

COVID-19 Seniors Response Funding Agreement
Community Care Peterborough and United Way Peterborough & District
Report to UWP
June 29, 2020

Total funding received: \$58,054

1. The funding through New Horizons for Seniors Program has allowed Community Care to launch a food voucher program with six of our local offices throughout the County of Peterborough, including Curve Lake First Nations.
The program included the following options:
 - Food / grocery access
 - Hygiene / cleaning supplies
 - Grocery delivery / Transportation

2. This initiative was set up to support vulnerable seniors impacted by COVID-19. Community Care focused on identifying and reaching out to the most vulnerable seniors in all six communities, including Curve Lake First Nations, partnering with local grocery stores and pharmacies, and recruiting volunteers to deliver the food. The funding allowed us to expand on the successful food voucher program initiative we first launched in Trent Lakes. The objective was to assist between 25-50 individuals in each community. We responded very quickly to the immediate needs of rural, isolated seniors affected by COVID-19. The clients were all very appreciative as they have been challenged during this time (many financially, some due to isolation, fear, changing health issues).

These are the testimonials we received from clients/caregivers:

"Thank you so very much, the wonderful blessing of frozen dinners and the food voucher from Foodland and IDA. Lorri you are so special. Love Sarah"

"Ronald expressed appreciation for the support with food provided. Client also expressed thanks for the Telephone Friendly Visiting Calls from volunteer Gord. Client became quite emotional and tearful stating how much he enjoys his conversation with volunteer and how grateful he is for the support."

"So unexpected but very much appreciated. I can go and buy food now."

"Our pensions do not go nearly as far as they use to, especially the increase of food prices. This is very helpful."

"My dad's medication is over \$1,000 a month, and with the new medication and illness he does not remember when he ate and is always hungry. The donations of Frozen Meals on Wheels will help me with this and his food preparation."

“This is a surprise but certainly appreciated, we have been dealing with so much this will help offset some of our medical expenses.”

“First I want to thank you for all your help while I am going through this. I am very grateful for everything you’ve done for me. Thank you as well for the food voucher for groceries. They certainly will help. God Bless.”

“I just wanted to say thank you, this is going to be a big help for me. Now I can buy meat, I haven’t had meat in a long time.”

“You do not know how much easier this had made my life. I am absolutely thrilled with this service – again thank you!!”

“Thank you so much to you and Community Care for the HUGE HELP this month! Just when I needed a few essentials to begin my summer, I am hoping for a healthy happy summer and it shouldn’t be that hard now. Thanks to your awesome ongoing concern, care and help. Thank you again. Stay safe.”

3. The objective of this initiative was to assist between 25-50 individuals in each community. Community Care was able to assist a total of **345** vulnerable seniors. *Please refer to attached chart.*
 - Apsley: 40 individuals
 - Ennismore and Curve Lake: 52 individuals
 - Havelock: 65 individuals
 - Lakefield: 68 individuals
 - Millbrook & Otonabee South Monaghan: 70 individuals
 - Norwood: 50 individuals
4. Community Care provided a total of 1,384 interventions through this initiative. *Please refer to attached chart.*
 - Delivered 634 Food Vouchers/Gift Cards
 - Delivered 708 Frozen Meals on Wheels Entrées
 - Delivered 14 Frozen Meals on Wheels Soups
 - Transportation / Delivery for Groceries = 28
5. A total of 345 individuals benefitted from this initiative. *Please refer to attached chart.*

Here are the demographics:

 - Women – 222 (64%)
 - Racialized – 3 (1%)
 - Low Income – 283 (82%)
 - LGBTQ2S+ - 1 (0.3%)
 - Indigenous – 48 (14%)
 - Disabled – 91 (26%)

6. BUDGET - \$58,054 Food Voucher Grocery Delivery Program

BUDGET ACTUAL

\$48,054	\$8,000 x 6 offices Food Vouchers, gift cards from grocery stores.
\$6,000	\$2,000 for additional food vouchers \$4,000 towards mileage for delivery
\$4,000	\$4,054 towards the purchase of Frozen Meals on Wheels
\$58,054	\$58,054