



### **Many Thanks to Marie Truelove**

After many years of devoted service, Marie Truelove has resigned as Chair of the Steering Committee. Marie put her skills, heart, soul, and long days into making the Food Basket the effective operation it is today. We are very fortunate that she will continue looking after our finances and liaising with St James. We cannot thank Marie enough for all the years she has devoted to St. James Food Basket.

### **Welcome Marcia Powers-Dunlop**

The Steering Committee welcomes Marcia Powers-Dunlop as our new Chair. Marcia has been volunteering on the Steering Committee for over 16 years. She has been on this committee since the 11 churches formed the Food Basket and is a member at St Philip's Lutheran Church. Marcia is a social worker and was Senior Manager of Professional Support Services at TDSB. She is also a volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada, St Philip's, and Wilfrid Laurier University.

### **Access to Affordable Food**

Food scarcity in the community continues to grow. Daily Bread has announced new funding to address these needs. You, our donors, play a vital role in helping us purchase extra food. However, traffic congestion is hampering timely deliveries. Thankfully, our wonderful volunteers manage to unload trucks, pack food, and get ready to open on time!

Each week, we serve approximately 340 families at the Food Basket, and the number is growing. Of these families, around 90 have between 5 and 10 members, and we average 13 new families weekly. Due to the increasing numbers, we now limit our service boundaries to three postal codes and refer others to their neighborhood Food Banks. Nobody goes hungry; we provide emergency food to out-of-area recipients.

We have also seen an increase in international students needing help. Although regulations stipulate that these students cover their living expenses, we assess each situation and provide help as necessary.

Thank you for your ongoing support in sharing your resources, time, and gifts with the Food Basket. Without it, we would not be able to provide the support that we do.

**St. James Food Basket Steering Committee & Marcia Powers-Dunlop, Chair**