

# *To the Community That Cares:*

You don't have to look very far past your own backyard to see signs of hope and resiliency, even when faced with a worldwide pandemic. Bannerman Community and everyone who is a part of it has shown time and time again that we care about our neighbours. Our gratitude for our neighbours at this time is immense and we want to capture just a small part of what we've seen over the last few months:

## *Bannerman School Gives Back*

The Bannerman Elementary School, Principal Tara Copeman and her staff, has been a central point of healing and connection that has gone above and beyond their call to duty as educators. When schools were shut down for the remainder of the school year, Ms. Copeman strategized around ensuring that vulnerable families with children enrolled in the school were given food hampers - an initiative that continues even today on a weekly basis. Ms. Copeman says "In September, when these kids come back...they know that we never left them." The number of community partners who have volunteered and donated resources and time to keep this program is truly a heartwarming moment within our own backyard.



## *Appreciating Bannerman's Moms*

While our second annual Mother's Day tea was cancelled this year, our team strategized about how we might still spread joy for our mothers who help the neighbourhood's children become a shining light in our community. We organized a floral delivery and saw an overwhelming response of 45 orders to put a smile on Mom's face! We are grateful for the following volunteers:

- Tamara - event organizer
- Linda - event organizer
- Marian
- Maureen
- Rick
- Jillanne



- Clayton
- Stachia
- Deanna

Floral arrangements were made by neighbourhood florist, Edy, who volunteered her time for this event. Edy can be reached at [edypulido66@gmail.com](mailto:edypulido66@gmail.com) if anyone is looking to hire her services in the future.

## *Bannerman in Action at a Distance*

Bannerman in Action was designed to help neighbours connect with neighbours. While we can't do that face to face, we did find ways to help neighbours feel connected to their community. We are grateful to the community partnership with Bethel Community Church who helped provide resources and volunteers to assist with these endeavours. A special thank you to our committee who worked on the planning and logistics to make this a successful moment of connection:

- Tom Baird
- Maureen Murphy-Black
- Meloney Patterson
- Brian Zizek
- Jillanne Bowler-Veltman

25 garden boxes were developed as at-home garage projects for the men in our neighbourhood, with gardeners who started their indoor planting early to donate vegetable plants that were distributed with the boxes to other neighbours who were looking to add to their summer gardening plans. We give thanks to the volunteers who built garden box, offered gardening services and helped deliver them to their new homes:

- Rick - garden box team organizer
- Maureen - garden project organizer
- Greg
- Royce
- Stephen
- Ruth
- Carolyn
- Miranda
- Corina
- Susan
- Dave
- Leslie

In addition, all 1100 households in Bannerman received an opportunity to contribute to a mural to represent Hope and Resiliency that is so present during this time. Every household was provided a tile to decorate that will be put into a portable mural displayed at future events. More gratitude is given to all those who helped with the delivery of the tiles to households:

- Meloney - tile delivery organizer
- Brian - tile delivery organizer
- Tamara
- Carolyn
- Bonnie
- Mary
- Lennea
- Mellady
- Allen
- Kate
- Jim
- Wendy
- Barb
- Kim

## *Final Words*

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you for being the community that comes together. Thank you for being the community that shows strength. Thank you for being the community that steps up when asked, and even when you aren't. Thank you for being the community that cares.

Sincerely,  
Your Bannerman Community League

