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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE HURON COUNTY FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION CENTER



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Seaforth Food Bank  
Second Stage Housing Exeter  
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and growing. Please volunteer or donate.

**donatetoday!**

*We need your continued support. Please consider volunteering or making a financial donation today - Thank You!*



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## New Location. Continued Growth.

Summer is over again and lots of exciting things have been happening at the Distribution Center. On June 5, 2012 we moved to our new warehouse location at 39978 Crediton Road. I would like to thank Mike and Kevin Hogan and their staff at Premium Transportation for their generosity and in making us feel welcome at their facility. We are able to do so much more in a more efficient way.

We are very blessed to have the extra space here at Premium Transportation for our food products. We are continuing to receive generous donations from our sponsors, without their continued support we could not do what we do.

This summer we had to say good bye to two of our wonderful volunteers here at the Distribution Center. Roger Glockling and Sharon Coburn were ready and willing to help in any way around the Center. They were great advocates for the Distribution Center and we will miss their smiles and their willingness to do whatever needed to be done. We wish you all the best Roger and Sharon in your new home.

May 2 2012 we had the privilege on behalf of the local food banks of presenting to Huron County Council stats of what is happening here in Huron County regarding local food insecurities. Thanks to John McNeilly for representing our group and to Huron County Council for their donation of \$10,000.

We had the privilege of having some BMO staff help at the Center on May 23 2012. This day was organized by the United Way through the Day of Caring where businesses give back to their community. Thank you BMO workers for a very productive day. Thank you for caring and making a difference in your community.

Joyce Johnson from The North Huron Food Share entered a **contest by Monsanto** and we were one of the recipients of a \$2,500 grant. Thank you Joyce for your nomination of the Distribution Center and for all the hard work you do in your community.

**YOU'RE INVITED**  
DONOR APPRECIATION EVENT

**September 15**  
**11:30am-1:00pm**  
39978 Crediton Road  
Centralia, ON (Premium Transport)

The Huron County Food Bank  
Distribution Center has re-distributed  
**1,000,000lbs**  
of food & dry goods  
from 2008-2012 thanks entirely to  
your generosity. Please attend our  
event with tours, live music, food and more.  
Thank you for your continued support.

Bank of Montreal employees assist  
during the United Way's Day of Caring.  
The Distribution Center is a funded  
agency of the United Way.



## From a Teen Volunteer Why Should You Volunteer?

by Karen Zielman

There aren't specific reasons of why you should volunteer. Everyone has their own reasoning.

One reason why I became a volunteer was because I wanted to give something back to society. I have had the privilege of being one of the people of Huron County who can come home to a warm house with food and a bed. I knew there were people out there who didn't have this kind of luxury, and I wanted to make the community of Huron County a great place for everyone. Here, at the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Center I can do just that.

Another reason why I became a volunteer is the feeling of accomplishment after a day at the Distribution Center. It feels good knowing I have made a difference in at least one person's life. Although this isn't the main motivation of becoming a volunteer, it is a big bonus!

One thing I have gained from being a volunteer is compassion. Before my parents started the Distribution Center I knew there was homelessness, but I didn't realize that it was right here in Huron County. I always thought that it happened in bigger cities like London or Toronto, and working at the Distribution Center has made homelessness real for me. I have met with and talked to people who are homeless, and it has made me so thankful for the life that I have been given. It makes me sad knowing that I have a home to go to, and there will be people sleeping out on the streets tonight.

Please consider how you can make a difference in your community!



**Isabelle Gagné and MaryEllen Zielman at Ontario Volunteer Service Awards Ceremony. MaryEllen received an award for her five years of volunteering from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.**

## From a Huron County Food Bank Giving Back

by Joyce Johnston

For the past four years the North Huron Food Share in Wingham has been supported by the Huron County Distribution Center. In our last fiscal year we served 3,207 people. This represents an increase of 17% over the last year. Although we live in a very generous community we find that our resources are being stretched more and more. We received approximately 13 deliveries from the distribution center this past year, a service that is greatly appreciated and from this we have been able to keep our shelves fully stocked with a wide variety of products. I was able to apply for a grant for the distribution center through our farm and Monsanto and my entry was chosen to be one of 10 winners across Canada. The award was for a charity in our community that helps the rural community in which we live. I was so pleased that my application was chosen and the Distribution Center was the recipient of \$2500.00. It felt good to be able to give back to them since they help us so much and I don't know where we would be without them.

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