

Press Release

Municipality of Trent Lakes Funds Food Vouchers Program Operated by Community Care for Local Residents

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In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Municipality of Trent Lakes has funded a new food voucher program that will be operated by Community Care in Buckhorn to support families who need assistance to purchase with groceries.

Building on the success of the Meals on Wheels and grocery delivery programs operated by Community Care in Buckhorn, local residents who are struggling to purchase groceries because they have lost their employment income or are simply struggling to make ends meet, can receive food vouchers that are redeemable at the Buckhorn Foodland.

“We know that there are relief programs coming from the federal government,” said Mayor Janet Clarkson – Municipality of Trent Lakes. “This program will help our families who are feeling the effects of their hourly jobs being on hold or lost as a result of the COVID-19 crisis and who need immediate help to keep food on their tables. Nutritious meals are so important to keep people healthy, especially during this time.”

Community Care in Buckhorn will be administering this program.

“We selected Community Care to administer this program because they already had the infrastructure in place and are a daily presence in our Municipality,” added Clarkson.



“This new voucher program will work well in conjunction with our grocery delivery program because we understand how important it is to keep people healthy in their homes during this time,” said Jodie Mulder – Community Development Coordinator for Community Care in Buckhorn. “We are asking other agencies in the area to refer clients to us who they think will benefit from this program too.”

Residents of Municipality of Trent Lakes do not need to have a formal referral from an agency to access this service, they can contact Community Care directly by calling (705)657-2171 or email buckhorn@commcareptbo.org.

“The Municipality started this program with a one-time, \$10,000 donation but I encourage others to donate to this fund if they are able to because we know that as the time goes on, the need will grow,” said Clarkson.

Donations for this program can be made to Community Care by calling the office in Buckhorn at (705)657-2171 or online at www.commcareptbo.org.

“During this crisis, we are working closely with Peterborough Public Health and all our local municipalities within the City and County of Peterborough,” said Danielle Belair. “We appreciate their financial support to help us meet the needs of residents to remain healthy and safe in their own homes.”

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