



## WESTON AREA EMERGENCY SUPPORT

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Toronto Rotary  
c/o Jane Botsford

Dear Rotarians,

WAES is so appreciative of your recent food drive and resulting significant food donation. It means so much to all of us at WAES to receive this ongoing support. Food donations from schools, faith organizations and individuals dropped dramatically as of March 2020, and have not returned. Your food drive effort really helped fill our shelves.

We are now three quarters of the way through 2021, and more and more people are getting vaccinated against COVID19. This is certainly having a positive affect of the community but has not really lessened the people who need our support. Our visits for the first 9 months of 2021 are just over 16K versus same time in 2020 at 15K visits, but in 2019 we only had 5,800. WAES has developed a good system to ensure we can deliver food to people each week. We are purchasing fresh food, including milk, eggs, meat, fruits and vegetables. We also purchase person care and baby items. WAES is distributing over 8K pounds of food each week. Children and youth represent 30% of our visits, which is about the same as in prior years, but seniors are up to 16% in 2021, from 10% in 2019. WAES has been delivering hampers to a group of shut-in seniors living in one of the local seniors building.

WAES has been so very fortunate to have people like you who see the need in our community and step up with your generous efforts. Thank you for walking with us on this journey. Stay safe and stay healthy.

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