

Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



**WELLAND WELCOMES ANONYMOUS GROCERY DONOR IN TIME OF NEED**

The people of Welland are receiving a truckload of groceries on Thursday, May 14, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Welland's Market Square. The generosity of an anonymous donor will assist residents in keeping their families fed.

Volunteers from the City of Welland and Open Arms Mission of Welland will be on hand to help distribute the groceries. Items will be handed out with social distancing to ensure safety, and all volunteers will wear personal protective equipment. Organizers are asking that people who have face coverings to wear them when picking up the food. All are welcome to come to Market Square to receive free groceries while quantities last.

Generosity has become a trend in Niagara since COVID-19 and has reached all twelve municipalities. Other anonymous food donations of this quantity have occurred in St. Catharines and Thorold. The food donations come in a time of need, with many families, seniors, and vulnerable people struggling with financial concerns during Niagara's state of emergency.

"We're grateful to accept this generous donation," said Mayor Frank Campion. "This type of philanthropy is critical as residents navigate through these difficult times."

**WHERE:** Welland Market Square, 70 Young Street, Welland

**WHEN:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (until quantities last)

**WHO:** All residents are welcome to the FREE grocery pick-up

For more information on City of Welland's response to COVID-19, visit [welland.ca](http://welland.ca). For more information on community support and organizations that assist with food security, visit [incommunities.ca](http://incommunities.ca).

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