## Spring in action: HOPE Food Drive

## Submitted NEEPAWA HOPE GROUP

Spring into action with the NACI HOPE group by participating in the Spring Food Drive! In partnership with the Neepawa Rotary Club, the NACI HOPE Group is collecting food for the Neepawa Community Ministries/Salvation Army. The Salvation Army has been working hard to meet the needs of our community and is in need of our help. In March, they served 58 households and 131 individuals which is the highest number ever! In comparison to Mar. 2022, it was an increase of 45 per cent and it was a 100 per cent increase from 2021.

The Salvation Army constantly sees new clients needing assistance from the food bank. Since January, 35 new clients have accessed the food bank. The HOPE group has organized a food drive to help with their ongoing need for food donations.

On Thursday, May 4, HOPE members will be dropping off bags at your p.m. We ask that you fill the bag, or donate anything you can, while being mindful of expiry dates on the food items. Some suggested items that can be donated include: canned fish/meats, canned vegetables, school snacks, Ready- to-Eat meals, baking goods, side dish items, etc. Monetary donations are also welcome!

HOPE members will be coming to pick up filled bags from your doorstep on Tuesday, May 9. Please put your filled bags out by 5:00 p.m. and make sure to place your bag in a visible location as students will not be knocking on any doors. If your house happens to be missed during pickup times, please contact the Salvation Army at 204-476-5869 or please take your bag to the Salvation Army. All of the food collected will be donated to the Salvation Army and the plastic bags will be reused to limit plastic waste. Spring into action and join us in trying to help our local Salvation Army meet the needs of our community!