Community Living Association for South Simcoe

Dear Families and Community Members,

We are reaching out to share some important news about the FIRST CLASS Community Fridge program. Unfortunately, the County of Simcoe Grant, which has been vital in supporting the pantry, will come to an end on **December 31, 2024**. The County has chosen not to renew the grant for 2025, explaining that "the facility has been installed, and the Alliston Food Bank has increased its hours and staffing for outreach."

We know how much the CLASS Pantry means to our community and its role in ensuring families have access to essential food resources. Please know that we are doing everything we can to keep the program running:

- We have applied for a new grant and expect to hear back in **March**.
- We will reapply to the County for funding in **January**, hoping they reconsider their decision.

In the meantime, we will continue to rely on the generosity of other donors and community contributions of **non-perishable food items**. Donations can be dropped off at the CLASS head office, Monday to Friday, between **8:30 AM and 4:30 PM**. Starting in **January**, the pantry will operate **once a week**. We will share the specific day and updates soon, so please stay tuned.

For families facing urgent food needs, please visit the **Alliston Food Bank at 52 Wellington St. W, Alliston**.

Thank you for your understanding, kindness, and ongoing support. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. Your voice and generosity can make a difference!

With gratitude,

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