



Montreal, suburbs come out in full force to help neighbours

Second Miracle Food Drive doubles success with 50,000 kilos of non-perishable food, personal hygiene and cleaning supplies

MONTREAL, March 16, 2021 — When all was said and done by end of the day on Saturday, March 13, 1,500 volunteers, including 500 driving their vehicles all over the region to pick up at least 8,000 registered donations, and 70 partner food banks who stayed open, collected and sorted **50,000 kilos** of non-perishable food items, personal hygiene and cleaning supplies.

Collections were double the amount received last September in the first Miracle Food Drive. Additionally, 600 families who had signed up to receive help were met at their doors with packages to respond to some of their most basic needs.

The urgent call for help answered by the Miracle Montreal Food Drive has become more dire in the face of the pandemic that has gone on for a year, taking away jobs and livelihoods, food security and general well-being. One family expressed its gratitude with this message:

Thank you, thank you! You don't know how it helped us! We are a family of 4 including 2 teenagers. I was at my last 10\$ and there was almost nothing left in the house to eat. I heard of the initiative and signed up. My kids' enthusiasm when we received the basket was comparable to Christmas morning. It warmed my heart and I felt that things will get better again. What a relief! We'll have something to eat! It helps me get back on my feet. Thanks again. You guys are angels!

For those who still want to give, please consult the map at shorturl.at/pxD16 to locate the food bank nearest you, indicated with a purple icon. Check for opening hours and even call ahead to make sure the centre can receive your donation, for which they are always grateful.

Photos of the event, captured city-wide can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/Miracle.MTL> and <http://miraclemontreal.org/en/welcome/>.

The generosity of Montreal and its suburbs demonstrates the goodwill of neighbours supporting neighbours who are finding it difficult to deal with the full effects of the pandemic, especially food insecurity. The Miracle Montreal food drive proves that every gesture, large or small, can make a real difference in the lives of others.