



Regan calls on Nova Scotians to support food banks

August 6, 2010 (Halifax) - Geoff Regan, M.P. for Halifax West, is calling on Nova Scotians to support Feed Nova Scotia this summer.

“Nova Scotians are renowned for their generosity and compassion. I know we will answer this call for help from Feed Nova Scotia,” Regan said today.

Last week, Feed Nova Scotia issued a statement asking for financial support as donations have come to halt.

“The food donor community has been extremely generous,” Diane Swinemar, Executive Director of Feed Nova Scotia, said in a statement. “That has helped ease one burden; the key now is to get that food into the homes of those who need it.”

Regan, a former chair of the Metro Food Bank, wanted to remind people that there are many costs associated with getting food to families in need. “Right now, Feed Nova Scotia is under financial strain to keep the refrigerators running, the bills paid and fuel in the trucks that transport food products to the 150 agencies throughout Nova Scotia,” said Regan.

Over 40, 000 Nova Scotians visit a food bank each month, and food bank use increased by 20% in 2009.

“Families in Nova Scotia need our help more than ever,” said Regan. “While we are enjoying our backyard barbeques, we must remember that we have neighbours who are hungry.”

For more information about how to make a donation, visit www.feednovascotia.com or call 457-1900.

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