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News Information

## The Grind Pembroke Community Kitchen Invites the Community “Feed the Need” Fundraiser

The Grind Pembroke is gearing up for its first annual “Feed the Need” fundraiser on Monday, December 14th - a special day when community members will have an opportunity to experience first hand how its Community Kitchen operation has managed to serve thousands of meals to homeless and other at-risk community members since it took over the Salvation Army’s Soup Kitchen in 2019 March.

Friends, supporters and interested community members will be able to obtain a typical bagged lunch prepared in the Community Kitchen by cook Leann Rollins and her capable volunteer staff. Lunch will be available from the Kitchen’s take-out window between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The take-out window is located just inside the front door of The Grind’s Coffee House at 122 Pembroke Street West.

A donation box will be available for those attendees who want to help raise funds to ensure that nutritious meals can continue to be provide to community members in need throughout the Christmas season and winter months.

The event is scheduled on a day when the Community Kitchen is closed to its regular patrons so as to avoid interfering with the soup kitchen operation run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Columbkille Cathedral from Saturday – Monday.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly changed the way meals have been delivered since March of this year, the “food take-out” approach has proven to be a reasonable option to ensure that nutritious food is still available to those in need in a way that respects the health and safety of both patrons and kitchen staff. The success of the operation can be seen in the steady increase in demand for the service to the level of over 24,000 meals handed out between 2019 March and 2020 December.

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Attendees will be asked to observe social distancing and to wear masks for their own protection and that of others. Entry to the take-out window will be regulated by staff, who will also be available to answer questions about Grind operations and to provide, via posters, some interesting statistics on the community impacts arising from these services. Each lunch bag will contain a short questionnaire posing a number of trivia questions about Grind operations. The answers to these questions will be available on posters placed adjacent to the Coffee House entrance. Completed questionnaires can be entered into a contest for a modest prize.

The Grind Pembroke is a not-for-profit charitable organization that supports marginalized community members, including youth and adults. This volunteer-based organization, with the support of generous community and business donations, delivers its programs and services from its home base in downtown Pembroke through its Coffee House Outreach, Shelter Services (including Transition House, and Clients Services Office.

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