

Reaching out to the community in crisis situations



We have been totally amazed at the generosity of so many people who have made donations to the food bank either financially or by way of food, helping us to help many people, so a **HUGE THANK YOU** for all the support given to us.

Life at the food bank has been extra busy during the last few weeks which has delayed this Newsletter being sent out. In these unusual times we have had to change the way we operate. Some of our volunteers have taken a temporary break from helping, keeping themselves safe, others have changed the hours they volunteer for the same reason. The rest of the team are self distancing in the space available but continuing to collect donations, sort and date these, putting the food together ready for distribution and generally keeping the food bank operating.



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our volunteers are so important to the food bank, we would love to have been able to meet together to thank each one but unfortunately this year it is not possible.

2020	REFERRALS	ADULTS	CHILDREN	MEALS PROVIDED DURING MONTH	MEALS PROVIDED YEAR TO DATE
January	125	156	108	2,772	2,772
February	113	131	108	2,510	5,282
March	146	174	105	2,919	8,201
April	119	143	89	2,415	10,616
May	116	159	71	2,394	13,010
Year to date TOTAL	619	763	481		13,010

The number of referrals received up to the end of May has increased by 23% compared with the same period last year. This increase is not unexpected and we don't anticipate it reducing any time soon.

Since the food bank opened in February 2012 152,252 meals have been provided into the local community.

A THANK YOU RECENTLY RECEIVED

“I can not thank you enough for my food delivery today, yesterday I was in tears wondering how I was going to feed my children. These are hard times for many people and this is the first time I have ever had to ask for help. So very grateful”

In the Bible in the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 13 verse 16 reads “Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need”.

Kendal & District Lions delivering items they had purchased for the food bank which were specifically requested and needed by us.



Thanks to Booths, Kendal and Lakeland, Windermere for donating carrier bags for use when packing the food to be distributed.

Thank you to all our partners who host collection points for us and in this difficult time to everyone else who has set up a temporary one. We appreciate your support.

You may recall in the last Newsletter we mentioned out of date food being donated which unfortunately is still happening. Also the mystery of the cereal box with folded up newspaper in. The sad event is that a similar episode has happened again, this time a box purporting to have tea bags inside, however the contents were rolled up newspapers. It makes us sad that someone would do these things which would no doubt have quite a devastating effect of any of our clients if we hadn't spotted this first!