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Glenboro, MB [01.22.20] – Sara's Pantry, Glenboro's food security program is off to an incredible start after being approved for a \$75,000.00 grant from The Emergency Community Support Fund funded by the Government of Canada. "We were all in total shock when we got the news about our approval, said Tracy Rimmer, Sara's Pantry Chairperson. "We couldn't have asked for a more positive result; this funding has set Sara's Pantry up for success for many years to come."

The funds from this grant will be used first to bring Sara's Pantry's operating space up to safety standards. "We have already started servicing our community needs, and we don't even have the doors on yet," joked Charlene Claeys-Godard, Sara's Pantry Operating Manager. The entrance to Sara's Pantry, located in the back of Rimmer Technology on Railway Avenue, will be upgraded to meet accessibility requirements. Inside, storage solutions for food and necessities are first on the list of projects. "Our priority is access to healthy food first; the rest will fall into place as we determine what other needs exist," said Godard.

The committee is working on a plan to maximize the grant funding impact. "This is a large sum of money for a brand new committee to manage in the short time of the program requirements," said Karen Burton, Marketing & Community Relations Specialist at Westoba Credit Union and Sara's Pantry Committee Member. "We are starting with the essentials and taking our time to strategically look at what makes the most sense for the community of Glenboro."

Sara's Pantry started regular food hamper distribution this month and plans to stick to a regular bi-monthly schedule for 2021. "We have designated the first and the third Wednesday of the month as hamper pick up day," said Godard. "We are asking those needing to access food to register by noon the day before hamper pick up so we can make sure we have what the person or family needs," said Godard. Hamper registration can be made by email to saraspantry2020@gmail.com or by direct message on the organization's Facebook page at @saraspantryglenboro.

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About Sara's Pantry

Sara's Pantry located at 504 Railway Avenue (rear entrance) in Glenboro is a program aimed at making access to healthy food equitable in Glenboro and area. Monetary donations can be made at Westoba Credit Union in Glenboro or mailed to Sara's Pantry, Box 495, Glenboro, MB R0K 0H0. Non-perishable food donations can be made at Glenboro Co-op, DNA Foods, Rimmer Technology and Westoba in Glenboro.

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