



MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear MUNPA Member,

Last fall, you may have read in local media of problems encountered by the Food Bank on the St. John's campus. Headlines included "Demand doubles at MUN's food bank on St. John's campus," (<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2267160131718>) and "The donations have dried up" (Saltwire, Oct. 5, 2023). The campus food bank in St. John's is turning away needy students and a similar situation is likely at the Grenfell campus.

For the past few years, MUNPA has made annual donations to the food banks on both the St. John's and Grenfell campuses and has solicited donations at events like the Christmas social. While these annual donations are appreciated and helpful, the food banks need support throughout the year, support they can rely on.

At a recent meeting, the MUNPA Board discussed how MUNPA could help provide sustained support. We decided to ask you, our members, to help the campus food banks by making a monthly donation. Even donations of \$5.00 per month from each of us would allow the food banks to provide the level of support that an increasing number of our students desperately need. Any amount you feel comfortable donating would be appreciated. On behalf of the MUNPA board, I am asking for your support of this very worthy cause.

MUNPA members can make a donation to the St John's campus food bank, which is a registered charity, through monthly payroll deduction. To donate, visit <https://www.mun.ca/campusfoodbank/donations/>. And, while we encourage monthly giving, a one-time donation is also appreciated and can be arranged via payroll deduction through the same online site. If you have any questions about the St. John's food bank or how to make a donation, please call the St. John's Food Bank at 709-864-3467 or email foodbank@mun.ca.

Giving through payroll deduction is not currently available for the Grenfell campus food bank. Donations can be arranged by contacting Jana Walsh, Manager, Health and Diversity at f9jw@mun.ca or +1 (709) 637-6258.

As the Winter semester begins, it is especially important that each of us consider supporting our campus food banks as their student clients will again be struggling. Together, we can make our MUN food banks among the best in the country.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy 2024 enjoyed by you and your families,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Singleton".

Sheila Singleton
President, MUN Pensioners' Association