

## **Desjardins Ontario Credit Union donates \$25,000 to 21 food banks in the province**

**Ottawa, April 6, 2020** – Desjardins Ontario Credit Union realizes that Ontario food banks are experiencing increased demand due to the current COVID-19 situation. The financial services co-operative is donating **\$25,000** directly to food banks in the communities it serves. This donation is in addition to the **\$475,000** announced last week by the Desjardins Group for United Way/Centraide Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, Quebec Food Banks and Feed Ontario.

"We thank you for thinking of us during these times. We appreciate your generosity and desire to help the community we serve through our food bank". Major Joel Harmon- The Salvation Army St. Catharines Citadel

"No one is spared, all of us are affected in some way by COVID-19. The most vulnerable people even more because they are already in a precarious situation. For us, being an active member of our community means taking action when it counts. That's what we do and will continue to do," Stéphane Trottier, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Desjardins Ontario Credit Union.

"This is wonderful news! What a great way to support those most in need during this crisis. Big thank you to you and the entire Desjardins Ontario Credit Union. All donations are going towards purchasing food items that are being distributed to those facing food insecurity." Heidi Benson, Executive Secretary, Unemployed Help Centre of Windsor Inc.

### **Assistance measures for members**

Desjardins was the first financial institution to implement numerous relief measures for its individual and business members and clients affected by COVID-19. The cooperative continues to do so by announcing additional measures such as an emergency loan and the possibility of a temporary reduction in the credit card interest rate. For full details and all the measures: [www.desjardins.com/covid-19](http://www.desjardins.com/covid-19) .

### **About Desjardins Ontario Credit Union**

Caisse Desjardins Ontario Credit Union Inc. serves 130,000 active members mainly in the personal, commercial, real estate and agricultural sectors, has 50 service branches and close to 650 employees. It has a business volume of more than \$13.6 billion and assets of more than \$6.5 billion, including more than \$3.9 billion in loans to individuals and more than \$1.8 billion in loans to businesses. This strong, high-performing organization, with rich and diverse expertise, is a major employer in Ontario with a payroll of more than \$46 million. It is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 17 elected directors. This new caisse is the sixth largest credit union and caisse populaire in Canada.

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Additional information :

<b>List of food banks receiving a donation</b>			
<b>Northern Sudbury Region</b>	<b>Greater Toronto Area and Southwestern Ontario</b>	<b>Eastern Ontario</b>	<b>Ottawa Region</b>
<b>Sudbury Food Banque</b> 1105 Webbwood Dr, Sudbury ON, P3C 3B6	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES</b> 412 Queen St E, Toronto, ON M5A 1T3	<b>ALEXANDRIA – SOCIÉTÉ SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL</b> 225, Main Sreet S, Alexandria, Ontario K0C 1A0	<b>Partage Vanier Food Bank</b> 161 Marier Ave, Vanier, ON K1L 5R8
<b>Friendship House Food Bank</b> 100 Gaudette St, Chelmsford ON, P0M 1L0	<b>THE SALVATION ARMY</b> 400 Niagara Street St. Catharines ON, L2M 7N3	<b>ALFRED – FOOD BANK</b> 297 Saint Philippe Alfred, Ontario K0B 1A0	<b>Parkdale Food Centre</b> 30 Rosemount Ave #2, Ottawa, ON K1Y 1P4
<b>Good Neighbours Valley East Food Bank</b> 4611 St.Joseph St, Hanmer ON, P3P 1K5	<b>THE WINDSOR ESSEX FOOD BANK ASSOCIATION (WEFBA)</b> 6955 Cantelon Dr, Windsor, ON N8T 3J9	<b>CASSELMAN – FOOD BANK</b> 756 Brébeuf Casselman, ON K0A 1M0	<b>Ottawa Food Bank</b> 1317 Michael St, Gloucester, ON K1B 3M9
<b>Cochrane Food Banque</b> Box1437, Cochrane ON, P0L 1C0	<b>St Margaret's Food Bank</b> 589 Hugel Ave, Midland, ON L4R 1W3	<b>CORNWALL– AGAPE CENTRE</b> 40 Fifth St W, Cornwall, ON K6J 2T4	<b>Clarence-Rockland Food Bank</b> 2815 Chamberland St, Rockland, ON K4K 1M7
<b>Matheson Food Bank</b> 452 5th Ave, Matheson ON, P0K 1N0		<b>EMBRUN - GOOD NEIGHBOURS FOOD BANK</b> 1012 Notre-Dame, Embrun ON, K0A1W0	<b>Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre</b> 240 Centrum Blvd, Orléans, ON K1E 3J4
<b>Salvation Army – New Liskeard – Family Services and Food Bank</b> 260 Whitewood Ave, New Liskeard ON, P0J 1P0		<b>HAWKESBURY CENTRAL FOOD BANK</b> 548 Main St East, Hawkesbury, ON K6A 1A9	