

Fall Food Drive Report

On November 5, 2012, the Rosewood Taxpayers Association donated 2,250 non-perishable food items to the ACSA food bank located at 1911 Kennedy Rd in the Dorset Park Community Hub. The non-perishables were donated in carefully itemized boxes which facilitated receipt of the donation onto our shelves. This is the first year that the Rosewood Taxpayers Association has raised donations for our food bank. We are grateful to the many community members who participated in the food drive. Local support of food security initiatives is one of the cornerstones of sustainable communities. The Rosewood Taxpayers Association has shown us that being good neighbours is one of the ways to build a better tomorrow.

Christine Markwell, Food Bank Coordinator, Agincourt Community Services Association

"We had quite a surprise this morning when you arrived with your donation for the ACSA food bank which you spent weeks gathering together. Your boxes were carefully itemized and we could really feel your sense of team spirit as you organized the boxes outside the food bank. In total, we received 113 boxes containing 2,250 food items. Thank you so much for your support of the food bank."

Christine Markwell, ACSA Food Bank Coordinator



"It was a really enriching experience volunteering at this food drive as I got to meet many members of the Rosewood community. The food we collected goes towards the Agincourt Food Bank and will help many people; it was amazing how the community came together and collected food to help the needy."
Tina, Rosewood student volunteer



"I was happy to volunteer with the Food Drive 2012; looking forward to 2013 Food Drive; hope to surpass 2012 amount of food collected." **Roger**, Rosewood adult volunteer



"I think that we should have the Fall Food Drive every year because we are helping people who may not have enough food to eat -- especially young kids who are just like me. I enjoyed being a volunteer with the food drive because it felt good to be a part of the community and working with everyone to help people in need." **Shakeel**, Rosewood mother and son volunteers



"Nice experience; really enjoyable" **Sissi**, Rosewood adult volunteer

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"I thought that the food drive was a fun experience and I felt good knowing that I was helping someone." **Orlandson**, Rosewood student volunteer



"We should be proud of our Rosewood Association and the example of what a community can do together !!!!!"

Tom Mitrovski, Rosewood adult volunteer

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." Author unknown

I want to thank all the volunteers who chose to spend their precious time helping with the Food Drive. Your time and energy has a positive impact on the community and certainly makes a difference to many lives! Thank you. **Bas Balkissoon**, MPP



"I would like to say that I found this an incredible experience, being able to be a part of something like this! It makes me feel good to know that this will help so many people. I think the trekking in the rain and the cold was completely worth it!"

Divya, Rosewood student volunteer

"As a long time volunteer myself, I know firsthand the important role that volunteers play in building strong and caring communities. By sharing your skills, knowledge and passion as a volunteer, you'll be amazed at the positive changes you can achieve for your community, your city and for yourself."

Councillor Chin Lee

"Our fantastic volunteers in Rosewood are building a strong community and promoting wellness one food item at a time. Thank you all for your leadership and commitment to the betterment of our community!" **Rathika Sitsabaiesan**, M.P.

