



To our community partners,

Happy New Year and welcome to our **2018 Year-End Report**.

We have a new van! This purchase was spearheaded by Barnaby Ross and donated by Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber, RBC Dominion Securities and two private citizens. This van is safer, more comfortable to drive and has more storage space. The new van will allow us to continue with our **healthy food initiatives**:

- **fresh produce**, purchased at the Ontario Food Terminal
- **fresh eggs**
- **rice, lentils and beans**

In 2018, we started a monthly distribution of feminine hygiene products with great success. Thanks to your generous donations, we can continue with this initiative.

Rising food costs and rents are bringing more families to us each week. **Our Service Statistics:**

- an average of 202 families, or 700 people, received food weekly (up from 2017)
- we gave 362 Walmart \$10 gift cards to children 15 years or younger
- approx. 240,000 pounds of food received from Daily Bread Food Bank
- approx. 110,000 pounds of food received from Second Harvest
- \$800 worth of \$25 Loblaw's gift cards received from local citizens

A great place to volunteer:

With increasing number of families, our volunteers are working harder. We want to maintain an environment that volunteers find rewarding, supportive and uplifting.

A volunteer (also a food recipient) wrote:

"Before...coming to the Food Basket, I wasn't able to have proper meals every week. I'm now able to have milk and eggs along with fresh fruit and vegetables included in my diet on a weekly basis. It is so nice to have a friendly place to come where you work hard and get food."

Other volunteers told us:

"I have volunteered in other places, but I love it here the most"; "I sure feel needed"; "...volunteering here is the highlight of my week"; "I really like the ladies I work with and have made some good friends".

We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support. Special thanks to our faith-based partners, community agencies and corporations for their cash contributions:

Bloordale United, Graceview Presbyterian, Kingsway Lambton United Church - Women Unit 2, Rehoboth Fellowship Church, Richview United, St. Georges On-the-Hill Church, St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran, Bayview United, Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation, Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber, Rotary Club of Etobicoke, The Charles Norcliffe Baker and Thelma Scott Baker Foundation, Northlea Corporation and RBC Dominion Securities; plus scores of individuals.

Big thanks to our community partners for their food drives and other help:

Muslim Welfare Centre, Memnon Muslim Assoc., Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation, Rotary Club of Etobicoke, Bloordale United, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Rehoboth Fellowship Church, Graceview Presbyterian, St. Georges on-the-Hill, Church of Christ the King, Richview United, Catholic Women's League (Nativity of our Lord Catholic Church), Bayview United, Bloordale Middle School, Silverthorn Collegiate, The Masters condominium, Kingsway on-the-Park condominium, RBC Dominion Securities, Tapestry Knitting Group.

Our gratitude to local businesses for their generosity and thoughtfulness:

Loblaws, Mary Macleod's Shortbread, Future Bakery, Cobs Bread, Women's Workout, Chris' No Frills, Mindwerx4Kids, and Little Caesar's Pizza.

Together, we can give our neighbouring families the opportunity to succeed. Please visit us, Wednesday afternoon to see your neighbours and donations in action.

St. James Food Basket

A Member of Daily Bread Food Bank

Located at 400 Burnhamthorpe Road, Etobicoke

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Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year!



Marie Truelove, Chair, St. James Food Basket