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### **Bennett Dunlop Ford and SaskEnergy Step Up to Support Regina Food Bank**

Volunteer Week in Saskatchewan (April 19-24<sup>th</sup>) is only at the half-way mark, but it already has been a good week for the Regina and District Food Bank. The organization has just been presented with some unique donations that will go a long way in supporting the work of its volunteers.

SaskEnergy and Bennett Dunlop Ford announced today that they are each providing the Food Bank with vehicle donations, to help volunteers with food collection and distribution. Both vehicles will be well suited for the Food Bank's downtown pick-up and distribution needs.

SaskEnergy is providing a 2003 Ford E-250 cargo van that was previously used for work such as conducting line locations, meter reading and visiting residences to do service calls, but is no longer needed by the corporation.

"To help mark National Volunteer Week, SaskEnergy is pleased to support the work of the Regina and District Food Bank by donating a vehicle that will provide years of service for the many volunteers who do such important work for this organization," said Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy, Ken Cheveldayoff. "SaskEnergy has a proud history of supporting the programs and services of the Food Bank. With this unique gesture, a surplus vehicle that would normally be auctioned off can help enhance the work of a community organization."

Cheveldayoff notes that the Saskatoon Food Bank and the Saskatchewan Science Centre have also benefited from previous surplus vehicle donations from SaskEnergy.

Bennett Dunlop Ford is also supplying the organization with a brand new Transit Connect, Ford's unique new compact cargo van.

"The Regina Food Bank does such important work in Regina, but they can't do it without the assistance of individual and corporate community members. We felt this was one way we could provide some really useful help. The Transit Connect is an ideal vehicle for the Food Bank because of its size and its fuel efficiency. The Food Bank will be money ahead with significant lower operational costs," said Trevor Boquist, owner of Bennett Dunlop Ford.

The Transit Connect is one of Ford's newest and most unique products. A compact commercial van, it's just over 6 ½ ' tall, with 143 cubic feet of interior space. Its fuel efficiency has been rated at 22 miles per gallon (mpg) in the city and 25 mpg on the

highway, making it one of the most fuel efficient commercial vans on the market.

Regina and District Food Bank CEO Wayne Hellquist is excited to see both vehicles in action around the city.

“Our corporate sponsors are critical to the ongoing operation of this facility. We really could not continue to operate without their support. SaskEnergy and Bennett Dunlop Ford’s donations will make a significant difference for the Food Bank. Both organizations do a lot for us. I want to give him my heartfelt thanks for these gifts, and for all they do on an ongoing basis to assist the Regina Food Bank,” said Hellquist.

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