

Food bank overrun with donations on holiday weekend

The Georgetown Bread Basket Food Bank was overwhelmed with generosity over the Thanksgiving weekend at a time when food was needed most.

Jaret Henhoeffer, a food bank director, said churches, companies, a local seniors' residence and individual donors flooded the food bank with food and money.

"I came in on Saturday to volunteer and I couldn't see the floor," said Henhoeffer. "We had been worried our food supplies were running thin and were hoping for a good Thanksgiving, but this is unbelievable."

He said one local company provided \$600 to be used to purchase some food for recipients. Henhoeffer said, as a result, they were able to fill the freezers with frozen meat, a rare treat for those in need.

He said eight-year-old Erik Smith came in with food and a cash donation from his birthday party. He decided the recipients of the food bank needed food more than he needed presents, so he asked each of his guests to bring food instead of gifts and ended up collecting 81 lbs of food—30 lbs more than he weighs.

Other donations included fresh apples, pears, onions, potatoes and eggs.

He said the Georgetown Bread Basket's recipients, volunteers and directors would like to thank the countless individuals who gave so generously.

The next major food drive for the food bank is the Scout and Guide food drive set for Saturday, November 3. Scouts and Guides will be coming to the doors of Acton and Georgetown residents throughout the day to collect food.



Piper honoured

Val Cunningham, (right) longtime member of the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band, (now the Georgetown Pipe Band) was honoured with a presentation from colleague Gail Bennett, for Cunningham's 40 years of service to the pipe band. The band met at the newly refurbished Remembrance Park to re-dedicate their tree which was donated to the park years ago.

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The Rockwood Water Supply failed to comply with the province's minimum sampling requirements.

"Our goals are to protect human health and ensure full compliance with our drinking water standards," said Environment Minister Elizabeth Witmer last week. "The Ontario government is committed to ensuring that all water facilities are operated in accordance with the

highest standards."

The inspections were done at 218 waterworks between April 1 and August 31.

Of those which failed to meet the regulatory standards, the Ministry of Environment ordered 79 municipal waterworks to take corrective action.

Rockwood Waterworks didn't receive an order because it had already taken action to ensure its ability to meet the requirements.

The new regulation took effect in August 2000. It included the province's first-ever legally enforceable drinking water standards, as well as stringent requirements for testing, treatment and reporting.

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