

Regional Emergency Response Council Emergency Food Hamper - Round 3

Funding: This hamper initiative could not have been possible without the funding from Social and Housing Services and the Social Serviced Relief Fund.

Agency Referrals: On September 14th an email was sent to community agencies announcing the 3rd round of Covid relief emergency food hampers. Agencies were asked to submit a password protected excel sheet with the first initial, last name and phone number of clients they were referring. We also made it mandatory that agencies handle their own deliveries. The received client lists were then cross referenced to find any duplications.

Self Referrals: A press release was sent to local media on September 18 regarding the project. Included in that release was information on how clients could self refer. Those who believed they needed the extra support were asked to phone 613-930-4892 ext 253 and leave a detailed message with their name, phone number, full address, and how many people live in their household. Stephanie Beauvais, Administration and Project Assistant for the Social Development Council checked the voicemail box several times a day and returned calls to confirm client information. The deadline to call and register was Thursday October 1. Unfortunately due to a higher volume of request than in any other hamper, on Monday September 28, the message at the extension to say registration was closed and if someone was still in need to contact a local food bank by calling 211 to find the one closest to them. Clients still left voice messages and a wait list was kept. Thanks to the numerous duplicates found on agency lists, we were able to accommodate the entire wait list.

Volunteers: 172 people registered to volunteer between Tuesday October 6th at 1pm and Friday October 9th at 12pm. Volunteers were scheduled no more than 25 at a time. When volunteers arrived they were asked to sanitize their hands and fill out an EOHU screening form. If the volunteer had symptoms they were sent home. This happened in 1 case. All volunteers were required to wear masks and physically distance from other volunteers. Volunteers help back hampers and deliver to the self-referred clients.

The Hamper: The hampers consisted of 2 sizes of boxes. Regular and Family. All 1555 households received a Regular Box. Families also received an additional Family box.

The Regular Box Consisted of the Following:

Apples (1 Bag)
Baked Beans
Bread
Canned beans (Kidney, chickpea etc.)
Canned Fruit or Apple Sauce
Canned Soup
Canned Tomatoes
Canned Tuna

Canned Vegetables
Carrots (1 Bag)
Chicken bouillon cubes
Cooking Oil (Vegetable, etc.)
Crackers (1 sleeve)
Eggs (1 dozen)
Garlic Powder
Ketchup
Milk (1L)
Onions (1 Bag)
Oregano
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Peanut Butter
Potatoes (1 Bag)
Rice
Rolled Oats

The additional box received by families consisted of the following:

Apples (1 Bag)
Canned Soup
Canned Tomatoes
Canned Tuna
Canned Vegetables
Crackers (1 sleeve)
Pasta
Pasta Sauce

Additionally, Family households received a turkey and single households received a Ham.

It should be noted that some of the items in the regular box were determined by our funder as they were providing their clients with a Basic Pantry Cookbook which consisted of many of the items listed above.

New to this round of hamper we purchased 2000 cardboard boxes.

Project by the numbers: 1550 hampers were distributed. 554 to families and 1001 to singles or couples. On the following page you will find the breakdown by agency.

Agency	Family	Single	Total Clients	Percentage of Total Served
Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACTT)	5	23	28	1.8%
Big Brothers Big Sisters	20	0	20	1.3%
Canadian Mental Health Association	58	212	270	17.4%
Carefor	1	38	39	2.5%
Center 105	6	31	37	2.4%
Centre de santé communautaire de l'estrie	6	37	43	2.8%
Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)	0	1	1	0.1%
Children's Aid Society (CAS)	141	0	141	9.1%
Community Living Dundas	0	1	1	0.1%
Community Living Glengarry	3	9	12	0.8%
Community Living Stormont	3	7	10	0.6%
Cornwall Hospice	0	10	10	0.6%
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	39		39	2.5%
Eastern Ontario Training Board - Newcomer Services	5	0	5	0.3%
First Episode	1	0	1	0.1%
Glengarry Interagency Group - Senior Services	4	17	21	1.4%
Glengarry Interagency Group - Youth Services	8	8	16	1.0%
Horizon Jeunesse	3	9	12	0.8%
Inspire Community Support Services	8	10	18	1.2%
J.W. Macintosh Community Support Services	1	4	5	0.3%
Job Zone d'emploi	2	3	5	0.3%
L'Association canadienne-française de l'Ontario (ACFO)	2	0	2	0.1%
Maxville Manor	3	48	51	3.3%
OSPCA(Linda Selkirk)	13	31	44	2.8%
Seaway Valley Community Health Center	29	182	211	13.6%
Self Referral	67	109	176	11.3%
Social and Housing Serviced	94	208	302	19.4%
Upper Canada District School Board	20	0	20	1.3%
Victim Services	5	3	8	0.5%
York Center	6	0	6	0.4%
Youth Now Connections	1	0	1	0.1%
Totals	554	1001	1555	100.0%