



To our community partners,

Thanks to your support, St. James Food Basket has been operating for over 11 years!

Loblaws Gift Cards

Thanks to everyone who donated their \$25 Loblaws gift cards. We have received \$725 worth of cards so far. We will use them towards our feminine hygiene products initiative.

Feminine Hygiene Products (FHP)

Since 2017, local women's groups have been donating to our FHP initiative. This year, we received funding from the regional United Church to provide monthly FHP supplies. To continue this initiative, we are seeking other funding sources. If you know of a cost-effective source, please contact us!

Statistics for the first 6 months

- Open 23 Wednesdays, serving approx. 191 families or 662 individuals per week
- Of the families we serve each week, 215 to 274 individuals are children under 16 years old
- Richview Baptist Church food bank closed and we are receiving some of their families
- We continue to have frequent turnover in participants, over 40% in a year.

New Website and Email

Special thanks to Rosa Loreto-Lee, a member of our Steering Committee, we have a new logo, email info@stjamesfoodbasket.com and website www.stjamesfoodbasket.com.

Construction

We are closed for 2-weeks in July, while the flooring of the church Hall is being replaced. Built in the 1950s, the floor contained water pipes to heat the room. Although not in use, the pipes have deteriorated, with some warping of the floor. Thanks to St. James United Church for the upgrade to ensure the safety of all users of the church hall.

Volunteer/Donor News

We benefit greatly from our partner religious and community organizations. Special thanks to The Masters Condominium, Women's Workout on Dundas, St. George's on-the-Hill Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for their food drives in 2018.

We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support. To see your donations in action, please visit us on a Wednesday afternoon -- and bring a friend!

Marie Truelove

Chair