noon.*

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