



With Huron County Farmers, who were operating the Huron County Food Court at the 2017 International Plowing Match. Thank you for your donation of potatoes & meat. We will be sharing this donation with the 10 food banks and various aid agencies in Huron County!

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn!

From The Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre

On Wednesday, September 20, 2017 there was a full page colour advertisement in the Toronto Star, Canada's largest daily newspaper. Why should I find that of interest? Because this full page of information featured a happy child playing in the leaves with the title: "Share the Season with a family in need. For every dollar you donate, we can provide 3 meals." The information also featured data: 112,000 children will visit a food bank in Ontario this month!

In every region of this prosperous looking province, kids are going to school hungry and trying to learn on an empty tummy. It's hard to imagine that children are going to be hungry when the day comes to an end and how unfair that reality is, day after day.

The Ontario Association of Food Banks is asking all of us to start a new tradition: donate today to make a difference. The association is 25 years old - a question comes to mind about celebrating that 25 years when we're still challenged to feed our families, teens and children. And numbers of food bank users are increasing in many areas! So here at the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre we are re-

dedicating ourselves, our board members and our volunteers, our wonderful supporters and partners from so many businesses, to focus on building awareness of the work we accomplish, to fill the shelves of our regional community-based food bank services. We invite everyone who has an interest and feels a responsibility to come together to understand food security and access issues, economic development challenges to create job opportunities along with wellness and health care, coming to grips with the hurdles our neighbours and fellow residents face every day, for themselves and their families.

There are grinding challenges that folks who come to our food banks face every day that we need to understand in order to broaden the assistance and support our centre might provide. We feel we must come together, regional food banks as well as other organizations as partners in taking action. When people of every age are hungry, we don't make wise decisions, we can't continue to be in good health and we are not in a position of wellness in so many ways. We will continue our work at building awareness of our tasks in filling shelves at so many community centres. With this growing awareness we can create stronger partnerships in the areas we serve. With increased awareness we can invite a higher level of participation - volunteer hours, creative project development and growing financial partnerships, and developing wider organizational networks. By growing our partnerships in communities we have access to organizations that can reach residents who need a hand up in many areas of their life. Imagine if we can increase the numbers of friends of the HCFBDC who provide us with \$25.00 each month - a wonderful and impactful way of helping us in our work. We encourage you to share with your family members and interested friends, just how much this modest monthly amount would help us at our work in the region!

Our events are always a hit with communities - our Gala was a huge success in August! Glen Pearson spoke and did a fantastic job on challenging us to make a difference for those who have no voice.

Our spring bike ride welcomed an enthusiastic group with triple the attendance of last year. These 45 riders were so wonderful to watch and they seemed to be really enjoying the route and the ride. A great annual event that we hope to grow!

We have been selling our farm to table pin up calendars at \$25 each. Please consider these as great stocking stuffers for your family and friends. These colourful calendars are available by calling the office, with more information on our web page and on Facebook too.

We hope you'll have a role in Ending Hunger in Huron and find a way to make your contribution and finding friends who'll join that \$25.00 a month campaign. We can help you with materials and ideas to encourage their support. As the colder weather comes, we all prepare for the coming Fall harvest and winter celebrations. Thanksgiving is behind us now and Christmas holidays are on the calendar. For many families and individuals these coming months are a time of frustration and sadness. Not far away from where we live, people are afraid and need our support - they fear being cold, hungry, powerless and isolated. As we share with family and friends and give our thanks for our access to good food, family and friends, and the wellness that 'having enough' brings, please remember those around you who could use a caring neighbour.

We look forward to keeping you up to date on our activities and challenges. We're so glad that we can welcome you to our growing group of friends and supporters, volunteers and associates who make their contributions in so many important ways. Thanks sincerely for your continued support and interest. Keep in touch!

Stay Connected



Thanks to all who made a donation to the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre in the month of July for the "matching funds" fundraiser with Forever Furniture and CKNX AM920 Radio. A total of \$7850.00 was raised through this campaign



What a great evening we had at our 4th Annual Gala in August. Thank You to all the sponsors, donors, attendees, volunteers, musical guests, and guest speakers. It was a wonderful evening!



Creating pottery at the Empty Bowls lunch. Thanks to Ruth Anne Merner and the Art aRound Town Empty Bowls committee who hosted a great night in September. What a great event to support the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre!




Was a fun day getting dressed up & pinned up for the Farm to Table Calendar. See below for more details on how you can purchase one and support us! Thank-you.

And Please Consider...



At the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre we provide food to the 10 food banks and 15+ aid agencies within Huron County. Surplus food donations are also shared with aid agencies in London and Stratford. To support our continued operations of providing food to those who are hungry, we are the beneficiary of the "Farm to Table" Pin-Up Calendar. Calendars are \$25.00 each and make a great birthday or Christmas gift. Calendars are available at our office by phoning 519-913- 2362 or at many of the featured "models" including Dark Horse Estate Winery at Grand Bend; Bad Apple Brewing north of St. Joseph's; Coastal Coffee in Zurich; Local Organics in Seaforth; Part II Bistro in Blyth; Lisa Thompson, MPP Blyth Office; as well as Blyth Festival Administrative Office, Millers Country Store in Exeter and Queen's Bakery in Blyth.



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