

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and World Food Day

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) created World Food Day to commemorate its founding in Quebec City, October 16, 1945. The goal of the FAO is to free humanity from hunger and malnutrition, and to effectively manage the global food system. World Food Day events are organized in over 150 countries across the world, making it one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. These events promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and help strengthen the link between agriculture and food security.

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been observed on October 17 since 1993, when the United Nations General Assembly designated this day to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries. Our ability to have a huge impact on World Poverty and Food Security is minimal, but there is a lot that can be done locally.

Groups such as the Salvation Army and the Root Cellar are incorporating compassion and dignity into their many activities. And there are many other groups that have been helping with feeding people in our community. The following groups have all banded together to feed people: the Kookums, the Wienie Wednesday Ladies, the Medicine Hat Cares Society and the Donut Lady. They most often serve the food in the park across from the Downtown YMCA. The city has provided a garbage dumpster at the site which makes it easier for cleanup *The Niitsitapi Kookums*

