





We are honoured and amazed at the support of so many courageous volunteers. Without this support we would not be able to prepare and deliver meals to local shelters.

We are sending a heartfelt thanks to all the local businesses that have stepped up to help, a list that continues to grow:  
Baton Rouge, Ben's Bakery Outlet, Freeman's Pizza, RCR Hospitality Group, Scanway Catering



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We have seen some unprecedented things happen over the past few weeks. The Province has declared a State of Emergency, schools are closed until May 1st, offices have closed, services are limited, people are self-isolating and yet, still finding a way to help others.

Brunswick Street Mission has responded to these changes by adapting our programs to keep people safer. We felt that our Food Bank and Breakfast Program were essential services for the community, keeping them running, albeit with new protocols, to ensure the safety of all. Our Tax Program is on hold due to the federal filing extension and our Clothing Bank is only answering emergency needs. The Outreach and Trusteeship Programs have moved to home based offices and our volunteers are still dedicated to helping, from home, keep us connected to people who leave messages about our services. This separation of programs is allowing us to focus on, what we feel, will have the biggest impact during this time.

We then looked at what other organizations were doing and how all these changes would affect the vulnerable populations we serve. As we made our final plans we saw a frightening situation developing in shelters; They were and will remain full, they have had to stop visitors and volunteer support and, are struggling with staff shortages.

We felt there was a huge need and we believed we could do more so our most significant response to COVID-19 was to expand our kitchen and recruit new volunteer team members to deliver ALL meals to as many shelters as needed it. This program accomplishes two important goals; reduce the number of people picking up takeout meals every day and, alleviate the intense pressures falling on shelter staff as things evolve.

The concept is simple: the shelters offer any suppliers and food budget they have, we continue to receive food donations from Feed Nova Scotia and local restaurants and have funding support from the Provincial government. This means we can stretch our dollars farther, keeping meals heading out the door to people in need but we are spending additional funds to purchase food and supplies on a weekly basis and need your help.

The program was rolled out on March 16th when Brunswick Street Mission began to provide 55 breakfasts, lunches and suppers to Metro Turning Point (165 meals daily). By Tuesday, March 24th, we were preparing and delivering over 200 meals to local shelters. By the end of March the number of meals and shelters had increased to over 350 meals being delivered to 7 different locations throughout the HRM.

As our kitchen is separate from the shelters, and our doors are closed for regular business, volunteers will not be exposed to the same level of risk as the staff in the shelter. And the response to our call for volunteers has been amazing. "We could not do this work without the incredible and courageous people who have stepped up and offered to volunteer," says Executive Director Sandra Nicholas, "we have been able to create shifts for volunteers and they are helping us prepare and deliver over 350 meals a day."

As many of us remain in isolation please consider taking the money you might otherwise have spent on lunch or coffee or gas and donate it today. "We need you to make a financial donation to help us purchase the food we need to cook over 350 meals daily", says Executive Director Sandra Nicholas.

Donations can be made by mailing the form to our office or on-line with a credit card at [www.brunswickstreetmission.org](http://www.brunswickstreetmission.org).



***Thank you to all the incredible people who have already donated to Brunswick Street Mission.***