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HARVEST APPEAL 2019

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Bradford North foodbank provides 3-day emergency food parcels to people in crisis in the North Bradford / Shipley postcodes (BD2, BD9, BD10, BD17, BD18) plus the Rawdon, Yeadon or Guiseley postcodes (LS19 & LS20). Since opening in Bradford, in early 2015, we have handed out over 5,600 food parcels feeding just over 13,000 local people. The numbers of people in need are increasing for various reasons such as the ongoing economic austerity measures, which disproportionately affect the most vulnerable in our society, and the introduction of Universal Credit in our area.

Harvest Festival is a key time for us to receive donations for our 3-day emergency food parcels and **last year churches, schools and businesses donated 6.2 tonnes of food - 20% of our annual donation total.** This contributed to the 1,427 food parcels we distributed during the 2018 - 2019 year, feeding 1,999 adults and 1,248 children. 38% of the people we feed are children.

Increasing numbers mean we need to increase our food supply. Our food parcel content has been designed by NHS dieticians. If we run out of a food item that should be in our food parcels, then we go out and buy more. **Over the past few weeks we have had to purchase nearly 1 tonne of food due to school summer holiday demand. We urgently need more food!** Our Harvest shopping list has been designed to restock our shelves with items that have or tend to run out, but cash donations are also welcome to help us purchase items in short supply as the need arises.

Would you please consider donating your 2019 Harvest Festival Collection (food &/or cash) to us?

We are willing to come and give a talk to explain how we work and how your donations would support your local community. We can organise collection of the food or you can deliver your donation and combine this with a tour of our warehouse or a volunteer shift so you can find out more about what happens to any food donated and how it reaches local people in crisis. Further information about holding a food drive, together with relevant publicity materials may be found on our website:

www.bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/organise-a-food-drive/

Please send us a brief email if you decide to donate to our Harvest Appeal this year. We look forward to partnering with you to support your local community.

Find out more about our foodbank at www.bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Steven Harvey

Food Appeals Co-ordinator

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