



Sol To Soul

Re: Space for Local Food Charity

To: Leah Dyck

October 4, 2021 at 1:24 PM

This is Erin Chapelle. She was the lead on the Karma project that received \$40K to deliver food to 250 families biweekly in 2020. Refer to the first page of this document to verify this.

Hi, Leah,

Thanks so much for reaching out and sharing a bit about your story.

I apologize for not writing sooner, but I had a huge week last week and have needed til now to catch up.

I can sympathize with the challenges that come with delivering community food security initiatives, so I am glad Roz put us in touch.

Right off the hop, I have to say that I don't have access to the space you need, unfortunately. We operate in very small digs and have been (recently) in the same position you are in now, regarding a lack of space.

Currently, our kitchen is probably 200 sq ft and our packing space is even smaller!

While I am certainly able to discuss you using this space, if it would help your programming and allow ours to continue uninterrupted, it doesn't sound like what you need.

So sorry!

The main thought that comes to mind for me, though, is partnering with a Church.

This is how our Good Food Box program is able to have the space it requires each month (as does Orillia's and some of Barrie's depots, I believe) because we otherwise wouldn't have enough room to pack our boxes.

We have also used a uHaul for 300 family deliveries, which worked out really well, too, but doesn't help out with the storage component to food donation.

I am going to continue to brainstorm and will reach out to you if anything comes to mind. 😊

Wishing you all the best,
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Hey Erin,

It is great to hear from you, thank you for getting back to me about this!

Yes, I do need a pretty large space. Thank you for offering your space to possibly share but it's just too small. Thank you though ❤️.

Unfortunately I have reached out to every church in Barrie and none have the space I need, or they don't have it available when I need it.

Yes, please let me know if you come up with any other ideas!

Thanks Erin,

Leah

Sent from my iPhone