

# CABMN Partage/Share food bank distributes annual Christmas baskets



## THE SCOOP

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The Partage/Share food bank of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) distributed its Annual Christmas Baskets on Dec. 15 to families and individuals in need this holiday season. Organized this year by CABMN Administration Coordinator, Jennifer McGeean replacing Partage/Share Committee chairperson, June Peacock who was unable to coordinate the preparation for the baskets due to knee surgery, the basket preparation ran smoothly. Peacock was able to partake in the last three days of filling the baskets alongside McGeean and some

dedicated volunteers including Potton's Firefighters and First Responders.

"Jennifer did an amazing job getting everything ordered, delivered and prepared for assembly," stated Peacock. "I am grateful to her for stepping in and since she has done this in the past, she had no problem re-placing me and this allowed me to recuperate without worry."

For McGeean, the annual Christmas basket initiative is a highlight to the holiday season.

"I really enjoy working with the volunteers and helping the community always leaves us all feeling good this time of year," said McGeean. "We are extremely fortunate at the CABMN to have so many people who donate, contribute products and who come and help. It is a lot of work but most will tell you that it is well worth the time and effort."

A total of 34 families and individuals received food in multiple boxes. Volunteers included:

Marie-Elaine Hvizdak, Anne-Marie Menard, Cathy Riendeau, Christian Rodrigue as well as June Peacock, Christian Donaldson, Claire Alger (members of the Partage/Share committee).

The Potton Firefighters and First



COURTESY

Responders helped immensely including: James Bouthillier (Municipal Preventionist), Rejean Neron (Partage/Share committee member), Shannon Derby, Alexandra Ducharme, Emilie Hebert Larue, Jennifer Gardner, Monica St-Onge, Bruno Cote, Alec Bechard, Stephen Nicholson, Stephane Gauthier, Melissa Harrison and Jean Lemieux.

Generous donations of food were given by: M. Jean-Philippe Gosselin, Jean Gosselin Deschenes et Tando Inc., Claude Roberge, le Banque Ali-mentaire

Memphremagog (BAM) Virgil Tremblay and a big thank you to Épicerie Jacques Ducharme (Catherine, Jacques and Jason) who helped in many ways.

The CABMN extends a heartfelt thank you to contributors of food, monetary donations and speciality items that were donated by individuals who stopped by the CABMN or sent in a contribution. The abundance of food is made possible by all of these people whose efforts combine to make this happen.

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