Message from Our Director of Donor Relations

Greetings Parker Street Friends,

Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank continues to serve clients through our various programs, which include food and furniture services, emergency financial assistance, and the Back-to-School Program, to name a few. Working as the Director of Donor Relations & Communications at Parker Street has been a fulfilling opportunity that allows me to reach families in need within the Halifax Regional Municipality by connecting them with those who are willing to help.

Our organization recently hosted its annual Back-to-School Program with the generous support and donations of our donors. This year, we distributed more than **1,200 backpacks** filled with school supplies to students in need, which is an increase of **35 per cent** compared to last year's program. While this is great news, inflation has affected our clients significantly and many families continue to turn to Parker Street for assistance through its programs and services. We will continue to help and remain a pillar of hope in our community.

Parker Street's next major project, the **Christmas Hamper Program**, is coming up in December. With inflation on the continuous rise, we are expecting more low- and fixed-income families to reach out to us for help during an already financially and emotionally difficult time of year. Therefore, Parker Street is imploring the community to donate where possible. This year, we hope to distribute **1,000 Christmas hampers** to families within the Halifax Regional Municipality and **YOUR** support will make all the difference.

Thank you for reading this edition of the Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank E-Newsletter and for your generous donations and continued support,

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Back-to-School Program Recap

It has been another very successful year for our **Back-to-School Program**! With your help and continued support, Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank was able to give **1,243 fully packed backpacks** to low- and fixed-income students and families in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

THANK YOU to every person, company and organization who donated money, backpacks and school supplies this year and the amazing volunteers and staff who were working behind the scenes to support us! It is because of **YOU** that we are able to continue serving those in need in our community.

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Christmas in July Recap

During our annual **Christmas in July** event, Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank was able to provide **361 individuals** with free toys and clothing!

THANK YOU to our amazing staff and volunteers, including Member of Parliament for Halifax **Andy Fillmore**, for their time, dedication and hard work in helping us bring this special event together.

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Parker Street in the News

Global News

Parker Street's backpack program launches amid back-to-school inflation concerns: *It may be the dog days of summer, but back-to-school is heavy on the mind of those at Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank in Halifax.*

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inflation and higher costs, many families are feeling the extra financial pinch this year - when buying school supplies becomes an overwhelming burden.

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Thank You for Your Support

Bell Canada

Thank you to **Bell Canada** for their generous donation of new backpacks and school supplies for Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's Back-to-School Program!

Every donation received helps us provide students in low- and fixed-income households across the Halifax Regional Municipality with the tools they need to succeed through the school year.

Dalhousie Medical School

Thank you to **Dalhousie University** and **Dalhousie Medical School** for sending some of their students over to volunteer with Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank and help us clean our food warehouse!

#DalMedGivesBack

Dr. Amanda Demsey Dentistry Inc.

Thank you to **Dr. Amanda Demsey Dentistry Inc.** for her donation of $1,000 in support of Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's various programs and services!

Because of donors like you, Parker Street is able to continue feeding and providing essential items to upwards of 1,000 families in the Halifax Regional Municipality every month.

Food Banks Canada

Thank you to **Food Banks Canada** for granting $10,000 to Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank in support of our Food Services Program!

These much needed funds will help Parker Street continue providing fresh and nutritious foods to low- and fixed-income families and individuals throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth

Thank you to the **Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth** for their donation of $1,000 towards Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's Back-to-School Program!

Because of donors like you, Parker Street was able to send approximately 1,200 low-income students back to class with new backpacks and school supplies.

Resulta

Thank you to **Resulta** for their generous donation of new backpacks and school supplies for Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's Back-to-School Program!

Because of companies like you, Parker Street was able to send approximately 1,200 low-income students back to class with the tools they need to succeed this school year.

The S.M. Blair Family Foundation

Thank you to the **S.M. Blair Family Foundation** for granting $3,000 to Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank in support of our Food Services Program!

Because of donors like you, Parker Street is able to feed upwards of 1,000 low-income families in the Halifax Regional Municipality each month.

Tim Hortons

Thank you to **Tim Hortons** for their generous donation of coffee and donuts for our hardworking staff and volunteers to enjoy!

#TimsforGood

ZZAP Architecture + Planning

Thank you to **ZZAP Architecture + Planning** for their generous donation of new backpacks and school supplies for Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank's Back-to-School Program!

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Food Bank Hours

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Tuesdays are our home delivery days

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