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Usage up at food bank

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PARTNERSHIP: Starbucks Manager Ron Godin, left, opened his location at North York Centre as a collection point for the North York Harvest Food Bank's fall food drive and received thanks from its executive director Anette Chawla.

Sadly, food banks are a booming business during a recession.

Between January and July, the North York Harvest Food Bank distributed 96,000 food packages, up from 78,000 in the same period last year and this trend is expected to continue.

"In spite of the (positive) economic forecast, we fully expect that the echoes of the recession will have a lingering effect on our clients for many months to come," said the food bank's executive director Anette Chawla in a statement.

To help draw attention to its need, the food bank kicked off its annual fall food drive at a Starbucks location at North York Centre on Oct. 2.

"We want to remind people that giving is as easy as picking up your morning cup of coffee," Chawla said.

Although the need is great, the food bank is optimistic that its supporters will rise to the occasion.

"We are pleased with the support our donors have provided so far and we're confident they'll meet the growing demand in the months to come," said food bank spokesman Daniel Liadsky.

"Fall is a time people often associate with food, with Thanksgiving and the harvest period," he said. "It's a strong reminder for everyone that food is a necessity for all and that there are people struggling to put food on their tables."

The fall food drive runs until Oct. 23.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at local fire halls, in addition to the following locations:

Real Canadian Superstore

825 Don Mills Rd.

Metro

291 York Mills Rd.

Loblaws

3501 Yonge St.

Metro

3142 Yonge St.

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