

## **Regional Emergency Response Council Emergency Food Hamper - Round 4**

**Funding:** This hamper initiative could not have been possible without the funding from Social and Housing Services, the Social Serviced Relief Fund and a sponsorship from Children's Aid Society of SDG. The total budget for the project was \$125,000.00 and the final expenses related to the project were \$125,488.52.

**Agency Referrals:** On February 1st 2021 an email was sent to community agencies announcing the 4th 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 duplication.

**Self-Referrals:** A press release was sent to local media on February 12 regarding the project. Included in that release was information on how clients could self-refer as of February 15th. Those who believed they needed the extra support were asked to phone 613-930-4892 extension 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 voicemail several times a day and returned calls to confirm client information. The deadline to call and register was Friday February 25 however on the day the phone line was opened 150 voicemails were already left requesting food. Learning from previous experience in both the email to agencies and press release we made it very clear that there was a deadline however referrals would close if we exceeded the number of households we can support. Unfortunately the high number of requests did not stop after we notified everyone we would be closing referrals. Thanks to additional financial support from CAS and Social and Housing Services we were able to accommodate our wait list.

**Volunteers:** 161 people registered to volunteer between Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Volunteers were scheduled no more than 20 at a time and when they arrived they were asked to sanitize their hands and fill out an EOHU screening form. If the volunteer had symptoms they were sent home. All volunteers were required to wear masks and physically distance from other volunteers. Volunteers help pack the boxes for the hampers, load cars and deliver hampers to the self-referred clients.

**The Hamper:** The hampers consisted of 2 sizes of boxes; a regular-sized box and a family-sized box.

All 1656 households received a Regular Box. Families also received an additional Family box.

**The Regular Box Consisted of the Following:**

1 Bag of Potatoes
1 Bag of Carrots
1 Bag of Onions
1 Bag of Oranges
1 Bag of Apples
Apple Sauce
Baked Beans
Canned beans (Kidney, chickpea etc.)
Peanut Butter
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup x2
Canned Tomatoes
Pasta Sauce
Canned Tuna x 2
Pasta
Crackers (1 Sleeve)
Cereal
Rice
Bread
1 Dozen Eggs
Chips
Milk (1L)
Deli Meat (Turkey)
1 lbs of Lean ground beef
1 Block of cheese

**The additional box received by families consisted of the following:**

Yogurt 750g
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup
Canned Tomatoes
Pasta Sauce
Canned Tuna x 2
Pasta
Crackers (1 Sleeve)
Fruit Snacks (Welch's)
Granola Bars

Additionally, every hamper included a flyer for the Youth Hub and 211

**Project by the numbers:**

1656 hampers were distributed; 605 to families and 1051 to singles or couples.

Below you will find the breakdown by agency.

Agency	Singles	Family	Total Clients	Percentage of total Served
l'Association canadienne-française de l'Ontario, Régionale de l'Estrie	1	31	32	1.93%
Association des femmes immigrantes francophones Cornwall-SDG	0	6	6	0.36%
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cornwall and Area	0	<u>21</u>	21	1.26%
Cornwall and Area Housing Corporation	33	0	33	1.99%
Carefor - Alexandria	17	0	17	1.02%
Carefor - ALS	9	1	10	0.60%
Carefor - Befriending	10	0	10	0.60%
Carefor - Finch/Ingleside	14	0	14	0.84%
Carefor - Lancaster	5	0	5	0.30%
Carefor - Winchester	23	1	24	1.45%
Children's Aid Society Of SDG	3	75	78	4.80%
Cornwall Community Hospital	0	7	7	0.42%
Cornwall Community Police Services	0	1	1	0.06%
Center 105	171	69	240	14.49%
Community Living Glengarry	7	0	7	0.42%
Community Living Stormont	8	2	10	0.60%
Canadian Mental Health Association	243	56	299	18.06%
Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie - Cornwall	32	9	41	2.47%
Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie - Alexandria	14	5	19	1.14%
Eastern Ontario Health Unit	1	21	22	1.32%
Équipe psycho-sociale	0	1	1	0.06%
Flexible Assertive Community Treatment Team for Persons Dually Diagnosed (FACTT-DD)	3	0	3	0.18%

Health Link	3	0	3	0.18%
Cornwall Hospice	13	1	14	0.85%
Inspire Community Support Services	14	12	26	1.57%
J. W. MacIntosh Community Support Services	1	3	4	0.24%
Job Zone d'emploi	3	0	3	0.18%
Local Health Integration Network	1	0	1	0.06%
Maxville Manor	61	2	63	3.80%
Naomi's Family Resource Centre	1	3	4	0.24%
Organisation Horizon Jeunesse Démunie	20	85	105	6.36%
OSPCA (Linda Selkirk)	36	13	49	2.95%
Sexual Assault Support Services SDG&A	7	9	16	0.96%
Social and Housing Services	26	35	61	3.69%
Seaway Valley Community Health Center	155	36	191	11.53%
Upper Canada District School Board	0	7	7	0.42%
Victim Services of SDG&A	3	4	7	0.42%
Youth In Transition - GIAG	7	0	7	0.42%
York Center	1	14	15	0.90%
Youth Justice Services	0	3	3	0.18%
YouthNow	0	1	1	0.06%
Self-Referred	105	71	176	10.62%
Total	1051	605	1656	100.00%