Message from Our Director of Client Services

Hello Parker Street Friends and Family,

I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely sunshine and warm temperatures! While it may seem early to some, we are already thinking about the 2022-23 school year. Parker Street has recently opened applications for our Back to School Program and started receiving donations as well!

Last year's Back to School Program was a great success and together we were able to provide **920 students** with all the supplies they need to succeed in their studies. This year, we are aiming to help **more than 1,000 students**. However, this is not possible without the continued support from **YOU**, our donors. To see more information about our Back to School Program, please check the '**Upcoming Events**' section of this E-Newsletter.

Backpacks and school supplies are not the only way Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank is helping families this summer… we are also expecting a visit from jolly ol' Saint Nick! That's right – our annual Christmas in July event is coming up at the end of the month! During this event, we distribute toys and clothing to our clients and their children. Giveaway events like this are a barrier-free way to ensure the donations entrusted to us get to as many people in need as possible. The only thing better than receiving gifts from Santa at Christmas is getting gifts from Santa (in shorts) in July!

If you are ever interested in how you can help your community and become involved with our organization, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Wishing you all the best this summer – and don't forget your sunscreen!

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New Truck Fund: Progress Update

Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's New Truck Fund was established in 2021 to help us purchase a new refrigerated delivery truck. With the incredible support from **YOU**, our donors and members of our community, we have reached our **$176,000** goal fundraising goal!

THANK YOU for helping us reach this milestone and for getting us closer to our ultimate goal of purchasing a new delivery truck.

During the time between ordering and receiving our new delivery truck, Parker Street will be keeping our donation portal open. Any future donations to the New Truck Fund can be made by clicking the '**DONATE**' button below.

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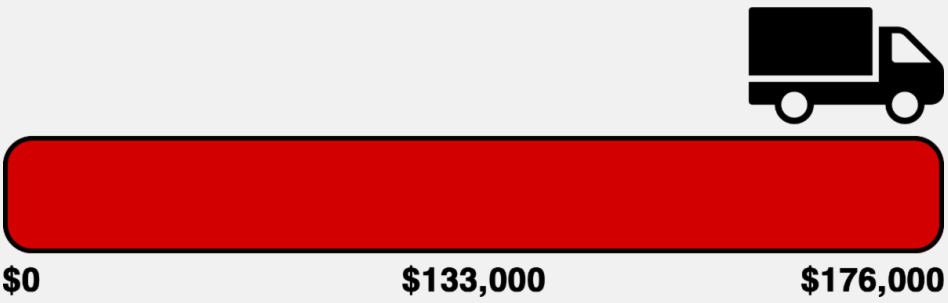
Campaign Progress: Complete



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Donate to Our Emergency Fund

While many of us get to relax on the beach or enjoy our favourite outdoor activities over the summer, warm weather can have some negative consequences for our low- and fixed-income neighbours, especially when it comes to keeping their utilities on. Luckily, in Nova Scotia power cannot be disconnected when the temperatures are below zero degrees. However, now that we are well into the warmer months, we have been seeing many clients receive disconnection notices and have their power turned off. Not only is this inconvenient, as clients have to pay a reconnection fee on top of paying off their debt, but the warm weather combined with no power means food spoils very quickly.

With the price of food steadily rising, this compounds many of the problems our neighbours and clients face on a daily basis. Parker Street's **Emergency Fund Program** aims to intervene and assist clients in paying off their outstanding bills before this happens. Currently, Parker Street does not have enough funding to meet the needs of everyone who has applied for help. We have a waitlist of **more than 30 families**. If you are able, we urge you to donate to the Emergency Fund and help keep our clients lights on and fridges running.

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Summer Yard Sale Recap

On June 28, Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank threw our first **Summer Yard Sale** event! During the event, we provided 119 individuals with free, lightly used clothing, bedding, kitchenware and household items.

A huge thank you to our incredible staff and volunteers for their time and hard work and to those who donated items for us to give away during the event.

