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### ***The Salvation Army Sharing Shelf Program – A Family Support Initiative***

As concerned parents, we understand that children will forget or misplace their belongings including their lunches. We also know that many children in Newmarket, Aurora, East Gwillimbury and the surrounding communities struggle daily with personal challenges over which they have no control. Situations bear down on them due to family or job loss, relationship crises, parental addictions (alcohol), etc. Due to these situations, a child may often come to school neglected. **Sharing Shelf is there to assist your school to provide these children with a simple lunch solution** in situations like these.

The Sharing Shelf Program is a means for your school to make a difference in the lives of any students and their families struggling at home. Students who frequently request help can demonstrate to your office the possibility of a situation at home where their family may require community support.

**Is there someone you know that is struggling with rent, mortgage, bills or job loss that's even making normal grocery purchases too difficult to manage?** We leave the method of connecting families in need with support at your discretion. We do however encourage each school to please make available information on our various community programs to the families of your students.

**Help us help others.** It's our goal to make our resources available to your school, to help your students maximize their educational experience and to provide assistance to families in need.

### ***“Sharing Shelf’s primary purpose is to help identify kids at risk”***

- a) Meet with our volunteer Sharing Shelf Coordinator, Bev Cowan (business card included).
- b) Designate an individual/s to oversee the program and to communicate its purpose with other staff.
- c) Regularly record names of all children being provided with Sharing Shelf support.
- d) Regularly communicate the names of participating children to your guidance staff.
- e) Contact The Salvation Army for more Sharing Shelf supplies and for information regarding programs available within our community (Newmarket, Aurora and surrounding communities).

**Our office, volunteers and staff are here to support you.** Please contact us to enquire about other opportunities especially during the holiday season in support of our Christmas Assistance Program or to schedule a display or presentation.

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