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Dear families of the LMH Muskies,

On behalf of our staff, volunteers, and clients thank you so much for taking the time to participate in the KL Hockey Tournament Giveaway Challenge in support Kawartha Lakes Food Source. When we receive donations from the community to help others, we see the best of our community. We truly appreciate your work and dedication to helping those in need.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to your organization and every team that participated in contributing to the Muskies' total donation of 7,188 lbs of food! Together from all participating leagues, KLFS received an incredible 27,992 lbs of food donated. We are genuinely overwhelmed with the success of the KL Hockey event's ability to fill significant gaps in our inventory.

After all the donations were sorted, we logged **22,101 units of food added to our inventory.** As our Distribution Manager, Derrick, told many of the families dropping off donations "You saved our bacon!", and he's not exaggerating. Without the KL Hockey drive, we genuinely would not have enough food to get all the people we serve through the winter.

Without community-led food drives, fundraisers and public events and donations we would truly be unable to continue to provide the services we do, and this drive offers an unparalleled level of support. The KL Hockey donations make such a great difference, and every single donation counts to let those who are struggling know that someone thought of them.

The Lindsay Community Food Market, the food bank that we own and operate, has seen a significant increase over the last six months. In 2022, we consistently served around 450 individuals each month. LCFM now serves an average of 550 individuals each month, which is an increase of over 25% during the same period in the previous year. Many are new to using the services of a food bank and have shared that they just can't make ends meet even with a pay cheque. Others have shared that their money is going towards rent, and they can't afford food. All clients are very grateful for the services we provide.

As we continue to see increases in food bank use heading into the holiday season, we cherish your support more than ever.

With Sincere Appreciation,

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