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## MEDIA RELEASE

### THE SLAIGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATES \$500,000 TO SUPPORT FOOD SECURITY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

TORONTO (May 6, 2020) – The Slaughter Family Foundation is donating \$500,000 to help families in Indigenous communities across Canada who are struggling to access food as a direct result of the COVID-19 crisis. Canadian Feed The Children and Community Food Centres Canada will each receive \$250,000 in funding to support immediate food security for Indigenous Peoples.

“Canadian Feed The Children supports children and families within 26 Indigenous communities across Canada,” says Jacquelyn Wright, President & CEO of Canadian Feed The Children. “We will be putting this funding to work where it’s needed most to help communities who are already experiencing significant food shortages during this crisis. **We sincerely thank The Slaughter Family Foundation for their gift of \$250,000 and the impact it will have for children.**”

Food insecurity is a key concern because of vulnerable supply lines to the north and in rural communities, with food shortages already occurring. With Indigenous communities in the lead, Canadian Feed The Children will support the link between food and culture through this gift of \$250,000 and will assist Indigenous communities to continue on their path towards food sovereignty, and create a healthier future for children, youth and families.

“**Community Food Centres Canada is grateful to The Slaughter Family Foundation for their generous investment of \$250,000** to address the growing food insecurity crisis in Indigenous communities across Canada”, says Nick Saul, CEO, Community Food Centres Canada. “CFCC established its Good Food Access Fund to provide emergency relief during COVID-19 through take-away meal programs, food delivery, expanded food hampers, grocery gift cards and other emergency supports and are actively working with 20 Indigenous communities. This generous gift will help to ensure that those who might otherwise have fallen through the cracks of Government programs get the support they need.”

“At a time when Canada faces its greatest threat to food security, and in a territory that already faced shockingly high rates of household food insecurity, this funding from The Slaughter Family Foundation will help us meet basic needs of people in Iqaluit as we weather this storm,” says Wade Thorhaug, Executive Director, Qajurturvik Community Food Centre.

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**ABOUT CANADIAN FEED THE CHILDREN** Canadian Feed The Children is an award-winning registered Canadian charity that envisions a world where children thrive free from poverty. We have been taking action against childhood hunger for over 33 years, and work with 26 Indigenous communities across Canada. Working with local partners, we take a community-led approach to build capacity in communities so that they can achieve their own long-term sustainable change. Learn more at [canadianfeedthechildren.ca](http://canadianfeedthechildren.ca) **Contact:** Deana Shaw, Vice-President Philanthropy | [dshaw@canadianfeedthechildren.ca](mailto:dshaw@canadianfeedthechildren.ca) | 416-420-1547

**ABOUT COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRES CANADA** CFCC builds dynamic and responsive Community Food Centres and food programs that support people to eat well, connect with their neighbours and contribute, through advocacy and mutual support, to a more just and inclusive Canada. With our partners, we work to eradicate poverty, food insecurity and improve the health and well-being of low-income Canadians. Learn more at [cfccanada.ca](http://cfccanada.ca) **Contact:** Juniper Locilento, Chief Development & Communications Officer | [juniper@cfccanada.ca](mailto:juniper@cfccanada.ca) | 416-576-2561

**ABOUT THE SLAUGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION** The Slaughter Family Foundation was established in 2008 by John Allan Slaughter. Allan Slaughter is known as Canada’s broadcast pioneer, music leader and a prominent Canadian philanthropist. Through his generosity, the Foundation proactively supports charitable initiatives in the areas of healthcare, at-risk youth, international development, social services and culture.