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Upcoming Events

Christmas in July

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 26
TIME: 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
LOCATION: 2415 MAYNARD STREET

Our Christmas in July event is coming up at the end of July! During this event, we are able to distribute leftover toys from our Christmas Hamper Program to children in the community as well as circulate donated clothing items to our clients in need.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas in the sun with our staff, volunteers, clients and the big guy in red himself.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please send an email to **volunteer@parkerstreet.org**.

Back to School Program

Parker Street's annual Back to School Program is back for 2022! We are currently accepting monetary donations and donations of new/unused school supplies at 2415 Maynard Street and our two Great Things in Store locations.

For a detailed list of our most needed school supplies, please click the '**WISH LIST**' button below.

WISH LIST

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Welcome to Our New Staff Members

Richard Carr
Food & Furniture Bank Driver

Sandra Larade
Thrift Store Manager

Romaine Rhoden
Director of Donor Relations and Communications

Chris Uren
Director of Operations

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Thank You for Your Support

Air Canada

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Thank you to **Air Canada** and the **Air Canada Foundation** for granting $10,000 in support of Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's Emergency Fund Program!

Every year, Parker Street helps hundreds of families and individuals in the Halifax Regional Municipality through our Emergency Fund Program. This fund allows us to help clients who are seeking assistance with paying for electric bills, heating oil to keep them and their families warm throughout the winter, needed prescription medications, and much more. Parker Street has been able to intervene in these rock bottom situations because of our supporters and donors. We could not do any of this without the kindness and generous support of foundations

like yours.

Atlantic Elver Fishery

Thank you to the **Atlantic Elver Fishery** for their generous donations of $5,000 in April towards Parker Street Food & Furniture bank's New Truck Fund and $10,000 in June to where it is needed most!

Because of your generosity, we are able to continue helping the most vulnerable in our community through our services and programs every day.

The Berkeley Retirement Residences

Thank you to the residents of the **Berkeley Retirement Residences** for their generous donation of backpacks and school supplies to Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's Back to School Program!

Because of thoughtful donations like yours, we are able to help approximately 1,000 low- and fixed-income students in the Halifax Regional Municipality go back to school with the tools they need to succeed each year.

Community Grants Program

Thank you to the **Community Grants Program** through the **City of Halifax** for granting $25,000 towards Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's New Truck Fund!

Because of your donation, we have reached our $176,000 fundraising goal to purchase a new refigerated delivery truck. This truck is vital to Parker Street's Food Bank and Furniture Bank operations and will help us reach more people in need in our community.

Government of Nova Scotia & the Community ACCESS-Ability Program

Thank you to the **Government of Nova Scotia** and the **Community ACCESS-Ability Program** for granting more than $40,000 to Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank for us to install ramps and automated doors!

Halifax Regional Municipality & Waye Mason

Thank you to the **Halifax Regional Municipality** and Councillor **Waye Mason** for donating $10,000 towards Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's New Truck Fund!

Because of your donation, we are one step closer to purchasing a new refrigerated truck to help us pick up and deliver food, furniture and more for those in need.

Nova Scotia House of Assembly & Suzy Hansen

Thank you to the **Nova Scotia House of Assembly** and the honourable **Suzy Hansen** for recognizing the integral role that Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank plays in our community!

We work hard every day to best serve low- and fixed-income families and individuals in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Parker Street has been providing food, furniture and emergency assistance to those in need since 1999 and our mission still remains the same.

United Way Halifax

Thank you to **United Way Halifax** for donating $5,000 in support of Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's Food Services Program!

Because of generous donations like yours, we are able to continue feeding upwards of 1,000 families and individuals in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

... and Everyone Who Supported Us during the Great Canadian Giving Challenge!

Thank you to all of those who supported Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank during this year's **Great Canadian Giving Challenge**! Although we are not the winners of $20,000 from Canada Helps, we are incredibly thankful for every monetary and food donation made in the month of June.

It is because of supporters like **YOU** that we are able to continue providing food, furniture, emergency assistance and much more to low- and fixed-income families and individuals across the Halifax Regional Municipality. **YOU** make it possible for us to continue the fight against food insecurity and bring us one step closer to a hunger-free Halifax.

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Office Hours

Monday to **Friday**

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (**Closed** between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.)

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Food Bank Hours

Monday, **Wednesday**, **Thursday** and **Friday**

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays are our home delivery days

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