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Kitchener Rangers volunteer at Food Bank – Sorting food with local students

Kitchener Rangers players will be volunteering alongside students from two local schools at The Food Bank of Waterloo Region on Wednesday, November 10. The “Kitchener Rangers Classroom Challenge”, sponsored by the Kitchener Rangers Hockey Team is a reward for two schools that collected the largest amount of food per student during The Food Bank’s recent Fall Food Drive.

“The Rangers strive to be leaders not only on the ice but also in the community. Supporting The Food Bank is one of the ways we can set an example and encourage leadership among the students in Waterloo Region,” says Michelle Fortin, Director of Public Relations for the Kitchener Rangers.

The Kitchener Rangers will be volunteering and learning more about hunger in Waterloo Region with students from Bluevale Collegiate Institute in Waterloo, who raised 8525 lbs of non-perishable food, roughly 6 lbs per student and Empire Public School who raised 2219 lbs, about 4.5 lbs per student. Local school food drives raised over 35,000 lbs of food this fall.

“We are at 95% of our Fall Food Drive goal for the Region. The quantity and variety of nutritious food donated has helped our inventory tremendously. We are grateful to the staff and students of all the schools for their enthusiasm and creativity and to the Kitchener Rangers for providing this exciting way to thank the schools for their support,” says Wendi Campbell, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. “Any gaps in our inventory will be made up by food purchase. Donations can be made online at www.thefoodbank.ca.”

Three million pounds of food is distributed each year by The Food Bank, through 76 member agencies and food programs. The community is encouraged to contribute to The Food Bank through food and financial donations, as well as volunteering. For more information or to make a donation online, visit www.thefoodbank.ca or call The Food Bank at 519-743-5576.

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