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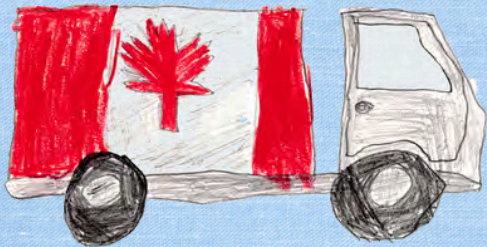
Honk! Honk!





Bill came to Canada from Holland when he was a baby.
Today, he's a trucker.

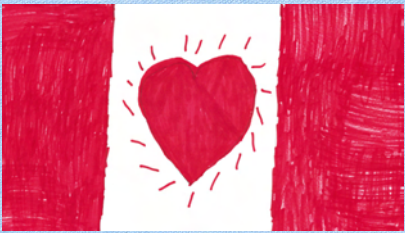
For many years, while his own four children were growing
up, Bill delivered cookies.



First he loaded up his truck at the factory.

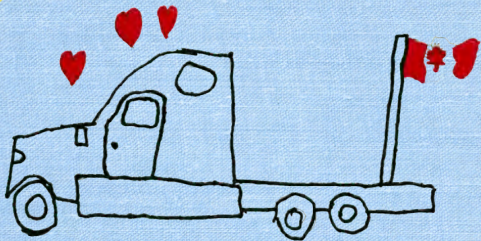
Then he drove the cookies to cities in Canada and the United States.

to Opa



Bill is now a grandfather.

Ten girls and nine boys - 19 grandkids altogether - call him Opa.



Opa drove his truck to Ottawa and parked it in front of Parliament Hill. For three weeks he protested peacefully.

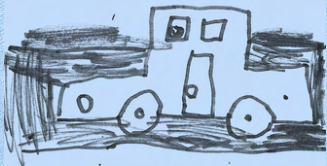
In freezing, frosty weather he stood up for freedom.



Opa says everyone should be a first class citizen.

He says everyone should make their own medical decisions.

to opa



he to!

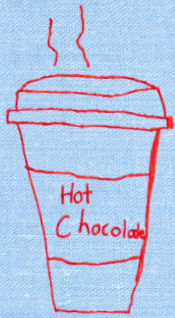
go opa go!

While he was in Ottawa, some of his grandkids came to visit.



Thank You
TRUCKERS!

While he was in Ottawa, people shook his hand. They thanked him and they hugged him.

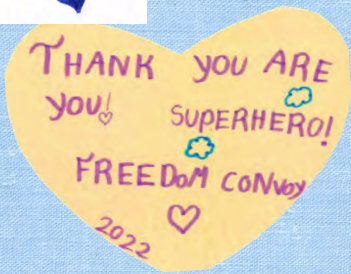


God Bless You!

They brought Opa hot coffee and warm gloves. They brought him fuel for his truck.



→ Freedom Fighters ←
we are so grateful!



Grownups and kids gave Opa many cards, drawings, notes and letters.

Convoi 2022
A small gift to say THANK YOU for being
There for us.
My first visit convoi 2022 was Feb 5 2022.
It arrived at home, with a lot of
love and hope.
You gave me a beautiful moment of hope.
It decided to come back Today Feb. 12 2022
to support with you, my rights and my choices
THANK YOU for: your determination, your
courage, your time, your perseverance,
your hope, your values and your solidarity.
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
HOLD THE LINE! WE ARE HERE
A great time to tell you WE LOVE YOU Convoi 2022
Happy Valentine's day ☺

Convoi 2022
Un petit cadeau pour vous
avec nous.
Ma première visite convoi 2
dus arrivés chez moi avec
vous mardi donc un
j'ai décidé de revenir au
supporter avec vous, ma
Merci pour: votre détermi
votre temps, votre persév
vos valeurs et votre s
Ensemble, nous pouvons faire
TIENS bon, on EST là!
Un bon moment pour vous,
joyeux St-Valentin ☺

Merci aux
Camionneurs

supporter
nos camionneur

Nancy
Québec CANADA

In French and English, they said 'Merci' and 'Thank you.'



Thank you for
taking **your** time
to fight for
our rights. ♡
-AF

Thanks
for giving
us hope
again
♡

You have given us HOPE

you have filled my heart with hope

you have given us hope

They told him the Freedom Convoy gave them hope.

Spreading our gratitude to you as you have filled our hearts with hope.

Thank you for standing up for my family's freedom.

