



SAUGEEN FIRST NATION #29

FOOD BANK

Dear Prospective Sponsor,

It is a privilege to introduce you to Saugeen First Nation's (Saugeen) new Food Bank program. This new program is filling the gap here in Saugeen and providing a much-needed service to its community members. Prior to this, community members would have to go outside Saugeen to access a food bank throughout the month, creating a barrier for many without transportation. Currently Saugeen has an approximate 123 clients accessing Ontario Works, however this number can fluctuate through the seasons sometimes rising to 150. We also have many members who are accessing ODSP as well as Canada Pension. These community members are restricted to this fixed budget, which can result in members running out of food before they can afford to buy more.

There are substantial costs associated with the start up and the continuous operation of the Food Bank program. For the start up of the program these costs consist of purchasing appliances, shelving to store food, securing a permanent structure for the food bank to facilitate out of, and securing a van to pick up donations as well as deliver to clients who are unable to access transportation for themselves. The costs associated with a continuous operation of such a program regularly consist of administration costs to ensure adequate access to the food bank, as well as purchasing produce/supplies to provide healthier options for our many community members who have been diagnosed with diabetes and consequently, have dietary restrictions.

The Food Bank program will rely on partnerships, charitable donations by individuals and companies, volunteer participation in the day-to-day operations, as well as fundraising initiatives to ensure that there will be sufficient funding for the program. This year, 2018, we will be hosting our Inaugural Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday July 12, 2018 at the Saugeen Golf Club to help raise the bulk of our funds. We have an exciting day planned for our 144 golfers with a variety of on the course competitions, raffles, as well as silent and live auctions. Attached you will find a variety of outlined sponsorship opportunities. These sponsorship payments can be made by cheque made payable to Saugeen First Nation, please indicate Food Bank in the memo.

Thank you for your consideration as we are working hard to create a first-class environment for our golfers and by extension our community. Inquires can be forwarded to Melissa Snowdon at 519-372-5926 or foodbank@saugeen.org.

Sincerely,

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