news letter

Harlow foodbank



Feeding local people in crisis — Summer 2014







Our van is sponsored!



Mary Parsons, Robert Halfon & Foodbank representatives

Harlow Foodbank has received a boost to its emergency food deliveries thanks to support from 'Places for People', one of the largest property management, development and regeneration companies in the UK.

The housing provider will initially sponsor the Foodbank's van for two years, enabling the charity to continue its work providing much-needed essential food items to those families and individuals most in need within the community. Mary Parsons, Group Director for Placemaking and Regeneration at 'Places for People' said: *"Harlow Foodbank provides an essential and valuable service to an increasing number of people and we are very happy to show our continued support. I hope that this sponsorship is the start of a lasting relationship."*

places for people

client feedback...

"Due to my circumstances I have been finding living, feeding etc hard. I didn't get the support financially or practically for me or my children. Finding the Foodbank has helped me and my family considerably after being referred by Family Mosaic."

"I was embarrassed to come here but the kindness of everyone was wonderful. It is a relief to have food in the house and takes a little pressure off. You will never know how much this has meant to me. Thank you all."

Partnerships a plenty

BARCLAYS







We have been pleased to support local companies and schools who are keen to give something back to their community. Recently we have had staff from Barclays, the Tesco HQ Format Team and Waitrose, as well as pupils from Passmores Academy, working alongside us for the day at one of our Harlow warehouses. Here is some feedback we received from one of these work days. *"The team spent the day sorting the food from the trays which had been collected from Tesco stores into the relevant categories, and also in date codes.Without a doubt, the team absolutely loved the day, the overwhelming feedback being that it made them realise just how much work goes into the Foodbanks, and just how many people they help".*
Lucy Buttler, Community Project Manager at Tesco.

KEEP SUPPORTING HARLOW FOODBANK EVERY LITTLE HELPS

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500 CLUB

In order to maintain the work of Harlow Foodbank we need to find more people who would be prepared to join the 'Harlow Foodbank 500 club' and donate £2 or more each month through their bank or building society. Please consider this urgent need and if you can help contact the MRCT office.

LATEST STATISTICS

From April 2009 - July 2014

11,974	people so far have been fed with emergency food by HFB
271	people on average are fed by HFB each month
147	vouchers have been issued by our front line care professionals each month
4.7	tonnes of food required each month to feed people in crisis
4	supermarket collections so far this year collected just over 5.6 tonnes of donated food
2.4	tonnes of food has been collected from the Tesco HQ Resource Centre so far this year to help reduce the company's wastage and has been redirected to local people in crisis



UPDATE ON...

Breakfast clubs

As part of our work with three local primary schools we have been able to provide some specific food items for their breakfast clubs. Since starting this initiative we have supplied a total of 996 kg of food. This food is helping to provide breakfast to an average of 95 children per day (Monday to Friday), during school term time.

Welcoming the waste

TESCO

We are now working in partnership with the Tesco Resource Centre, based at the company's HQ in Cheshunt, and pick up good-quality, in-date food, from them each week. This helps Tesco to reduce their wastage, as the food is redirected by us to local people in crisis.

'I feel Harlow Food Bank is a vital resource for the local community in a difficult economic climate; the service I have received for my families has been prompt, efficient and very generous and I thank the volunteers for their time and effort.'
Rebecca Williams ~ Family Solutions

partner feedback...

"The work that you all do in these economically difficult times is invaluable, and we thank you on behalf of all those unfortunate people who have need of your brilliant service. Without your help and support their lives would be very much bleaker."
Jackie Williams ~ Home School Liaison, CSS

Shopping list

Tinned sponge pudding
Tinned meat (ham/corned beef/spam)
Sugar - small (500g)
Chocolate bars
Powdered milk
Coffee
Instant mashed potato
Long-life fruit juice
Biscuits
Jam
Rice pudding
Hot chocolate
Cooking oil
Instant noodles/pasta (packs)
Cereal bars
Small drinks cartons
Toiletries
(toilet rolls/shower gel/shampoo/deodorant/toothpaste/feminine hygiene)
Condiments
(ketchup/brown sauce/mayonnaise/salad cream/pickle)



Fabulous, free and fresh!

We have been working hard over this year to develop more partnerships with local fresh food businesses and are pleased to announce that the following companies now provide us with their fresh food products, free of charge: Greenway Eggs, Couzens Bakers, High Trees Packers Ltd (Potatoes) and UK Salads Ltd. We would like to thank them for their generous support in supplying food each week for people in crisis.



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