You are Canada's heroes



Freedom



You are HEROES.

vous êtes nos héros!!!

Dear Heroes,

They told him he was a Canadian hero.

I have NO words to
express to you my
DEEP gratitude for all
you're doing to stand
up for the rights +
freedoms of the
citizens in Canada!
God Bless You!
"True North Strong
& FREE"
^ ^ ^

Every day, visitors to Ottawa told Opa they were grateful.

Bonjour dear Truck driver,
We came to Ottawa today to thank you.



thank
YOU

Dear beautiful human,
Words cannot describe how grateful I am

Dear Trucker

Thank you so very much for
standing up for our freedom!

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Truck
Loads
of
Love



May this food warm you up as you have warmed our hearts!

Every day, people cooked food for Opa and the other truckers.

(Montreal, Quebec Canada)

(Vancouver, Island)

Moncton, New Brunswick

Some travelled to Ottawa from Quebec. Some came from British Columbia and New Brunswick.



Barrie, On.

In their cards and letters, they told him where in Canada they live.

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With love, respect and immense tearful gratitude,
Your Friends in Halifax

Stirling, ONT

Hamilton, Ontario

Lac-St-Jean au Québec


Cayuga, ON

Your
courage is
legendary.
I will
remember!

Thank you, thank you. For your bravery and your courage.

Thank you for your courage
and bravery! You are inspiring

They told Opa he was brave and courageous.

Thank you truckers! Thank
you for showing our kids
what courage looks like!
 Hold the line - we are
praying for you!!

STAY STRONG - STAY COURAGEOUS

THANK YOU from the bottom of our heart! Hang on STRONG,

They told him to stay strong.

Keep holding on! Don't give up! There are millions around the world praying for you! Please don't give up! Just a little

Stay Strong
Hold the line ♡


are so happy that you aren't giving up or backing down. We pray that you will be able to stay strong and stay in Ottawa to fight for us. Thank you so much for

They asked him not to give up.

Take heart and holdfast!

We need you.
Keep Going.
We love you.
We support you.

I GIVE
YOU MY
ENERGY
AND MY
LOVE SO
YOU CAN
KEEP ON
FIGHTING



You are not alone! You have a whole army behind you, supporting you. We want to encourage you to keep on standing strong. Our kids need to have a normal life again!

Thanks for being our voice!



They said 'Thanks for being our voice.'

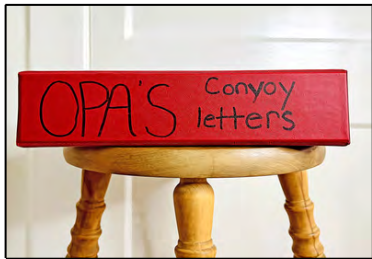
Dear: Truckers,
I'm only 12 years old



I'm praying for you all. Have a good day
and a nice sleep.

They wished him a good day and a nice sleep.

the end



Bill D, aged 72, lives in Ontario, Canada. He delivered cookies for a famous cookie company for 20 years.

Bill protested in his truck, in Ottawa, as part of the Freedom Convoy during January and February 2022. After he returned home, his daughter Anna assembled the cards, drawings and letters he'd received into a big red binder.

On the spine she wrote: 'Opa's Convoy Letters.'



Thank you for reading this book. It is a work of journalism by Donna Laframboise, who wrote for the National Post in its earliest days.

The cards, drawings and letters given to Bill by members of the public tell an important part of the Freedom Convoy story. These messages deserve to be preserved in a museum. Text snippets from them appear in this book.

Since opinions differ as to whether artwork given to the truckers may be published in a book about the truckers (without the permission of each person who created that artwork), the illustrations included here are reproductions of what Bill actually received.

They were created by KK - a talented 10-year-old boy who visited the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa with his mother and brother. He lives hours away on a farm with horses, donkeys, dogs and chickens.

Please visit OpasConvoyLetters.com to see the cards, drawings and letters on which this book is based.

Donna writes a blog about the Freedom Convoy. It is a first draft of her upcoming book, which focuses on interviews with truckers and their supporters. Learn more at ThankYouTruckers.substack.com



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Bill came to Canada as a baby. He delivered cookies for a cookie factory for 20 years. Today he has 19 grandkids.

When he drove his truck to Ottawa in the Freedom Convoy, grateful Canadians gave Bill warm gloves, food and hugs. They showered him with cards, drawings and letters. This book showcases some of their messages.

