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Hello Hidden Acres Families and Supporters!

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We hope you are keeping safe, healthy and well in the midst of these different circumstances we all find ourselves in!

As we know, the Covid-19 Pandemic has affected pretty much every area of life. One area that is experiencing a particularly tough time are our local food banks as they work hard to keep up with an increase in requests for support as well as a limited supply of some of their staple food and non-food items. During the month of April, Hidden Acres has been offering activities for families to enjoy as they spend time isolating and physical distancing (if you haven't heard about these activities, you can check them out on our website, Instagram or Facebook page). As we were creating the calendar of activities we received a phone call from one of the staff at the Wilmot Family Resource Centre (WFRC) in New Hamburg. During the course of the conversation a little lightbulb lit up and it was decided that one of the activities we would encourage families to participate in was a food drive for WFRC, or for those who live a bit further away, their local food bank. So....

Our Invitation:

- Gather some food or non-food items to donate to your local food bank.
- Here is a list posted on WFRC's website and Amazon wish list of the most needed items, in case that's helpful.
 - 100% real fruit juice (drink boxes & larger cans/containers)
 - Canned fruit
 - Canned vegetables
 - Soup Broth
 - Canned meats (fish or chicken)
 - Canned stew and chili
 - Cooking Oil
 - Spices
 - Deodorant
 - Dish Soap
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Feminine Hygiene Products
 - Shampoo
 - Tissues (eg. Kleenex. etc.)
 - Diapers – newborn size & size 4, 5, 6
- You can also check your local food bank's website as they may have a list that is specific to their location. Some also have an Amazon wish list where you can purchase supplies on Amazon that get shipped directly to them. WFRC's list is on their website (<https://wilmotfamilyresourcecentre.wordpress.com>).
- If you would prefer to contribute a financial donation, food banks also graciously accept them through their websites.
- If you have purchased items to donate, please contact your food bank to arrange a time to drop them off. If you are donating to WFRC their phone number is 519-662-2731.
- If you do make a donation to your foodbank, we would love to see your pictures. Please share them with us via email or social media.

Our Hope:

We hope that these unique times will inspire each of us to show love, care and compassion for those around us. We hope that as neighbours, we can make a difference together!

We recognize that not everyone may be able to help or maybe has already helped in other ways. There is no pressure from Hidden Acres to give, but simply an encouragement. And, for those who have already helped, Thank You!

With gratitude, The HAC Staff