

Cereals and canned meats among food bank's wish list

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She said the food items most needed are: sugar, instant coffee, healthy cookies and crackers (whole grain), canned 100 per cent fruit and vegetable juices, high fibre, whole grain or multi-grain cereals or oatmeal, canned or powdered milk, canned fish and meat such as salmon, tuna, sardines, corned beef or chicken and canned peaches, pears and fruit cocktail.

Georgetown is not the only community in the province that has seen a spike in the number of people relying on the food bank.

The Ontario Association of Food Banks (OAFB) reports there was a jump in food bank users in 2008 due to the economic recession, but today those numbers have not declined to pre-2008 levels despite the slowly recovering economy and a nation-wide

unemployment rate at its lowest since December 2008.

The OAFB reports that last March 395,000 Ontarians a month were turning to food banks for assistance, which is 26 per cent higher than before the economic downturn. This is almost three per cent of the population of Ontario, a figure that's remained constant since 2009.

Across Ontario 39 per cent of people who use food banks are single and 45 per cent rely on social assistance as their source of income.

Anyone interested in making a donation to the Georgetown Bread Basket can drop off food in any of the food bank boxes in area grocery stores. To make a monetary donation send a cheque to Georgetown Bread Basket at 55 Sinclair Ave., Unit 12, Georgetown, ON, L7G 4X4 or go online to www.georgetownbreadbasket.ca

Child's name omitted from trust fund story

A March 15 story regarding the trust fund set up for the four children of Catherine Turner, who died last month, inadvertently excluded the name of Emily, one of the children.

Anyone wishing to donate to the

fund can visit the CIBC branch at 14-280 Guelph St., Georgetown and quote transit number 02952 institution number 010 and account number 8473196.

The Independent & Free Press regrets the error.

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