

Cloverdale Community Kitchen expands its operations in order to fill current need

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partnerships with recovery houses also in Surrey, White Rock, Delta, and Langley.

"They can hardly make it with the money they get," Campbell told the *Cloverdale Reporter* earlier this year. "So we give (the recovery houses) food so they can feed the residents in their care."

He said they supply six recovery houses. One of them, Launching Pad, in turn, supplies some smaller recovery houses.

Campbell said the gift from Army & Navy couldn't have come at a better time.

"The human need is so great right now. We just can't keep up."

That need has forced Campbell to reach out to more suppliers in an effort to get more food. That in turn has forced him to buy two 40-foot refrigerated shipping containers, or reefers.

"The reefers are temporary," noted Campbell. "Just until things go back to normal and the demand drops. But they will allow us to take in more food and give out more food."

Those two reefers now occupy a large patch of Pacific Community Church's parking lot. And with church services online only, Campbell has also taken over the church's seating area and is using it for food storage.



Paul Wilson, from Source It Solutions in Langley, drops the first of two refrigerated shipping containers onto the Pacific Community Church parking lot outside the Cloverdale Community Kitchen. The CCK will use the containers to store food as they've seen a surge in demand for their services after the COVID-19 pandemic hit. (Photo: Malin Jordan)

"It looks like we have a lot of food, but this will be gone in a few days."

Campbell said his work over the past few months has been bitter

sweet.

"We are trying to find more food and feed more people and help out as much as we can," he explained. "But I wish the need wasn't there."

Until that "need" subsides, Campbell said they'll keep running flat out.

"We're going to continue to help out as much as we can."