

36th Annual Beamsville & District LIONS FOOD DRIVE



August 4, 2025

Dear CCWN friend & supporter,

As you may be aware, the Beamsville & District Lions Club is gearing up for the Annual Fall Food Drive, in support of Community Care of West Niagara. Once again, we are humbled to be the beneficiary of the food collected for the 36th year in a row. Now more than ever, it is important for as many people as possible to be involved in some way. No donation of food or funds is too small and anyone wanting to volunteer will be warmly accepted!

In 2024, our efforts raised awareness about hunger in our community, leveraged partnerships, engaged hundreds of volunteers, and infused over 26,000 pounds of food, personal, and household items into CCWN's inventory in one day! This year our goal is set at 36,000lbs to meet the rising demand.

On behalf of the Beamsville & District Lions Club and Community Care of West Niagara, we invite you to become a part of this great community effort. The date is **Saturday**, **September 20**, **2025**, and although there are many ways for you to get involved, I have included a few suggestions for your consideration:

- Place a notice in your company, church, school, agency newsletter, website, and/or bulletin.
 This would be especially effective several weeks ahead of the Food Drive.
- Announce the event and opportunities to become involved during staff, faith, special interest group gatherings and meetings.
- Advertise the Food Drive on any external signage you may have available during the weeks leading up to the event.
- Share our event page and our posts about the food drive on social media.
- Gather a team (family, co-workers or club) to participate in food collection or food sorting on the day of the Drive. We have opportunities in Vineland, Jordan, Beamsville and Campden.
- Host a collection depot to provide an alternative for those who may not be able to donate on September 20th.
- Sponsor or make a financial donation for the successful execution of our event.

Our most needed items can be found at: <www.communitycarewn.ca/site/mostneededitems> Right now, at the food bank, we have no stock or very low stock of the following 5 items

- 1. Kids Snacks for School (peanut free)
- 2. Canned or Instant Potatoes
- 3. Cooking Oil
- 4. Pasta Sauce
- 5. Baking items (flour, sugar, etc.)

Any help to promote this year's food drive would be appreciated. I have also attached a poster if you would be willing to share or post it in your organization.

Thank you in advance for supporting this annual event.

Yours in Community,

Lynda O'Donnell

Manager of Community Engagement

Community Care of West Niagara

John Tutecky

2025 Lions Food Drive Chair

John Tusterby

Beamsville & District Lions Club

*The Beamsville and District Lions Club has been serving residents since 1939 and in choosing to continue the partnership with Community Care of West Niagara, we hope to make this, our **36**th **year**, the most successful yet.

**Meetings are held at the Lion's Hall located at 4285 Mountain Street in Beamsville at 6:45 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, from September through June. If you would like to join the Lions, please use the contact form on the Lions website. www.beamsvillelions.ca/contact>