

Food bank needs equipment for new location

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It's not food the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank is currently asking for — although the need is always there — but help paying for equipment for the new building.

The needs include retail shelving, wire dump bins, a stepladder, steel worktables, skids and milk crates.

"The less money we spend on this, the more money we can spend on clients," said food bank volunteer Doug McIntyre.

The total cost of the required equipment is about \$8,000. The entire renovation is expected to cost roughly \$40,000.

Some items may be able to come from the food bank's current location, the basement of Churchill Baptist Church, but "a lot of it was handmade when (the food bank) was put in there. It's 25 years old," McIntyre said.

Some shelving will not have to be purchased, as one local businessman is donating about \$4,000 worth of it to the food bank, according to McIntyre, who noted, all the donor wants is return is "a small charitable receipt and bottle of wine."

The food bank has a client list of about 125 families. Once it moves from north of Mus-

selman's Lake to Ringwood Drive, which is in Stouffville's west end, McIntyre expects a 50 to 60 per cent increase in clients. They will now be one block from a transit route and many people will be able to walk to the new location, he reasoned.

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As part of the move, the food bank is expected to eventually transition away from using index cards for its client list and instead use a computer.

"We aren't there yet. But I would hope so, everybody else is," McIntyre said.

Mid-February is the target date for the food bank opening in its new location.

Last November, food bank co-ordinator Marion Wells made a surprise announcement during a council meeting — they will move into neighbouring units owned by separate landlords on Ringwood Drive. Smileville Dental owns one unit, the other is owned by SMC Project Realization and Management.

"What are the chances you could find two units like that in one area with such civic-minded landlords?" Wells told The Sun-Tribune at the time.

The rent is not free. They will pay \$2,000 — \$1,000 to each landlord — which includes heat, hydro and water.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank has created a wish list of items from U-Line.ca. If people have similar equipment in good working condition to donate, please contact Doug McIntyre at dmcintyre1776@gmail.com or call 905-640-1406.

Some of the items on the list are:

120 linear feet of retail shelving – grocery style

4 wire dump bins - \$152 each

1 utility three-step ladder, or equivalent - \$256

4 steel worktables - \$298 each

Half-inch or three-quarter-inch plywood in good condition - 20 or more sheets

20 or more skids

100 or more plastic milk crates

The full list of requirements can be found at www.wsfoodbank.com/Food%20Bank%20Wish%20List.pdf

Stouffville home tour donates \$30,000 to local charities

Stouffville's Home for Christmas tour raised \$30,000.

The sixth annual self-guided tour of professionally decorated Whitchurch-Stouffville homes took place in November.

Last year's tour had more than 800 visitors.

The money was split equally between the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity and ABLE Network.

Tour committee members are Sarah Carrick, Carolyn Dobson, Carolyn Mauro, Rosemary Mauro, Stephanie Butler, Jacky Messner, Lisa Hume, Nancy Miller, Debbie Powell and Kathryn Webber.

For more details on the tour go to: stouffvillechristmashometour.ca/



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York Region District School Board's French Immersion program begins at Grade 1 and is based on the curriculum prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Registrations will be accepted in French Immersion school locations between January 15th and February 12th, 2016.
A school locator can be found on the Board's web site.

French Immersion schools will host an Information Session on January 14th, 2016 for interested parents/ guardians considering enrolling their children in French Immersion. For information, session locations and further details, please visit the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca

If you do not have access to the internet or require additional assistance, please contact your child's current school.

Note: Space at some program locations is limited, students may be required to attend a school other than the one designated for their attendance area.

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Documents required for kindergarten registration include:

- Proof of child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
- Proof of residency

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Please call your local public school for full details about required documents and kindergarten orientation sessions. Visit our web site for a full listing of our elementary schools and kindergarten registration information at: www.yrdsb.ca

We want to welcome your child and family as you begin the process to enter school!