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RE: Amherst Food Assistance Network receives Community Support Grant

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – The local food bank got a financial boost on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, when the Amherst Food Assistance Network Association received a \$2,000 community support grant from the Town of Amherst.

“The food bank is a great example of neighbours helping neighbours,” Cheryl Laliberté, the town’s well-being manager, said prior to presenting the grant to Charlotte Ross, the association’s chairperson.

“The association could not carry out the good work they do without a multitude of people and groups in this community assisting them in providing healthy



Charlotte Ross, chairperson of the Amherst Food Assistance Network Association, receives a \$2,000 Town of Amherst Community Support Grant, from Cheryl Laliberté, the town's well-being manager. (Tom McCoag / Town of Amherst)



nutrition to people in need. The Town of Amherst is proud to be one of the groups helping the association carry out their good work.

“The food bank helps those who are in need and helps Amherst be a kind, compassionate community. Their efforts truly go a long way to help make Amherst a great place to live, work and play.”

Ross also acknowledge the assistance the group receives from the community, saying, “Without everyone working together, the association would not be able to help the people in our community who need our assistance.”

The Town of Amherst has been a long supporter of the association for several years, Ross added.

“The town has always been very willing to help us in any way it can,” she said. “We appreciate all that they do and continue to do for the citizens of Amherst.”

The association’s food bank at 5 King St., which is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., has been operating since 2001. It provides food and hygiene products to between 250 and 300 families per month.

The community support grant will help the association, which is a member of Feed Nova Scotia, purchase the items, such as meat, milk, eggs, margarine, peanut butter, fresh vegetables, toilet tissue and hygiene products, that are distributed freely to those in need.

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