

Wyoming, Ontario

On November 7, people across rural Lambton County are going to reach out and help their neighbours.

A volunteer committee from across Lambton County is organizing **Neighbour2Neighbour – Lambton County's Biggest Rural Food Drive.** 

The concept is simple; we're asking people across rural Lambton to help people struggling to put food on the table during the COVID-19 pandemic. We're asking people to place canned and non-perishable food items on their front porch or at the end of their driveway on Sat. Nov. 7 starting at noon.

Then, a group of community volunteers will fan out in neighbourhoods to pick up the donations following all the health protocols recommended by Lambton Public Health. It doesn't matter how big or small the donation is, we hope neighbours will help out their neighbours.

Food banks in Lambton County opened their doors to more people since the pandemic began. Donations aren't as plentiful this year because many churches and community groups simply aren't meeting because of COVID-19.

"We're encouraging everyone to think about how they can contribute to this food drive," says Al Broad, the mayor of Dawn-Euphemia who is also one of the community volunteers. "Aside from donating a can or two, we will need families to be part of the crew picking up donations. In more rural areas, we need people to volunteer to host a rural drop off point."

If you would like to volunteer your time, you can sign up at our website www.n2nfoodrive.com. Watch our website and our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for community challenges and more information about what kind of food donations are needed.

Broad adds people will also be able to give monetary donations. Local food programs which will be supported through Neighbour2Neighbour will be announced in the coming week.

"We know there are people in our community that have lost their jobs or who aren't working as many hours and they need our help. This is a very simple and effective way to do that," says Broad.

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