

Media Release

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“Blessed” to be called to Feed the Hungry

During this time of exceptional need, the Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools Education Foundation and the Grande Prairie Catholic School Division will now provide 200 meals a week for families and 2000 meals a week for residents of Rotary House.

The health pandemic and resulting economic crisis changed our schools and communities overnight and the staff at the Education Foundation recognized a need and created an opportunity.

“We are proud to take on the task of preparing 200 meals a week for families and 2000 meals a week for residents of Rotary House” said Executive Director Kari Prichard. “The response from families has been amazing. The families often cry when we bring them their meal, no-one should worry about feeding their family.”

“We are using the commercial kitchen in St. John Paul II, the kitchen in St. Clement, three Division vehicles to deliver food, Foundation & Division staff to prepare and deliver meals. The funds from the School Nutrition program and the Government’s Emergency fund are used to cost-effectively meet the needs of people during these difficult times,” stated Superintendent of Schools, Karl Germann.

“We are in full support of the Education Foundation’s efforts. We have re-allocated staff, equipment, vehicles and money to help facilitate this urgent need. Foundation and School staff work in small groups 2-4 and are following the Social Distancing guidelines set by the Province. Each building is cleaned throughout the day and a deep scrub is completed in the evenings.”

Please continue to support the community and we prayerfully ask that you please make donations to our local Food Bank, the Salvation Army, or visit our online donation form to provide the Foundation’s Snack Program with additional support online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/7772>.