



Karen Tkaczyk
Community Room
To: Leah Dyck

I recently found this email from Karen Tkacyk, which proves a phone call with Mary-Anne Denny-Lusk did happen:

June 29, 2021 at 2:57 PM

Hi Leah!

I just got off the phone with Mary-Anne, I guess she contacted you not long before this email and mentioned you need a space for you freezer. We can definitely provide the space at the building in the common room to help with storage and distribution.

When are you around next, I can give you a key for the building and were trying to find some shelving as well that can be used. I am in the office tomorrow morning from 9am-12pm and again at 1:30p and can hopefully connect at those times to get the key.

Talk soon,

Karen Tkaczyk



Leah Dyck
Hey! It's Leah :)
To: maryanne@barriehousing.com

Sent - iCloud June 29, 2021 at 8:08 PM

Hey Mary Anne,

This is the day that Mary-Anne Denny-Lusk called me on the phone and offered to let me use their unused community room at 380 Duckworth street (my building) to run my food charity out of.

It was nice hearing from you today. I apologize for not being super friendly at the beginning.

So the girl who started up the Barrie Community Fridge is [REDACTED]. She said she didn't get any call from you today though. However, she told me today she's feeling a little "stretched-too-thin" and doesn't think she has time to take on anything new at this time. That being said, you're more than welcome to call her and see what she is able to do, but you can also use me as a main point of contact for the community fridge as well because I'm not a student and I don't have a full-time job as she does - although doing this charity is what I'm doing full-time.

I also don't have charitable status yet but I am in the process of getting it. I do have a charitable trust account number though from the CRA. The CRA called me a few weeks ago to tell me that they've assigned a specialist to my application because no one has ever structured a charity this way before, which I think is very exciting!

And I changed the wording on my website, so let me know if it's okay now, and if there's anything else I need to change on it.

Karen emailed me this evening and I am meeting with her in the morning around 8am :). The guy who's letting me have the freezer says he can probably come here on Thursday to make sure the room has the proper electrical outlet to support it. I'll talk to Karen about this in the morning.

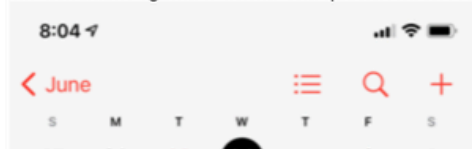
As for the food budget, that is great to know. One of the things that I've been trying to do is get food for free because I don't want someone to be making money off of the charity. And I have been able to get quite a bit of food donated for free and as I'm increasing donations and increasing the number of recipients receiving food, I'm noticing more and more people showing interest in helping out, both in food donations and volunteers to help with organizing food and delivering it.

One of the things that I do need is bigger transportation. With the Holland Marsh farmer, I can only fit 56 heads of lettuce in my car. He's willing to donate up to 300 heads of lettuce (romaine, ice burg, green leaf and red leaf) per delivery though. And tomorrow will be the third time I'll be picking up from him in the last seven days. And two days ago, he also donated a bunch of radishes and Swiss chard. One of the things he really likes about what I'm doing is all the social media posts about his farm. I feel like he's donating so often because I do a lot of really interesting and creative posts about his farm. I actually go out and harvest the lettuce with him and it's surprisingly a lot of fun :), and obviously the lettuce is super fresh. I literally have it in the community fridge within an hour after harvesting it. Him and I also have a lot of similarities about our personalities so we get along really well too.

One of the things I also want to do is get toilet paper included in the deliveries, and diapers for moms with babies. I'm not sure how to get those things for free, but I might be able to buy them at cost. Would things like that be a possibility for you to use the budget on? Or is it strictly food items? I'm not sure but I think Costco has the best prices on toilet paper - when it's on sale, you can get a pack of six rolls for \$5 (and they are the jumbo rolls). If you guys are only able to spend money on food items, I can reach out to some of my donors and see if they are willing to sell food at cost or at a reduced price because it is for charity. Let me know what you guys think. But I really don't advise spending money on regular-priced food items because I know I can get them cheaper or even free. But it's totally up to you!

This week I also got in touch with Craig Russel, the owner of Pachamama Corp. He told me he's the one who donates all the backpacks with school supplies each year to each of the public housing buildings. He is interested in getting involved in my initiative come fall, which is perfect timing because once the fall/winter comes, a lot of the farmers won't be able to donate because of the season.

I will start working on an informational poster that can be posted in the public housing buildings and get that to you on Thursday most likely. My schedule is pretty crazy tomorrow:



On this phone call, Mary-Anne Denny-Lusk also offered to let me put Fresh Food Weekly flyers up at all the public housing buildings. She also offered to donate some funds to "top up" some food bags because she knows some of their tenants could really use the help, she said. She also told me I wasn't allowed to use the word phrase 'Barrie Public Housing' in any of my communications, but I could instead use the word phrase 'social housing in Barrie'.

I emailed her right after, to thank her for letting me use the community room to pack food bags.

But she never responded.

LD Leah Dyck
Re: Community Room
To: Karen Tkaczyk

July 5, 2021 at 11:28 AM

So I tried to get ahold of her again, this time through my building manager at the time, Karen Tkaczyk:

Hey Karen,
Are you able to pass along Mary Anne's number or extension? I emailed her a few days ago and haven't heard back and I'm wondering if my email went to her junk folder.
I also have a few other things I needed to talk to her about.
Thanks so much!
Leah
Sent from my iPhone

But she didn't respond. So I tried Mary-Anne again. But still no response.

