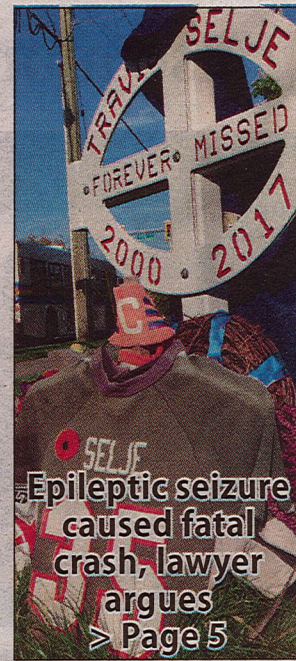


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A member of the film crew walks past Peacemaker's car, a '70s-era Comet, on 56A Street in Cloverdale Feb. 19. The plate reads "PSS-MKR." James Gunn was in Cloverdale Feb. 17 to 22 to shoot scenes for the new HBO Max series *Peacemaker*. The series is a spin-off of *Suicide Squad* and stars John Cena. See Page 12 for more pictures. (Photo: Malin Jordan)

## Star-Spangled Comet

## Boosh Food moving to Cloverdale

Malin Jordan  
Cloverdale Reporter



Connie Marples

Boosh Food is moving to Cloverdale.

The Surrey-based start up has continued to expand since it launched in 2017. According to a release, the company is "rapidly growing" and needed to respond "to increased consumer demand" for its unique plant-based items.

"We are extremely excited about our rapid expansion and growth," said founder Connie Marples, "Over the past quarter, we've made significant hires in key areas."

Now the plant-based food company is opening a new headquarters on 65A Avenue, near 176th Street.

Boosh's new loca-

tion will include a "commercial grade test kitchen for new product development, a professional studio for filming cooking segments with guest chefs, extensive warehousing for their products, and traditional offices and meeting rooms," according to the release.

"The new multi-purpose facility will allow us to continue and expand, invent new plant-based dishes."

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## Coldest Night raises more than \$220K

Malin Jordan  
Cloverdale Reporter

The Cloverdale Community Kitchen raised more than \$220K during its Coldest Night of the Year fundraising event.

Donations in 2021 nearly doubled last year's total (\$125K) and more than doubled this year's original goal of \$100K.

"I am feeling overwhelmed by the generosity of our community," said Courtney van den Boogaard, manager of community engage-

ment for CCK. "It never ceases to amaze me that when we put out the call, the community rallies behind us to support the marginalized in our community and to ultimately make this

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# Supporters raise more than double original goal

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a better place for everyone.”  
Four-hundred and thirty-three people participated on 68 teams this year. And while all groups participated virtually, the Feb. 20 event was still a walking, running, rolling, riding event.

“We weren’t sure what engagement would look like this year with the pandemic,” said van den Boogaard. “Although we had noticeably less walkers than last year, each participant was more actively engaged in fundraising which translated to almost double the amount of donors in 2021.”

She added this year, more than other years, saw an increased online and social media presence. She also noted the Cloverdale business community had an increased amount of support, roughly double the amount of support over last year.

“Our programs have tripled in size since the pandemic. There are more people in need now than ever before,” explained van den Boogaard. “The com-



Left to right: Beverley Rennicks, Courtney van den Boogaard, Alison Minto, Jenny Tate, and Matthew Campbell hand out Coldest Night of the Year toques Feb. 20. This year’s charity event raised more than \$220K. (Photo: Jason Sveinson)

munity being able to raise such a significant amount of funds will allow us to continue to serve the most vulnerable in our community. The number of vulnerable persons accessing our programs is growing by the day. We see some families

where neither parent has been able to work for almost a year now.”

One-hundred and forty-nine communities across Canada participated in this year’s event. Canada-wide donations came in at nearly \$9.5 million.

Supporters in Cloverdale raised \$223,108 as of publication time. David Groen and his team “The Hopeful Wanderers” raised the most money, coming in at \$18,056. Michele Faiola raised the most by an individual, garnering \$14,200

in donations.

Cloverdale’s Coldest Night raised the second-highest amount of money in Canada, with Ray of Hope Community Centre in Kitchener/Waterloo raising the most (\$226,868).

This is the Community Kitchen’s eighth year taking part in Coldest Night. CCK has been serving the Cloverdale area for 10 years and the funds raised will benefit those in need in Cloverdale, Langley, and Surrey.

“CNOY is about much more than meeting any goal that we set,” van den Boogaard told *Cloverdale Reporter* earlier this year. “The funds raised will go directly to meeting the practical needs of the vulnerable in our community and ensuring that we can continue to address food insecurity.”

“The need during the current pandemic is much greater than the goal.”

For more info on Coldest Night or the Kitchen, visit mycck.ca.

# Boosh moving to 65A Avenue



Connie Marples (right) delivers some Boosh Food items to Christine Mohr of Options Community Services in December, 2020. (Photo submitted)

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es, invite guest chefs into our kitchen, and create outstanding podcasts and videos in order to share the Boosh story,” said Marples.

Billing its products as “plant-based comfort food,” Boosh Food offers six different entrées and meals incorporating both single-serve bowls

and shareable meals for two. These include: Coconut Curry Cauli Bowl, Veggie Bolognese Bowl (with Beyond Meat), Mac & Cheeze & Peas Bowl, Mexican Fiesta Bowl, Rustic Veg Pot Pie Entrée, and Hearty Shepherd’s Pie Entrée.

More info on Boosh Food can be found by visiting booshfood.com.

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