newsletter

Harlow foodbank

Feeding local people in crisis








WINTER 2015

Christmas joy - donate a toy!



Daniel Collins with the donated toys

Special thanks to Daniel Collins and his family from Harlow, who donated over £300 worth of Christmas toys to the foodbank in early December. We were able to distribute these to local families who were struggling to make ends meet over the festive period. Below is some feedback we received from a couple of these donations:

"I would personally like to thank you for your kind generosity with the parcel of food and toys you sent my family and I for Christmas. We have had a hard year struggling with debt, bankruptcy and a nasty injury resulting in me not being able to work. I am so grateful as this time last week I was an emotional wreck at the thought of my babies waking up with no presents on Christmas morning and you turned that around for us. I have just finished wrapping up some lovely bits to give them Christmas day. Thank you."

"I cannot stress the importance of your organisation all year round, but especially at this time of year. We have been supporting families who have been worried that they are unable to provide food or presents on Christmas day."
Leigh Cole Partnership Manager, HABS Family Support Team

STOP PRESS!

We are running low of sponge puddings, instant mash potato, tinned meat and long life fruit juice so please help us and donate these items.






What a heart!

We would like to congratulate Belinda Glanfield, our voluntary Satellite Coordinator who recently received a Heart4Harlow Community Award for her outstanding work with Harlow Foodbank. This award is well deserved, so well done again Belinda.

"I was very short of money, in fact I had none and didn't have food for me and my four children. Foodbank helps people all the time. They are very nice to people and always helpful and kind."




Suzy Stride - Labour's Parliamentary Candidate for Harlow collecting in Wilkinsons

KEEP SUPPORTING HARLOW FOODBANK EVERY LITTLE HELPS

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Special thanks to...

Harlow Council
who have provided the foodbank with some additional free storage space at the Latton Bush Centre in Harlow. Thanks also to the wonderful volunteers who helped us to move food into this new location.

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Linde Material Handling East Ltd
in Hoddesdon for their very kind donation of a new pallet truck which we have been using at our warehouse in Harlow.



Charles & Lindsey Abbey
from East End Farm in Roydon for donating fresh turkeys and turkey portions over the festive period which we distributed to over 40 local families.

LATEST STATS

14,017 people so far have been fed with emergency food by from April 2009 - January 2015

311 people on average are fed by HFB each month

165 vouchers have been issued by our front line care professionals each month

8 tonnes of non-perishable food required each month to feed people in crisis

9 supermarket collections so far this year

7.5 tonnes of fresh food have been collected from local businesses and re-distributed to local people and organisations (eggs, potatoes, bread, salad items, vegetables)



Don't forget your breakfast!

We are currently working with six local primary schools Breakfast Clubs in Harlow (5) and Ongar (1) and have provided them with over 1.5 tonnes of non-perishable food since the project was started.

"The Foodbank in Harlow have been very helpful and kind to me. They made me feel like someone is willing to help. The gentleman was very kind and caring and always smiling, which also put a smile on my face - A big massive thank you! x"

To support the work of Harlow Foodbank we need to raise over £55,000 this year, so please support us by making a one-off or monthly donation as this helps us greatly as we maintain and develop the service.
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