

Food bank shelves need restocking

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Hamilton is full of good neighbours.

And the Neighbour 2 Neighbour Centre needs some good neighbours right now.

The centre's food bank, which serves about 3,000 Hamilton residents every month, is critically short of rice and other staples.

Mark Raymond said the shortage has prompted the food bank to hold a month-long Great Rice Roundup in hopes of restocking its shelves before the traditionally slow summer season.

"There's no rice on the shelves right now."

Raymond said some shortages can occur as we head into the warmer weather and donations dwindle, but the shortage of rice was "a little bit earlier than usual."

"Donations slow down, but the need for food is constant," he added. "But we have a very generous community and the community always comes through."

The Great Rice Roundup gets underway this weekend. Donations can be dropped off at the Neighbour 2 Neighbour Centre at 28 Athens St. Monday to Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m.

Canned items — fruits, fish, meats and vegetables — are also needed, along with peanut butter.

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