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I am writing to thank you for your school's Harvest food donation which weighed 156.6 kg and would have helped to provide 372 meals.

Any donations we receive we are always very grateful for and never more so than in these current challenging times. Your donation will help us to provide for any unfortunate people in the Bedford Borough area experiencing food poverty, or who move into the area due to domestic violence, or a homeless person who is rehoused, the running cost of the warehouse and the running of our transit van, as just a few examples. Although we are still getting food donated regularly, for the past few months we have been spending £500 a month to stock up the warehouse, such is the present need. So, your donation is very much appreciated,

Unfortunately, the need for help from the Foodbank continues to increase year upon year and we expect during this virus the need will be greater. We usually regularly feed over 700 people a month, giving them enough food for 3-4 days, or around 10 meals. The monthly food leaving our warehouse is generally in the region of 5-8 tonnes, so we are very grateful for all donations, whether money or food that we receive as each one is vital for the ongoing work of the foodbank and is greatly appreciated.

In August - 2021 10.5 tonnes of food were given out, 466 vouchers were redeemed, 936 people fed, and of which 298 were children.

It is sad that help like this is needed, but great that individuals, organisations, and communities can come together to meet the increasing need in Bedford and the surrounding villages.

Thank you all once again, for your support on behalf of everyone who uses, works, or volunteers at the foodbank.

Keep well, keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Maria B. Guest
Volunteer Admin Support
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