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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we continue to navigate these challenging times, I want to reach out personally to share how the Needham Community Council is preparing to support our community in the months ahead.

Even before the possibility of reductions to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, our Food Pantry was serving more than 370 households each month. Now, with expected changes to SNAP, we know that number will grow — and we are already taking steps to meet the increased need.

We're expanding our capacity to purchase more food and increasing pick-up times so that every neighbor who turns to us will find the support they need. **If you or anyone you know needs food assistance, please visit the [Food Pantry page](#) on our website to learn how to apply for food assistance.**

Many of you have asked how you can help — and that spirit of generosity is what makes Needham so special. Here are a few ways to make an immediate impact:

- **Make a financial [contribution](#).** Big or small, every gift matters and gives us the flexibility to purchase exactly what is needed, when it's needed most.
- **Donate your cans and bottles** at the Recycle & Transfer Station shed. Every contribution supports our Cans for Calcium program, which helps us provide milk and dairy products to families in our Food Pantry.
- **Spearhead a Private Fundraiser** — host a party at your home, or have kids hold bake sales, collect spare change, or set up lemonade (or hot cider) stands, with proceeds benefiting the Food Pantry.
- **Host a food drive in late Winter or Spring**, once we have space available after the holiday season. We're so grateful for the many groups already organizing food drives for November and December!

Together, we can ensure that no one in Needham goes hungry. Your partnership — whether through donations or spreading the word — truly makes a difference.

Sincerely,

Sandra Robinson
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