

October 30, 2024

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. **Our deepest gratitude goes out to your organization and every team that participated in contributing to the Muskies' total donation of 2,334 lbs of food!**

Together from all participating leagues, KLFS received an **incredible 31,430 lbs of food donations**. To put it into perspective, that weight is the equivalent of:

- 1.2 million pucks
- 1,200 sets of goalie gear
- 10 zambonis

With the holiday season just around the corner, we are doing all that we can to prepare to make it through the winter– the most difficult time of year for many. We are overwhelmed with the success of the KL Hockey Challenge's ability to fill significant gaps in our inventory. Our Distribution Manager, Derrick, has shared that without the KL Hockey drive, we would not have enough food to get all the people we serve through to the spring.

Currently, our 9 member food banks are reaching an **average of 1,200 client visits per month**, and by September 30th, total client visits this year had already reached 93% of 2023's year-end total. As the number of those struggling continues to grow, support from our community in the fight against hunger is more impactful than ever before.

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.

Thank you for helping to feed our neighbours. Together, we can make sure everyone has enough to eat.

With Sincere Appreciation,

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