



Community Care Remains A Lifeline in North Kawartha Organizing Free Transportation

The fire at Sayers Food Town in Apsley left residents in the Township of North Kawartha, who are without transportation, unable to access food and a supply of regular groceries.

“Community Care never stopped supporting our clients throughout the COVID-19 crisis and we will continue to support the residents of Apsley and this Township through this too,” said Danielle Belair – Executive Director of Community Care. “Sarah, in our program office in Apsley, has organized free transportation services to grocery stores in nearby communities that is available to all residents, no matter their age.”

Community Care has a Caremobile that can also provide accessible transportation options, every Wednesday.

“We can take 2 passengers in our Caremobile and the riders can choose within reason to go to Bancroft or Lakefield, Giant Tiger, etc, every Wednesday,” said Sarah McCall – Community Outreach Coordinator in Apsley for Community Care. “Passenger pick up times will be at 9:30 am and 12:30 pm in front of our office on Burleigh Street. If you live out of town, we have volunteer drivers who can bring you into town to meet the Caremobile too.”

Hamilton Bus Lines has donated also donated a bus until the spring at no cost to the community. The bus drivers are volunteering their time.

“The Hamilton Bus Line drives are every Tuesday and Thursday with pick up at 10 am at the North Kawartha Community Centre (340 McFadden Rd) and at 10:15 in front our office on Burleigh,” added McCall.

This service will take riders to Bancroft NoFrills.

“This schedule allows for shopping time of approximately 1 hr, the driver will have an attendance list, so that no one will be left behind and there will not be a wait outside, I will advise NoFrills when the bus is coming so they’re prepared,” added McCall.

Volunteer drivers have stepped forward to help with any special requests.

“We have volunteers who have offered to take on special requests or days that these services are not available,” said McCall. “Or if people would prefer not to travel themselves, our volunteers can also pick up and drop groceries for them too.”

These transportation services are absolutely free and open to any resident in the Township of North Kawartha.

Community Care is handling all of the scheduling for drives, so book your seat, or your special request by calling Sarah at (705)696-4589.

For more information about available supports for Apsley and North Kawartha visit www.commcareptbo.org/BeALifeline

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