



WESTON AREA EMERGENCY SUPPORT
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Weston Park Baptist Church
Attn: Shawn Watts, Darlene Lucas, Dave Saunders
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Via email

Dear Food Drive Team and all volunteers,

Thank you so much for all your efforts to support WAES over the holiday season. The massive door to door food drive was a huge success, and it will keep us in food for at least a month. The food drive is such a huge operation, and we appreciate all your hard work. Please let the volunteers know that their support is valued. Between Dec. 17 and 21 WAES processed over 18K pounds of food, and distributed hampers to 412 households or 1,198 individuals.

York South Weston is a community that struggles with poverty, precarious employment, and food insecurity. It is also a community that helps each other in times of need. WAES has worked hard to support our neighbours since 1986. These past 2 years have tested our capacity to do more. Due to the amazing support of local individuals, businesses, schools and faith organizations we have kept our doors open and fed people week in and week out. Over 2021 we had 22,679 visits, up nearly 3x the visits of 2019. We have been distributing an average of 10K pounds of fresh and frozen food each week, including chicken, eggs, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables. We purchase this food with our donations. We are seeing an increase in vulnerable seniors, who now represent 16% of those visits (versus only 8% in 2019). Children under 18 represent just over 30% of the visits. Our volunteers are glad that we have the food to fill the need at this difficult time.

WAES is very fortunate to have had Weston Park Baptist Church walking with us on this journey from the beginning. Stay safe and stay healthy. Happy 2022.

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