LD Leah Dyck
Fresh Food Weekly
To: maryanne@barriehousing.com

Sent - iCloud July 6, 2021 at 8:12 AM

Good morning Mary Anne,
I hope you're doing well.
I just wanted to check in with you and see if you got my email? Sometimes my emails go to people's junk mail.
I was also wondering if Barrie housing had any spare fridges I could use in the common room?
Thanks!
Leah
Sent from my iPhone

LD Leah Dyck
Fresh Food Weekly Flyer
To: adele@barriehousing.com

2021-07-27

Hey Adele!
So here is the flyer for you to put up at the 49 Coulter Street public housing building.

So I hoped they would at least still let me put up one flyer, and I reached out to Adele Baxter because I knew she managed the Coulter Street property, which was a pretty large building (many tenants in need). But she didn't respond this time either.

When I first started working out of my apartment building's community room, the first thing I did was call the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to get an inspection:



KB Burt, Katelyn
Inspection Report
To: leah.dyck@icloud.com

July 8, 2021 at 8:54 AM

Hi Leah,
In follow-up to this morning's inspection please see attached report.
Additionally, you will find the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's Guidance Document for Food Premises while in Step 2 here: https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/COVID-/Reopen_Operate_Businesses/guidance-food-premises-final.pdf?sfvrsn=44
This document has been historically updated to reflect changes to requirements.
Please also note that all businesses are required to have a written COVID-19 safety plan. The Government of Ontario has developed a COVID-19 safety plan template to assist businesses with the creation of the COVID-19 safety plan. This template can be found here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/develop-your-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan>
If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,
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FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

Facility Inspected: Fresh Foods Weekly Primary owner: Leah Dyk Site Address: 380 Duckworth Street Barrie ON L4M 5K4 Site Phone: (705) 718-0062 Site Email: leah.dyk@icloud.com	Facility #: Inspection #: FAC-106-6861498 INS-106-35186 Inspection Date: 07-Jul-2021 Inspected By: Katelyn Burt Facility Type: Food Bank Inspection Type: Routine Inspection Reasons: Compliance Inspection Risk Rating: Moderate Violations: 0
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Opening Comments and Observations:
 Reopening Ontario Act resources sent to operator via email.
 Reviewed with operator requirement to submit special events application to SMDHU if applicable.

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Food Bank

Operation and Maintenance

- 1. Floors, walls and ceilings are clean and in good repair YES
 Operator will ensure food handling occurs in kitchen area where floor is non-absorbent.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- 2. Multi-service articles and food contact surfaces cleaned and sanitized after each use and following operations where contamination may have occurred. YES
 Chlorine sanitizer available for sanitizing surfaces.

Food Handling

- 3. Food premises obtained food from inspected source and maintained record of purchase as prescribed in the regulation. YES
 Operator must continue to ensure all food accepted as a donation is from an inspected source.

Action(s) Taken

Actions Taken: Approved for Opening, Education Provided, Satisfactory - No Immediate Action Required by PHI

Closing Comments:

Did not obtain operator signature due to COVID-19.

I have read and understood this report:

Leah Dyk



Katelyn Burt, CPHI(C)



Leah Dyck

Re: Fresh Food Weekly Flyer

To: adele@barriehousing.com

August 17, 2021 at 2:28 PM

I emailed Adele again, because people are starving.

Hey Adele!

I hope you're doing well and had a great vacation!

Are we able to post my Fresh Food Weekly flyer in the 49 Coulter Street building soon? I can print it off :)

Thanks Adele and talk soon!

Leah



Adele

RE: Fresh Food Weekly Flyer

To: Leah Dyck

August 17, 2021 at 2:34 PM

Shockingly, she responded.

Hi Leah,

Yes just did some errands around the house nothing exciting thanks for asking

Off course you can put flyers up at Coulter no problem at all. Let me know if you need assistance.

I was going to call you tomorrow to discuss the common room at Summitview

We will be opening up the common room to tenants again starting in October

Hopefully, this will give you enough time to find another location

Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do.

Adele Baxter
Tenant Services Manager
Barrie Housing

[See More from Leah Dyck](#)



Leah Dyck

Re: Fresh Food Weekly Flyer

To: Adele

August 17, 2021 at 2:45 PM

But she ignored the part about the flyer and then stopped talking to me again.

Thanks for the heads up on the common room.

Am I able to put the flyer up in the cased informational bulletin board?

Leah

Sent from my iPhone

[See More from Adele](#)

But then Mary-Anne changed her mind about letting me use my building's community room and gave me two months to find a new space. Unfortunately, many people share the same views as the BMNPHC and the SCHC, which is that RGI tenants don't deserve anymore of a handout than they're already getting. Since I live at the public housing building this community room was at, I could see that it continued to remain empty and unused for at least another year after the BMNPHC told me to get out. I also left it in better condition than I found it in. I also did a CBC radio interview on the morning of Oct. 6, 2021, in an effort to find a new operating space.

Unfortunately, I couldn't find a new space for nine more months after this interview. Please see my previously submitted mp3 attachment titled 'CBC Interview.mp3', or you can listen to this interview on my website: www.FreshFoodWeekly.com