

## Donor FAQ's

***What is the IFB most in need of? I'm going out shopping and would like to buy something to donate.***

We are in need of large size diapers 4, 5, and 6's. Enfamil formula is also needed.

***Is the IFB a registered charity? Will I get a charitable tax receipt for my contribution?***

Yes, we are a registered charity and all monetary and in-kind donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

If you are donating in-kind donations we will require a receipt to give you a tax receipt.

***I have some opened packs of diapers in a size that my child has grown out of. Do you take open packs of diapers?***

Yes we do! Unfortunately, we can't accept newborn or size 1 open packs of diapers due to a surplus in those sizes and storage limitations.

***Can I donate open food or formula?***

No, we can only take non-expired unopened baby food and formula.

***Where and when can I donate to Infant Food Bank? Is it only during IFB office hours at the Milton Community Resource Centre?***

You can donate anytime at MCRC during their opening hours 8am to 5pm daily (Tuesdays until 6:30pm). There is a bin in the front lobby.

Additionally, you can donate at any red Salvation Army bin at grocery stores in and around town. The Salvation Army is our partner, and drops baby items collected to us.

***Do you accept gently used baby items?***

No, unfortunately, we can't accept gently used baby items due to storage and space restrictions. We are limited in the amount of **new** non-food baby-related items we can take as well for the same reason.

### ***Is an Infant Food Bank really needed in Milton?***

Milton continues to be a fast-growing community, with the population growing by 22.3% from 2016 to 2021. While the rate of families living in low-income has decreased since 2020, 7.1% of children and youth 0-17 are still living in poverty in Milton. (Census 2021).

The Infant Food Bank serves a diverse group of people from single parents, to new Canadians, to those who have recently lost jobs.

### **Can I run my own food drive for Infant Food Bank?**

Absolutely, we are always extremely appreciative of individuals who will run a food drive to collect donations for the Infant Food Bank. For more information and promotional materials, please contact the Manager, Community Engagement and Partnerships Mariya Vernigorov to get started at [mariyav@mcrc.on.ca](mailto:mariyav@mcrc.on.ca) or 905-876.1244 ext. 452.

### ***Can I volunteer with the Infant Food Bank? Can my child volunteer with the Infant Food Bank? I'd really like to show my child what giving back to the community is like.***

MCRC values our volunteers! However, you must be at least 16 years old to volunteer in the Infant Food Bank and opportunities are limited. We cannot do what we do for Milton families without community support including yours. We encourage individuals, families, groups, students and more to hold food drives on behalf of the IFB. We supply bins, signage and information sheets for these events, and can help with pick up.

High school students can earn up to four hours of volunteer time by completing a food drive. Please contact Jennifer Omar for more information, at [jennifer.omar@mcrc.on.ca](mailto:jennifer.omar@mcrc.on.ca)